LO. To use prophecies to develop an understanding of what a Messiah is.





Re-cap! Incarnation (unexpected solution)

- **What does the word incarnation mean?**
- **What does the word Messiah mean?**

- **Incarnation:**

Incarnation is when a deity (a god or goddess) takes human form. In Christianity, this is believed to have happened when God came to Earth as Jesus. This occurred through Jesus being born to the Virgin Mary. Though Jesus is described as the 'Son of God', Jesus is a part of God. He is both God and human.

- **Messiah:**

1 *The promised deliverer of the Jewish nation prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.*
2 *Jesus regarded by Christians as the Messiah of the Hebrew prophecies and the saviour of humankind.*
3 *A leader regarded as the saviour of a particular country, group, or cause.*

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Remember this term you are going to be investigative journalists and you have been employed to answer the question.

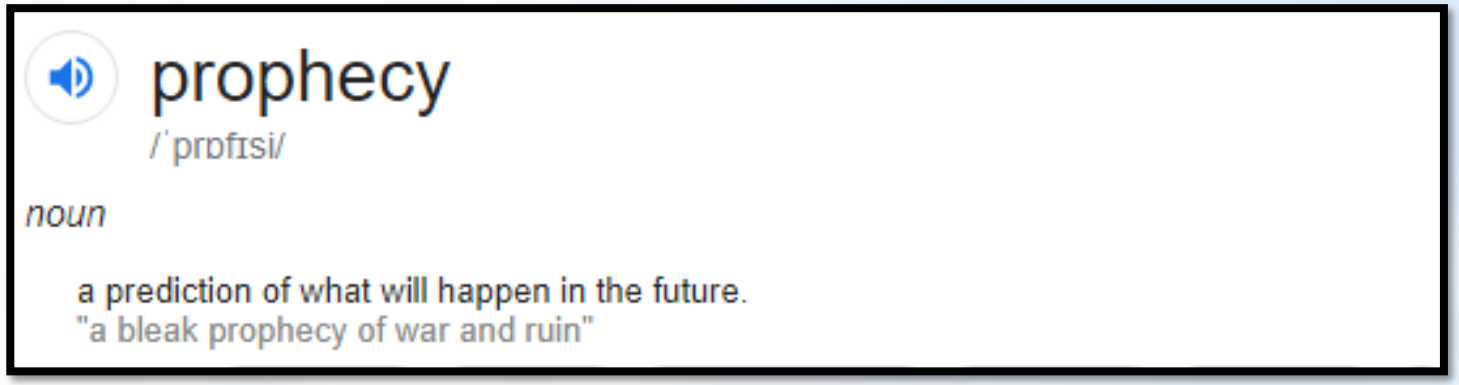
Was Jesus the hoped-for Saviour?
Was Jesus the Messiah?

- Today you are going to examine some prophecies.



What is a prophecy?

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- Christians believe the Old Testament contains prophecies about what the Messiah would be like and where he would be born.
- We are going to look at some of these verses from the Old Testament, which the People of God used to look forward to God sending them a rescuer — a Messiah.
- Christians believe that these prophecies apply to Jesus.



Read the following verses from the Old Testament and make a list on your tables to say what they predict the Messiah will be like…

ISAIAH 9:6-7

6 A child will be born to us.
God will give a son to us.
He will be responsible for
leading the people.

His name will be Wonderful
Counsellor, Powerful God,
Father Who Lives Forever,
Prince of Peace.

7 Power and peace will be in
his kingdom.

It will continue to grow.
He will rule as king on David's
throne and over David's kingdom.

He will make it strong, by ruling
with goodness and fair judgment.

He will rule it forever and ever.

The Lord of heaven's armies will
do this because of his strong love
for his people.

MICAH 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem, are one of the
smallest towns in Judah.

But from you will come one who will
rule Israel for me.

He comes from very old times, from days
long ago."

ISAIAH 7:14

But the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will be pregnant. She will have
a son, and she will name him Immanuel.

ISAIAH 11:1-5

So a new king will come from the family
of Jesse [King David's father].

2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon
that king.

The Spirit gives him wisdom,
understanding, guidance
and power.

And the Spirit teaches him to
know and respect the Lord.

3 This king will be glad to obey
the Lord.

He will not judge by the way
things look.

He will not judge by what people say.

4 He will judge the poor honestly.

He will be fair in his decisions for the
poor people of the land.

At his command evil people will
be punished.

By his words the wicked will be put to death.

5 Goodness and fairness will give him strength.

They will be like a belt around his waist.



How did the prophecies describe the Messiah? What did you write on your lists?

- The Jewish people were waiting for a Messiah, or 'anointed one': a Saviour.
- They expected the Messiah to be:

a special person sent by God – an Old Testament prophet like Elijah

someone to make Israel a great nation and bring peace to the world

a king for Israel to bring the country back to God

a military leader to fight and defeat the enemy – the Romans!

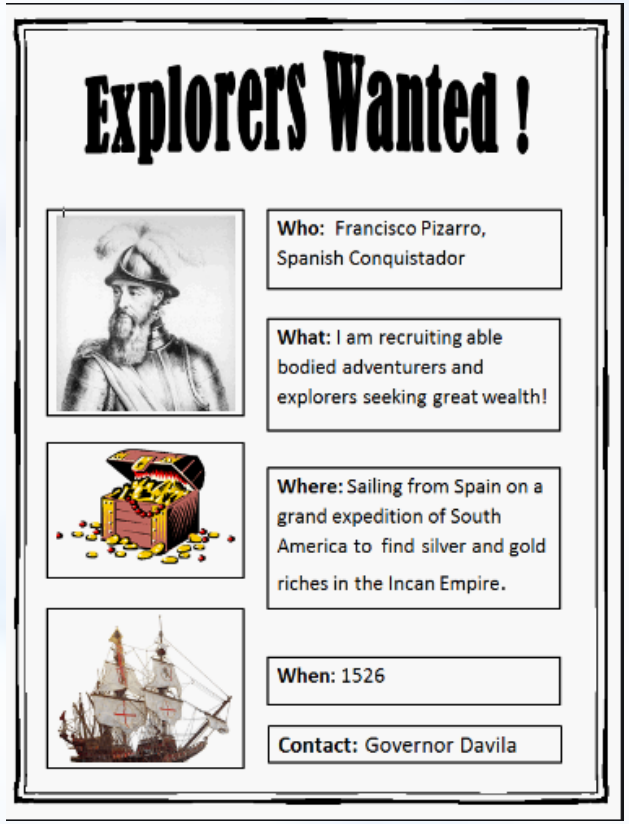
someone descended from King David

a great leader like David

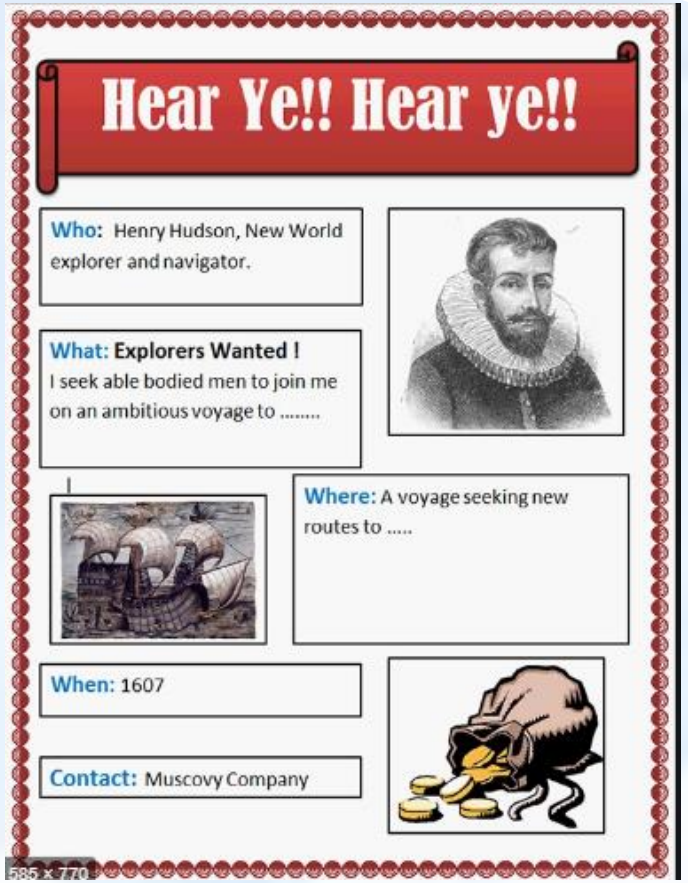
someone born in Bethlehem.



Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah…do you think they are correct? Why?









A 'Wanted' poster

- Why would you use a 'Wanted' Poster?
- What features can you see?

Independent Task

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someone to make Israel a great nation and bring peace to the world

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someone born in Bethlehem.

- Use the expectations shown above to design a 'Wanted Messiah' poster.
- You can use words and pictures in your poster to catch people's attention.

HINT!

- Ensure that there is a link to each of the Messianic expectations: for example, wears a crown, holding a family tree with King David marked on it, birth certificate with place of birth as Bethlehem, and so on.

