



# THE MESSIAH TEXTS

Jewish Legends of Three Thousand Years

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**Messiah and Scripture** J. Thomas Hewitt, 2020-07-27 J Thomas Hewitt demonstrates how Paul's development and uses of the expression in Christ arise from his messianic interpretation of scriptures concerning Abraham's seed and Daniel's son of man This type of creative scriptural interpretation is a common trait of ancient Jewish messiah texts

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**Sharing in the Son's Inheritance** Esau McCaulley, 2019-09-05 This book explores the link between Paul's belief that Jesus is Israel's Messiah and his interpretation of the Abrahamic Land Promise in Galatians Countering claims that Paul replaces the Promised Land with the gift of the Spirit or salvation Esau McCaulley argues that Paul expands this inheritance to include the whole earth believing that as the seed of Abraham and David Jesus is entitled to the entire world as his inheritance and kingdom McCaulley argues that scholars have neglected Paul's expanded interpretation of the inheritance of the earth rarely appreciate the role that messianism plays in Galatians and fail to acknowledge that Second Temple authors often portrayed royal and messianic figures as God's means of fulfilling the promises made to Abraham and Israel via the establishment of kingdoms Through a comparison of texts from the Pseudepigrapha apocrypha and the Dead Sea Scrolls with Galatians 3:14-7:5:21 McCaulley argues Paul's interpretation of Jesus's death is a manifestation of Second Temple messianism because it ends the covenant curses outlined in Deuteronomy and begins the restoration of the inheritance to Abraham's offspring through the establishment of Jesus's worldwide kingdom he concludes that Paul's interpretation of the Abrahamic inheritance is inseparable from his belief that Jesus is Israel's Messiah

**Jesus and YHWH-Texts in the Synoptic Gospels** Scott Brazil, 2024-02-21 Scott Brazil examines the frequent practice of applying Old Testament YHWH texts to Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels He argues that this YHWH text phenomenon evidences a high Christology in the primitive church that traces back to Jesus himself He thus finds in this Synoptic practice a stinging contradiction against the modern critical theory that a high Christology took many decades to develop in the early church and exists only in John among the canonical Gospels Brazil surveys the Synoptic Gospels in canonical order exegeting dozens of passages in which OT texts originally referring to YHWH are either clearly or most probably applied to Jesus He observes the frequency diversity and ubiquity of the practice as well as its wide range of OT source material and its parallel to the NT practice of applying OT messianic texts to Jesus And from the data he offers several ramifications including the early deliberate employment of YHWH texts to Jesus the likelihood that Jesus is the source of the practice the high Christology of the Synoptics and the redemptive historical metanarrative that Jesus is the divine interpreter and central figure of the Jewish Scriptures Ultimately Brazil argues that

understanding the prolific application of OT YHWH texts to Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels cannot be neglected without truncating genuine NT Christology

**Proclaiming the Judge of the Living and the Dead** Kai Akagi, 2019-08-02 Back cover Kai Akagi considers what the speeches in Acts 10 and 17 say about Jesus when they speak of him as a judge This historical and literary study reveals that Jesus role as a judge both suggests that he judges with divine authority and expresses his identity as Jewish messiah

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*The Suffering Son of David in Matthew's Passion Narrative* Nathan C. Johnson, 2023-11-23 Drawing on David texts Matthew makes the narrative case for an unexpected messiah one who does not kill but is instead killed by the Romans

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*Trinity* Alan Brill, 2025 In *A Jewish Trinity* Alan Brill offers a Jewish understanding of six topics often discussed in contemporary Christian theology Trinity original sin incarnation salvation messianism and covenant Brill shows that contemporary Christian theology allows for greater commonality while remaining aware of differences

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