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Biblical basis for Jewish Nation waiting for 2 messiahs

1 Kings 11:37-38

Talking to the tribe of Joseph (Jeroboam)

- When kingdom of heaven came, they thought he would come as a suffering king

“Messiah 1”: Jeremiah 23:5

- House of David
- Ruling king

“Messiah 2”: Ezekiel 37:15 quotes both kingdoms, melds them together

- Stick of Joseph, the stick of Ephraim (branch)
- Put together with stick of Judah

So they Jews believed they were looking for two Messiahs: He would come first time as Joseph, the suffering servant, and the second time as David, the kingly judge

- That role is occupied by one man
- Thank God he didn't come as both. If he did at the same time, we'd never have been able to be grafted into the table. This length of time between comings has allowed us to experience Jesus as savior. You have the opportunity to willingly bow the knee to Jesus as savior

All About Trees: Jesus Was from “Shootville”

Why not just say “descendants”?

- So we would picture a tree
- A tree has a visual. And properties. It can be pruned, lifted, can bear fruit. You can do things with a tree.
- Connected to Jesus with vine/branches/bear much fruit

Notice “branches” in:

- Jeremiah 23:5
- Zechariah 3:8
- Isaiah 4:2

Hebrew word for Branch is Netzer/Tzemach

Isaiah 11:1-2

- Notice the words “Shoot,” “stump,” “branch,” “root,” “fruit”
- Stump of Jesse = from lineage of Jesse (David’s father)

Luke 2 calls him Jesus of Nazareth

Nazareth shares the root with “Netzer”, or “shoot”

- Ancient slang for Nazareth was “shootville” or “branchtown”
- The people believed the Messiah would come from Nazareth, and they would always talk about it. They were fanatical about it. Hence the “Can anything good come from Nazareth” in Luke 4
- Jesus preached His first public sermon in Nazareth, the hotbed of Messianic excitement, by reading Messianic prophecy and then saying, “Today this has been fulfilled before you”
- The people responded with, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” --they know they can take Joseph’s lineage back to David

For more about trees in the Bible, see: *Reforesting Your Faith* by Matthew Sleeth

- Third most talked about concept in the Bible behind God and man are trees
- Bible is bookended with trees: in the Garden, in Revelation