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24:3 - Three Questions

Tell us, when will these things be?

What will be the sign of Your coming?

[What will be the sign] of the end of the age?

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Answers	Warnings	Parables	Warning
24:4-14	24:32-43	25:1-13	25:31-46
24:15-22	24:44-51	25:14-30	
24:23-31			

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Question: What was the reason the Jews* were expecting the Messiah and was there a connection with Herod's Temple?

There was no break in the daily sacrifices whilst the Herod's temple was being built.

Therefore, the Jews regard it as one and the same as Ezra's temple.

**Some not all; probably most.*

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Malachi 3:1

"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says The LORD of Hosts.

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Haggai 2:1-9

6 "For thus says The LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

7 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says The LORD of hosts.

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Haggai 2:1-9

8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says The LORD of hosts.

9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says The LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says The LORD of hosts."

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Jeremiah 33:10-18

14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says The LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgement and righteousness in the earth.

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Jeremiah 33:10-18

16 In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: **The LORD our righteousness.**'

17 "For thus says The LORD: 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;

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Jeremiah 33:10-18

18 'nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.'

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How many Messiahs were they expecting?

Exodus 28:40 & 41

"For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them. And you shall make hats for them, for glory and beauty. So you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him. You shall **anoint** them, consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to Me as priests."

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Anoint: Strong's 4886 *mashach*

a primitive root; to rub with oil, i.e. to anoint;

Messiah: Strong's 4899 *mashiyach*

from 4886; anointed; usually a consecrated person (as a king, priest, or saint); specifically, the Messiah

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Qumran texts that deal with messianism envisage the presence of two messiahs - a Messiah of Aaron and a Messiah of Israel.

The Messiah of Israel is described as a kingly Messiah, a human being from the Davidic line.

Dead Sea Scrolls | the Essenes' library?

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Jewish tradition of the late, or early post-Second Temple Period alludes to two redeemers, one suffering and the second fulfilling the traditional messianic role, namely Mashiach ben Yosef, and Mashiach ben David.

In general, the term “Messiah” unqualified refers to “Mashiach ben David” (Messiah, son of David).

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How many Messiahs were they expecting?

- 1 - Priestly: (Son of) Aaron
- 2 - Suffering: Son of Joseph
- 3 - Ruling: Son of David

A complicated situation

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The Godhead's Provision

Three Messiah's in One Man!

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Hosea 9:7-10

The days of punishment have come; the days of recompense have come. Israel knows! The prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is insane, because of the greatness of your iniquity and great enmity. The watchman of Ephraim is with my God; but the prophet is a fowler's snare in all his ways - enmity in the house of his God. They are deeply corrupted, as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

"I found Israel Like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season. But they went to Baal Peor, And separated themselves to that shame; They became an abomination like the thing they loved."

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Joel 1

6 & 7 - For a nation has come up against My land, strong, and without number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the fangs of a fierce lion. **He has laid waste My vine, And ruined My fig tree; He has stripped it bare and thrown it away; Its branches are made white.**

11 & 12 - Be ashamed, you farmers, wail, you vinedressers, For the wheat and the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished. **The vine has dried up, and the fig tree has withered;** the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree - all the trees of the field are withered; surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.

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Joel 2 (21-24)

Fear not, o land; be glad and rejoice, for The LORD has done marvellous things! Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; for the open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; **the fig tree and the vine yield their strength.**

Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in The LORD your God; for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you - the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

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What is a generation?

Strong's 1074 genea; **from** (a presumed derivative of) **1085**; a generation; by implication, an age (the period or the persons): a age, generation, nation, time.

1085 genos; **from** **1096**; "kin" (abstract or concrete, literal or figurative, individual or collective): - born, country(-man), diversity, generation, kind(-red), nation, offspring, stock.

1096 ginomai; a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; to cause to be ("gen"-erate), i.e. (reflexively) to become (come into being), used with great latitude (literal, figurative, intensive, etc.): — arise, be assembled, be(-come, fall, have self), be brought (to pass), (be) come (to pass),....

Links used in background research:

"Who Do You Say I Am?": Second Temple Messianism and the Historical Jesus
https://ufdcimages.uflib.ufl.edu/UF/00/09/15/23/00680/Kassabaum_final.pdf

Second Temple Judaism - Wikiwand
https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Second_Temple_Judaism

Messiah in Judaism and Jewish Messianism
<https://slife.org/jewish-messianism>

This link was sent to me after the session:

Waiting for the Messiahs? One, Two, or Three? | HuffPost Religion
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/waiting-for-the-messiahs-one-two-or-three_b_7454860