

INCARNATION

WAS JESUS THE MESSIAH?

The Bible

The Bible is the religious books for Christians.

It is written in two parts—The Old Testament and the New Testament.

Each part is divided into smaller books.

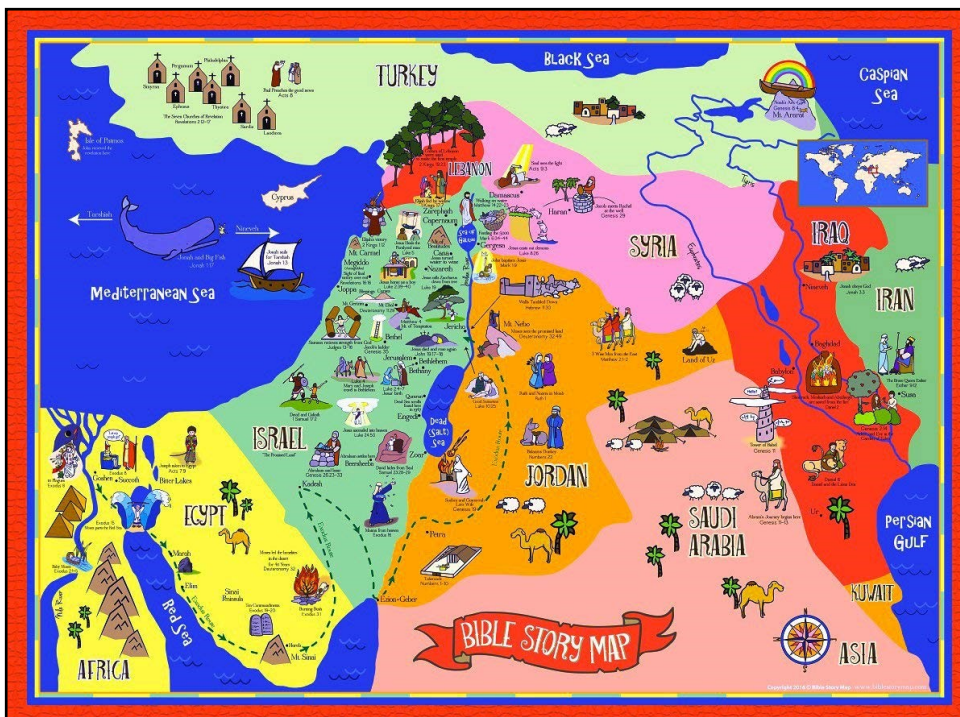
The Old Testament

Tells the story of how God, in Genesis, created the world. It is also the ancestry of Jesus. Well known stories in the OT are: Noah's Ark, Joseph, David and Goliath, Daniel in the Lions Den, Jonah and the whale—can you use a Bible and find these stories? Are there other stories you would add to the list?

The New Testament

There are four books at the start of the new Testament—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These are the four Gospels and tell the story of Jesus from different points of view.

The rest of the NT is about what happens after Jesus' death and predictions for the future



Where in the world?

This map shows where everything in the Bible happened. This part of the world is called The Middle east?

It is also an important place for other World Religions.

Use an atlas—can you find these countries? What do you know about these countries?

The Messiah

This is a word meaning a leader or saviour.

Christians believe that Jesus is their saviour or Messiah

Incarnation

This is a word meaning someone who embodies a spirit or deity on Earth.

Key Vocabulary

Old Testament
New Testament
Gospels
Messiah
Holy Trinity
Incarnation
Saviour

Christians believe that **Jesus** is the Messiah – more than a messenger or prophet, but actually God himself in the flesh. They believe his death and resurrection heals the divide between God and humans.

In **Christianity**, some believers expect **the return of Jesus** to establish his kingdom on earth, where justice and salvation build a new Jerusalem with neither hate nor tears.



Evidence from the Old Testament proving Jesus is the Messiah

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.

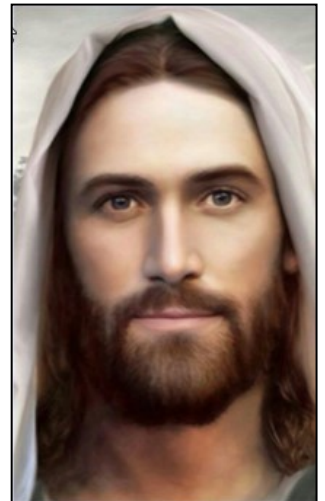
7 Power and peace will be in his kingdom.

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.



Different images of Jesus.

Which do you think is the best representation?

What are your reasons?