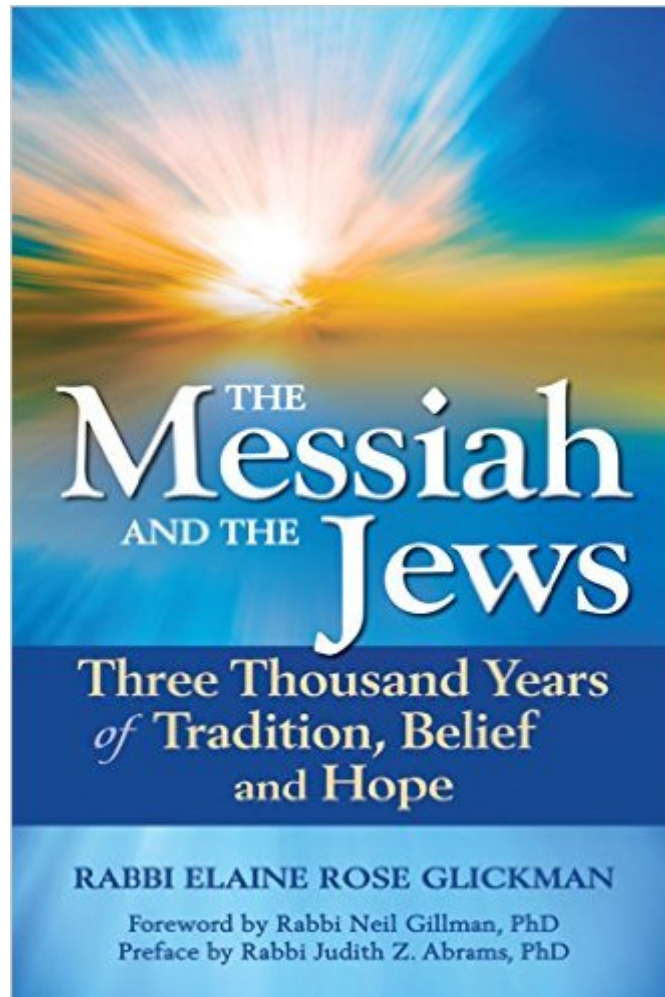


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The Messiah And The Jews: Three Thousand Years Of Tradition, Belief And Hope



Synopsis

A comprehensive, inspiring and fascinating discovery of what Jews believe about the Messiah and why you might believe in the Messiah, too."The conviction that the Messiah is coming is a promise of meaning. It is a source of consolation. It is a wellspring of creativity. It is a reconciliation between what is and what should be. And it is perhaps our most powerful statement of faith in God, in humanity and in ourselves."—from Chapter 1, "The Messiah Is Coming!"The coming of the Messiah—the promise of redemption—is among Judaism's gifts to the world. But it is a gift about which the world knows so little. It has been overshadowed by Christian belief and teaching, and as a result its Jewish significance has been all but lost. To further complicate matters, Jewish messianic teaching is enthralling, compelling, challenging, exhilarating—yet, up until now, woefully inaccessible. This book will change that. Rabbi Elaine Rose Glickman brings together, and to life, this three-thousand-year-old tradition as never before. Rather than simply reviewing the vast body of Jewish messianic literature, she explores an astonishing range of primary and secondary sources, explaining in an informative yet inspirational way these teachings' significance for Jews of the past—and infuses them with new meaning for the modern reader, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

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Rabbi Glickman has managed to pen a remarkable treatise regarding a subject that is central to two great religions. And she has done so in an articulate yet readable style that captures the many conditions in which Jews have described their expectations of the Messiah for three millennia.

Expectations are framed both in terms of the "wait" so central to Judaism and the anticipated results of Messianic activities. Jewish readers will also find a magnificent spiritual journey into the realm of the highest expectations of their people. Though written primarily for a Jewish audience, the book includes material that will enthrall Christians seeking to understand their heritage and the ways in which the New Testament writers interpreted the expectations of the Messiah culminating in Jesus of Nazareth. This book goes beyond the simple explanations so often taught and moves to a detailed explanation of what Christians hold dear in their teaching. All will find commonality in the central assertion with which Rabbi Glickman begins this wonderful book--that expectations of the Messiah mean simply that things will get better than this. Both Jews and Christians will identify with this simple, yet salient insight. This is a wonderful book. A thorough but quick read to be revisited time and again to delve into both history and the spiritual journey made possible by its exploration.

After explaining the history of Jewish ideas about the Messiah, Rabbi Glickman finds a way to think about the Messiah today and use belief to forge an optimistic faith in the future. It is not easy to explain eschatology in clear language, but the author succeeds.

An excellent presentation of Jewish expectations concerning the Messiah. This book benefits both Jews and Christians.

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