

This is an exhaustive study of the occurrence of the word Moshiach (Messiah) in the OT. It is used only 38 times. Upon examination we will find that the word is used for:

- The **priest** who performs the sacrifices involving the shedding of blood
- The **king** of Israel (usually Saul, David, or Solomon)
- The promised **seed** of David (In our view of who Messiah is, a capital M can be substituted in these instances)
- The promised **seed** in Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that will inherit the land forever (In these 2 incidences, Messiah with a capital M can be substituted here as well)
- Cyrus, anointed to decree the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple. Isaiah 43:28

Thus Cyrus is the ONLY non-Israelite to ever be referred to as a moshiach. And even then he is a type and shadow of what Messiah will do permanently for Israel and Jerusalem.

1) Leviticus 4:3

If the **priest** that is **anointed** do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the Lord for a sin offering.

2) Leviticus 4:5-7

And the **priest** that is **anointed** shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the Lord, before the vail of the sanctuary. And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the Lord, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

3) Leviticus 4:16-18

And the **priest** that is **anointed** shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation: And the priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, even before the vail. And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the Lord, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

4) Leviticus 6:22

And the **priest** of his sons that is **anointed** in his stead shall offer it: it is a statute for ever unto the Lord; it shall be wholly burnt.

5) 1 Samuel 2:1 (*interestingly in reference to the king who does not yet exist*)

And Hannah prayed, and said,
My heart rejoiceth in the Lord,
mine horn is exalted in the Lord:

my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;
because I rejoice in thy salvation...

2:10

The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;
out of heaven shall he thunder upon them:
the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth;
and he shall give strength unto his **king**,
and exalt the horn of his **anointed**.

6) 1 Samuel 2:35 (*similar language regarding a priest, that was spoken to King David about his seed*)

And I will raise me up **a faithful priest**, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and **I will build him a sure house**; and he shall walk before mine **anointed** for ever.

7 & 8) 1 Samuel 12:1-5 (*Samuel regarding the king*)

And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a **king** over you. And now, behold, the **king** walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. Behold, here I am: witness against me before the Lord, and before **His anointed**: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand. And he said unto them, The Lord is witness against you, and **His anointed** is witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, He is witness.

9) 1 Samuel 16:1-6 (*regarding the search for the new king: David*)

And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a **king** among his sons.

And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord 's **anointed** is before him.

10 & 11) 1 Samuel 24:6, 10 (*future king David referring to King Saul*)

And he (David) said unto his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master (King Saul), the Lord 's **anointed**, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the **anointed** of the Lord.

Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the Lord had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the Lord 's **anointed**.

12 & 13) 1 Samuel 26:9, 11

And David said to Abishai, Destroy him [**King Saul**] not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord 's **anointed**, and be guiltless?

The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the Lord 's **anointed**: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

14 & 15) 1 Samuel 26:16 (*future king David referring to King Saul*)

This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the Lord liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the Lord 's **anointed**. And now see where the **king's** spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

The Lord render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the Lord delivered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the Lord 's **anointed**.

16 & 17) 2 Samuel 1:14,16 (*David referring to King Saul*)

And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the Lord 's **anointed**?

And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the Lord 's **anointed**.

18) 2 Samuel 1:21 (*David lamenting over the death of King Saul*)

Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew,
neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings:
for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,
the shield of Saul, as though he had not been **anointed** with oil.

19) 2 Samuel 19:21 (*Abishai referring to King David*)

But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord 's **anointed**?

20 & 21) 2 Samuel 22:51, 23:1 (*David referring to himself*)

He is the tower of salvation for his **king**:
and sheweth mercy to his **anointed**,
unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

Now these be the last words of David.

David the son of Jesse said,
and the man who was raised up on high,
the **anointed** of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said...

22) 1 Chron 16:21-22 (*referring to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob or His chosen people*)

And when they went from nation to nation,

and from one kingdom to another people;
He suffered no man to do them wrong:
yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes,
Saying, Touch not mine **anointed**,
and do my prophets no harm.

23) 2 Chron 6:39 (**King** Solomon referring to himself or the promised seed of David)
O Lord God, turn not away the face of thine **anointed**: remember the mercies of David
thy servant.

24) Psalm 2:1-3
"Why do the heathen rage,
and the people imagine a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord, and against His **anointed**, saying,
Let us break Their bands asunder,
and cast away Their cords from us"

25) Psalm 18:50
Great deliverance giveth he to his **king**;
and sheweth mercy to his **anointed**,
to David, and to his seed for evermore.

26) Psalm 20:6
Now know I that the Lord saveth his **anointed**;
he will hear him from his holy heaven
with the saving strength of his right hand.

27) Psalm 28:8
The LORD is the strength of His people,
a fortress of salvation for His **anointed**.

28) Psalm 84:8-9
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
Behold, O God our shield,
and look upon the face of thine **anointed**.

29 & 30) Psalm 89:38,
Once have I sworn by my holiness
that I will not lie unto David.
His seed shall endure for ever,
and his throne as the sun before me.
It shall be established for ever as the moon,
and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

But thou hast cast off and abhorred,
thou hast been wroth with thine **anointed**.

Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant:
thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

Thou hast broken down all his hedges;
thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Lord;
wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine **anointed**.

31) Psalm 105:10-15

And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law,
and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
the lot of your inheritance:

When they were but a few men in number;
yea, very few, and strangers in it.

When they went from one nation to another,
from one kingdom to another people;

He suffered no man to do them wrong:
yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes;

Saying, Touch not mine **anointed**,
and do my prophets no harm

32 & 33) Psalm 132:10, 17

For thy servant David's sake
turn not away the face of thine **anointed**.

There will I make the horn of David to bud:
I have ordained a lamp for mine **anointed**.

34) Isaiah 44:28 - 45:4

That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd,
and shall perform all my pleasure:
even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built;
and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Thus saith the Lord to his **anointed**, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have holden,
to subdue nations before him;
and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates;
and the gates shall not be shut;

I will go before thee,
and make the crooked places straight:
I will break in pieces the gates of brass,
and cut in sunder the bars of iron:
And I will give thee the treasures of darkness,

and hidden riches of secret places,
that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect,
I have even called thee by thy name:
I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me

35)) Lamentations 4:20

The breath of our nostrils, the **anointed** of the Lord, was taken in their pits,
of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.

36 and 37) Daniel 9:25 and 26

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah** the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah** be cut off, but not for himself

38) Habakuk 3:13

Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people,
even for salvation with thine **anointed**;
thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked,
by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.