

# The Anointed One

*This word is used in two major ways.*

## “Anointed” Used in a General Way

*Sometimes the word is used in a very general manner, referring to things that were “anointed.”*

The **Hebrew word** *mashiach* means “anointed one” and is used to describe both priests (Leviticus 4:3,4,16) and Kings (1 Samuel 24:6), both of whom were appointed to do God’s service in the Old Testament. This speaks of a special setting apart for duty or service.

**David**, before he was king, spoke often of the fact that Saul was anointed and he didn’t want to stretch out his hand and harm God’s anointed servant.  
*1 Samuel 26:9, 11*

In a bit more specific manner “anointed one” seems to be used to regularly describe **King David**.  
*2 Samuel 22:51, 23:1*

The **psalmist** recognizes that God protects his anointed ones.  
*Psalm 18:50, Psalm 20:6, Psalm 105:15*

## “Anointed” Used in a Specific Way

*Sometimes it speaks of the coming Messiah specifically!*

In the historical books, in the song of Hannah there is a moment where the future is peaked into, and this anointed one will be exalted.  
*1 Samuel 2:10*

The **Psalms** speak of an Anointed One, expanding upon the meaning beyond the King of Israel to one who was much more than that. In *Psalm 2* we see the nations raise up against God’s anointed. Strongly elsewhere in the Psalms we see the protection God provides his anointed and the protection his anointed provides his people. *Psalm 20:6, 28:8, 84:9*

In the book of **Daniel** the prophet describes an “anointed one” who will be a prince who will be “cut off.”  
*Daniel 9:25-26*

### 1 Samuel 2:10 (ESV)

10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

### Psalm 84:9

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

### Daniel 9:25–26 (ESV)

25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an **anointed one**, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. 26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an **anointed one** shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed.

## A Summary of this Concept from the article “The Messiah and His Titles”

With regard to the technical use of the term “Messiah” or “Anointed One” to refer to an eschatological Deliverer, it is commonly understood to be somewhat rare in the OT. Most will acknowledge that Dan 9:25–26 (“until Messiah the Prince;” “The Messiah will be cut off”) and Ps 2:2 (“the LORD and His Anointed One”) use the term “Mashiach” to refer to this end-of-days Redeemer. W. C. Kaiser, Jr. indicates six additional OT uses of the technical sense of Messiah (1Sm 2:10, 35; Ps 20:6; 28:8; 84:9; Hab 3:13). Some additional technical usages are 2Sm 22:51; 23:1; and Ps 89:51. Thus, in the narrow sense, the word “Messiah” is referring to an individual, uniquely consecrated to the service of God.