

JEWES AND THE FUTURE

1. THE IDEAL FUTURE BELIEFS ABOUT THE MESSIAH

The word Messiah means the anointed one, explain how a person is anointed

In ancient Israel three groups of people could be anointed, who were they?

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In modern Judaism, what are the three things the Messiah is expected to bring?

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What problems do you feel these expectations hold?

2. THE IDEAL WORLD THE KINGDOM OF GOD

How do Jews describe this?

What does the Alenu prayer say about the kingdom?

3. THE PERSONAL FUTURE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Explain what is meant by dualism?

Where is the doctrine of rewards and punishments found in the Bible? Explain what it means.

You are forever my Lord. You revive the dead, with great salvation. You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall. You nourish the living with loving kindness, you revive the dead with great compassion, support the falling and heal the sick and release the imprisoned and fulfil your faithfulness to those who sleep in the dust. Who is like you, Master of Strength, who can be compared to you? You are a King who causes death so as to bring a person back to life. Blessed are you, God, who resurrects the dead. *(Benediction 2 of the eighteen Benedictions)*

