

A Brief Introduction to the Former Prophets

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- B. The Meaning of *Former* in “Former Prophets

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III. The Former *Prophets* and the Nature of Israelite Prophecy

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- C. The Prophets and *Prediction*
- D. The Prophets and the term “Messiah”

- 1. The Anointed One

2. Extended Usage
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4. Early Christian Usage (*mashiah christos*)
5. Usage in the Former Prophets

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IV. Overview of the Contents of the Former Prophets

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Terms and Concepts to Remember

Former Prophets	<i>christos</i>
Latter Prophets	Cult Prophet
Deuteronomistic History	Royal Prophet/Court Prophet
<i>mashiah</i>	