

Extract from Jeremiah

Read this extract and answer the questions below. To understand it fully, remember that the Jews do not live in Israel, the rightful homeland at this point.

Jeremiah 23:5-8

⁵ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

⁷ “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

David: A king over Judah, to the south of Israel.

‘he shall reign as King’: This is the reference to the Messiah.

1. What do we learn about the Messiah in this extract?

2. In the second paragraph, what do you think the main achievement of the Messiah will be?

