

## The Messiah, Branch of David

Also known as “Pierced Messiah Fragment”

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[As it is written in the book of] Isaiah the Prophet, [*The thickets of the forest*] will be cut [down with an axe and Lebanon by a majestic one will fall]. And there shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse [...] the Branch of David and they will enter into judgement with [...] and the Prince of the Congregation, the Br[anch of David] will kill him [...by strokes] and by wounds. And a Priest [of renown(?)] will command [... the slai[n] of the Kitti[m....]