

The Torah Project

Genesis 37a

Jude 1:9

But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Jude 1:14-15

It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

2 Timothy 3:8

Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.

- Numbers 21:14
- Joshua 10:13 / 2 Samuel 1:18

Romans 3:1-2

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the **oracles** of God.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon:

3232 **λόγιον**

λόγιον, λογίου, τό (diminutive of λόγος (so Bleek (on Heb. 5:12), et al.; others, neuter of λόγιος (Meyer on Rom. 3:2))), properly, "a little word (so Schol. ad Aristophanes ran. 969 (973)), a brief utterance, in secular authors a divine oracle" (doubtless because oracles were generally brief);

Nehemiah 8:8

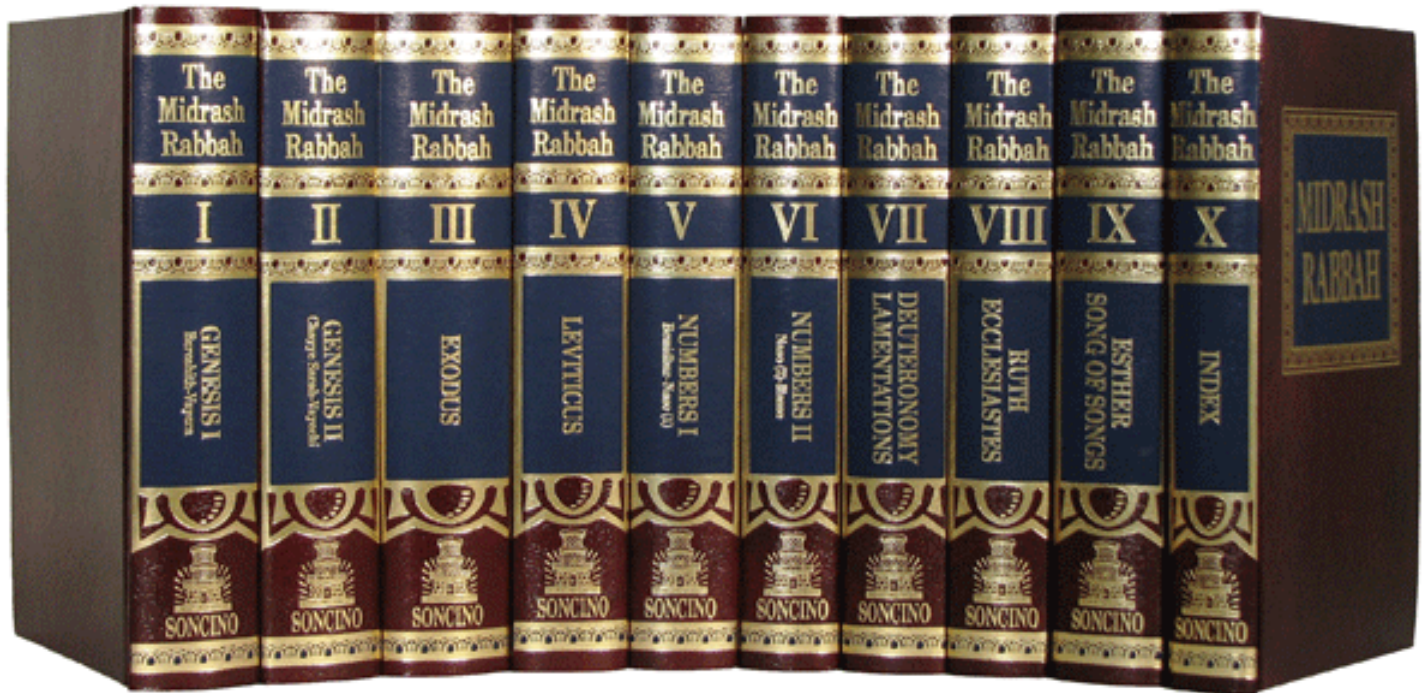
And they read in the book, in the Torah of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Two Extremes:

#1	#2
<i>“These extra-biblical writings are Scripture!”</i> ADOPT THEM!	<i>“These extra-biblical writings are dangerous!”</i> AVOID THEM!

Balance:

These extra-biblical writings help provide the **historical** and **cultural context** of the Scriptures.



The Midrash Rabbah

R' Samuel bar Nachman commented: "THESE ARE THE GENERATIONS OF JACOB: JOSEPH... Surely Scripture should say, THESE ARE THE GENERATIONS OF JACOB: REUBEN...! The reason is this...all that happened to the one happened to the other:..."

∞ Genesis Rabbah 84:6

- Both of their mothers were barren.

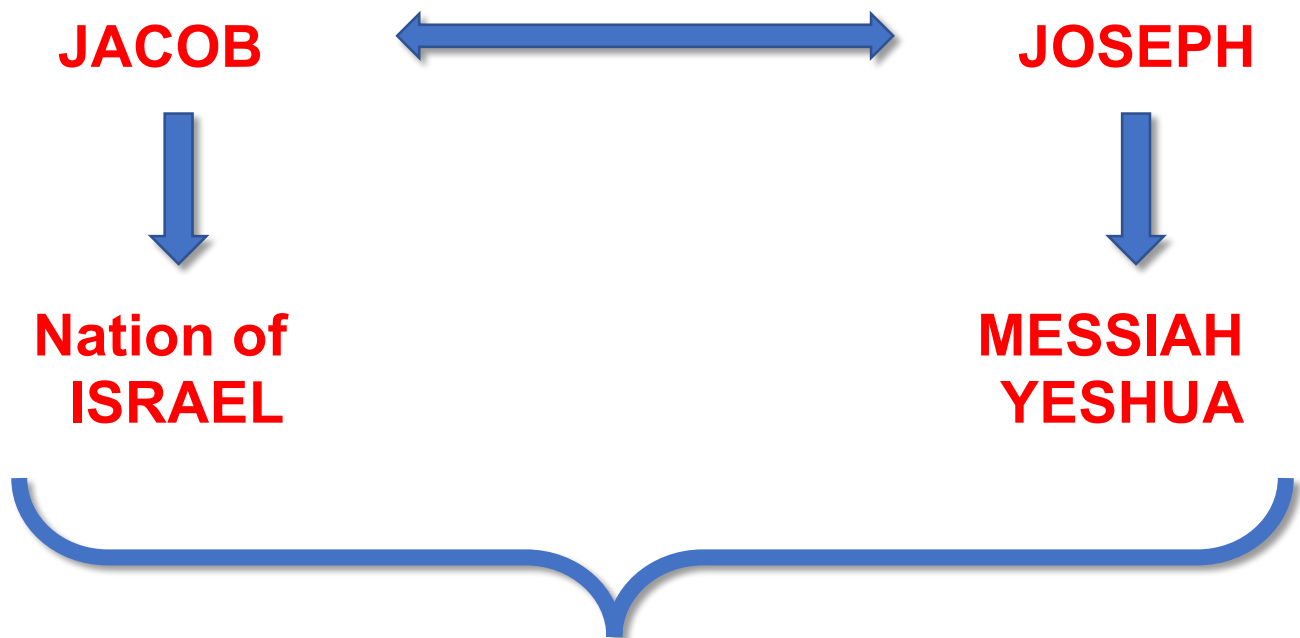
- Both of their mothers bore two children.
- Both mothers had difficulty in childbirth.
- Jacob and Joseph were firstborns. (1Chron.5:1-2)
- Both Jacob and Joseph were hated by their brother/s.
- Their brothers bore grudges against them.
- Their brothers sought to kill them.
- Both were shepherds.
- Both became wealthy.
- Both emigrated from the Land of Israel.
- Both took wives from outside the Land.
- Both begot children outside the Land.
- Both were elevated through a dream.
- Both went down to Egypt.
- Both imposed an oath that he be buried in Israel.
- Both died in Egypt.
- Both were embalmed.
- Both had their bones brought up to the Land.

1 Chronicles 5:1-2

Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel (for he was the

firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; so that he is not enrolled in the genealogy according to the birthright. Though Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him *came* the leader, yet the birthright belonged to Joseph)

A Grand Pattern:



- Death of infant boys
- Called out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1 & Matt. 2:15)
- Passed through waters before...
- ...tested in the wilderness for...
- ...40 years/days & nights
- Exiled from Israel
- Will be regathered

Joseph & Yeshua: Messianic Parallels:

- Shepherd
- Mediator
- Beloved of their father
- Raised with sons of “weakness”
- A son of wisdom
- Firstborn
- Hatred without a cause (*sinat chinam*)