The Torah Project

Genesis 40

Three Joseph Stories (and Their Sub-Stories):

- Joseph and Potiphar
 + Mrs. Potiphar the Seductress
- 2. Joseph and the Jailer+ The Baker & the Cupbearer
- 3. Joseph and **Pharaoh**
 - + Salvation of the World
 - + Salvation of the Joseph's family

The Cupbearer's Error

- Concerned about consequences of their sin (40:1)
- Desired relief (40:6)
- Craved information (40:8)
- Responded to Joseph's invitation (40:9-11,16-17)
- Given a commission (40:14-15)
- Forgetful & Ungrateful (40:23)
- Saw Joseph as a way out of prison...
- ...but not as one to be served.
- Appreciation was delayed for two years. (41:1)

Joseph's Request

a. "Please remember me when things go well with you..."

GRATITUDE

b. *"…and please do a kindness for me, and remember me to Pharaoh…"*

KINDNESS

c."...and bring me out of this house...for I was stolen away...and have done nothing that they should put me in a dungeon."

JUSTICE

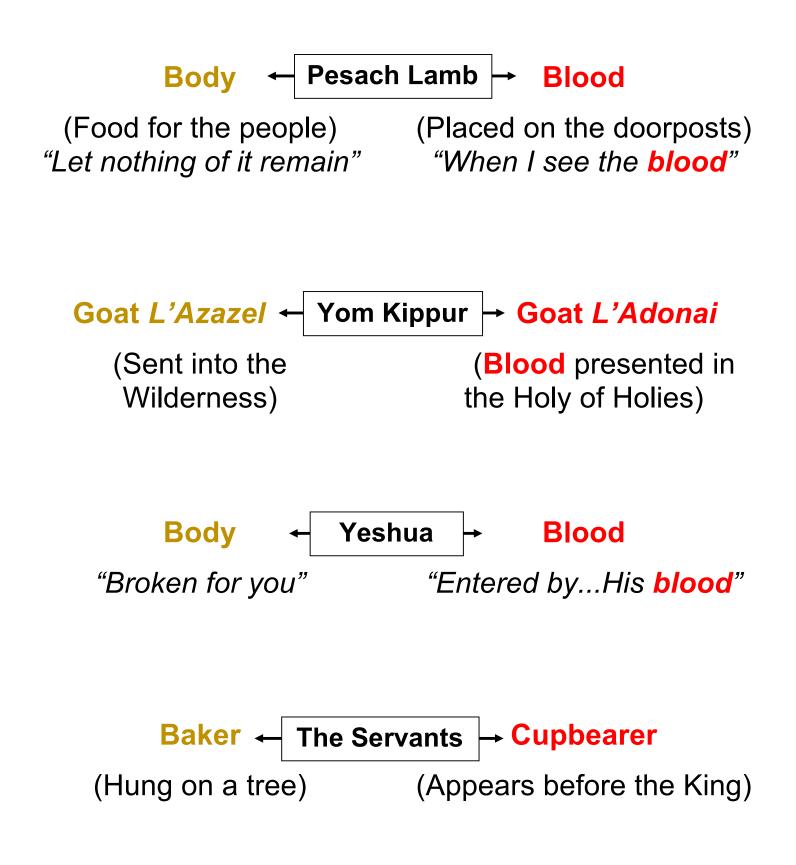
The Baker's Wickedness

• He spoke with wickedness.

There were four people who opened their statements with the word $\Im \& (af = \text{``indeed/too''}), \text{ and}$ subsequently perished through God's $\Im \& (af = \text{``anger/wrath'}).$

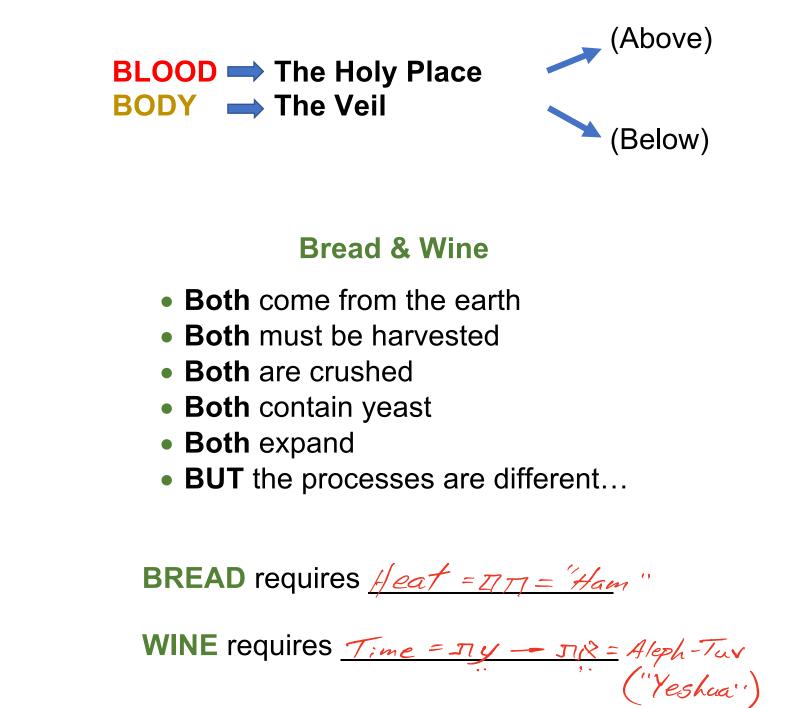
➢ Midrash Rabbah 88.6

- He was a bad steward:
 - o 3 baskets, but only 1 was full
 - The food was unprotected
 - \circ He was idle
 - He gave his energy to the enemy (i.e. "birds")



Hebrews 10:19-20

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the Holy Place by the blood of Yeshua, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh.



Messianic Parallels (ch.39-40)

- Was tempted...
- ...but did not sin.
- Filled with grace and kindness.
- Was punished for the sins of others.
- Mediator between God and man.
- Commissioned one he had rescued.
- Gives meaning to bread & wine (body & blood)