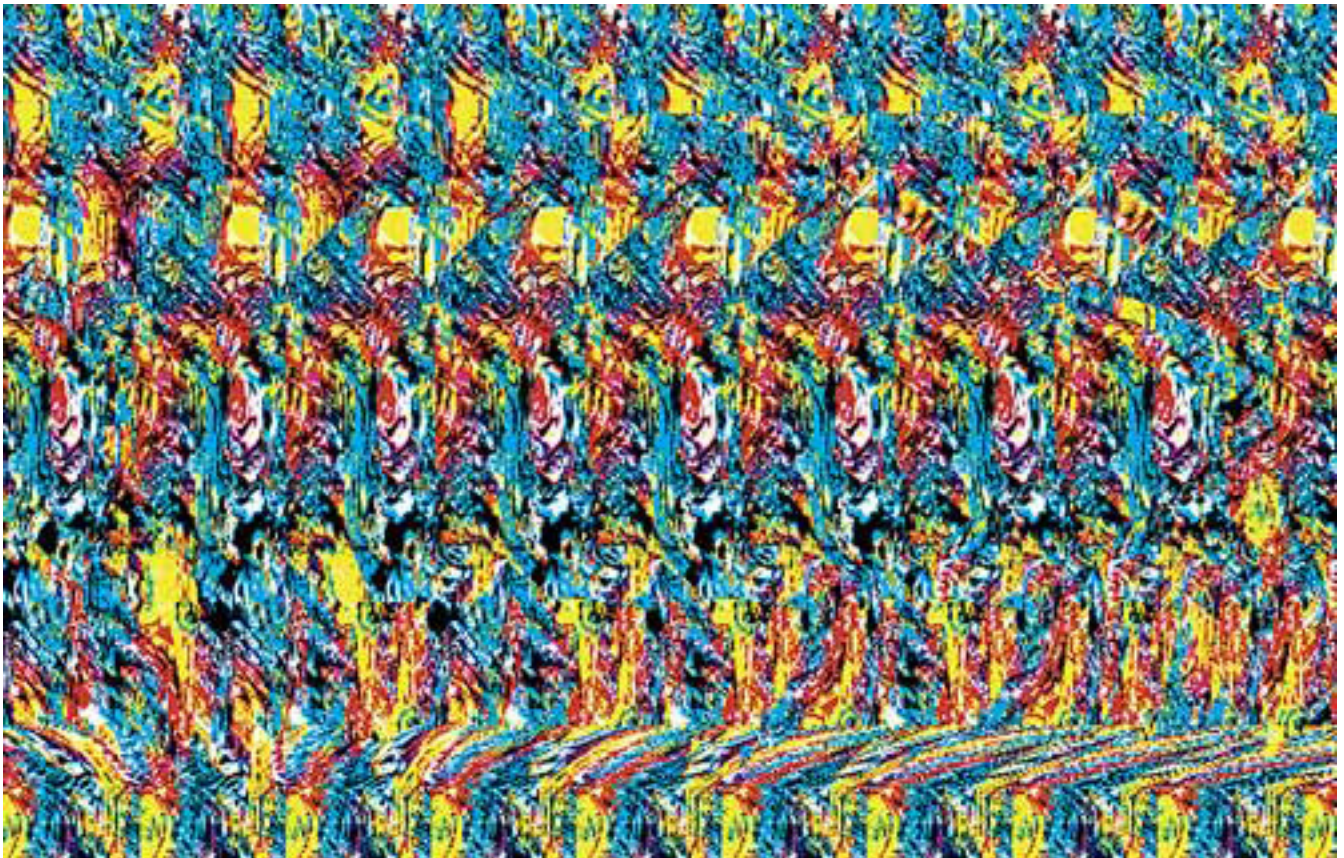
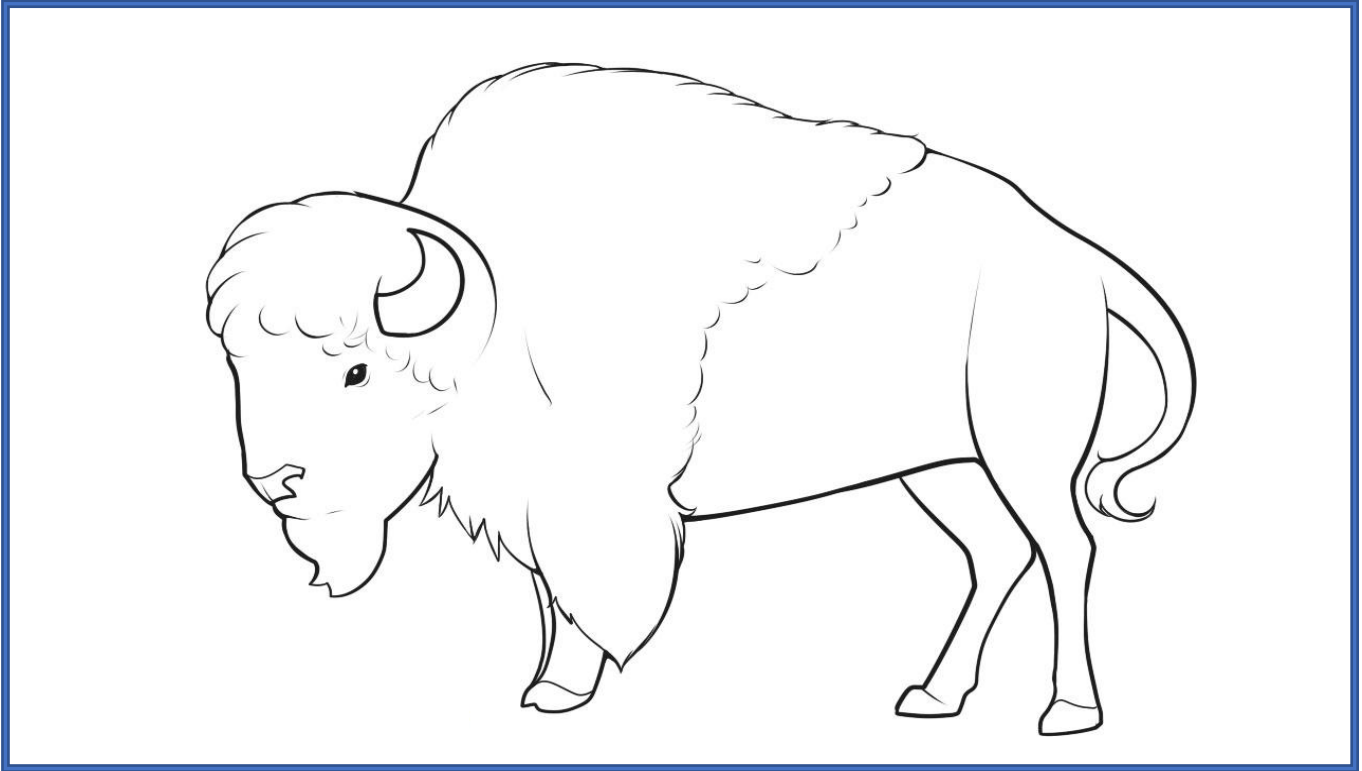


# *The Torah Project*

**Genesis 43**





### Psalm 62:11

... אחת דבר אלהים **שתיים** זו שמעתי ...

God has spoken once, I have heard it twice...

*or*

**One** thing God has spoken, **two** things have I heard...

## Joseph and Yeshua (A Few Messianic Parallels)

- Shepherd
- Mediator
- Beloved of their father
- Firstborn (1Chron.5:2)
- Sent by his father...
- ...to a place of prior sin and disaster
- Found his brothers in “double law” (legalism)
- His brethren conspire to kill him
- Stripped of his garment
- Lots cast over his clothing (?)
- Betrayed by Yehudah for silver
- His brethren sat down to a meal afterwards
- Garment dipped in blood & presented to the father
- Placed in the earth & came forth from the earth
- Tempted three times but did not sin
- Punished for the sins of others
- Gives new meaning to bread & wine (body & blood)
- 30 years old when he entered public service
- Takes a Gentile bride
- Predicts seven years of “tribulation”
- Savior of the world
- His brethren restored to him during seven years of ‘tribulation’

## So, just who *is* Benjamin?

- Only son born to “Israel”
- Born *after* Joseph
- Is the youngest
- Only son to have a name change:
  - ***Ben Oni*** – “Son of my sorrow” (Gen.35:18)
  - ***Benyamin*** – “Son of the right hand”
  - ***Yedid Adonai*** – “Beloved of Adonai” (Dt.33:12)
- Birth connected to Joseph (Gen.30:24)
- Only son born in the Land
- Only son born on the road, not at home
- Born near Bethlehem in *Ephratah*
- Only son that did not bow to Esau
- Did not participate in the sale of Joseph
- Was not imprisoned with his brothers
- “The Cup” hidden with Benjamin

- Receives the greater portion (5x)
- His soul is “bound” to his father’s
- Absent from most of the narrative
- At the center of controversy
- Territory contains the Temple
- The “song of the Land” accompanies Benjamin (Gen.43:11)
- *“There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead...”* (Psalm 68: 27)
- Already with Joseph when Jacob and the family arrive
- Receives God’s grace through Joseph
- Joseph calls him “my son”
- Is the most fruitful (10 sons)
- Shaul/Paul – a Benjamite (Rom.11:1)

## Genesis 33:5

He lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, “Who are these with you?” So he said, “The children whom God has **graciously** given your servant.”

## Genesis 43:29

As he lifted his eyes and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother’s son, he said, “Is this your youngest brother, of whom you spoke to me?” And he said, “May God **be gracious** to you, my son.”

## Genesis 43:30

Then Joseph hurried out, because his compassion **burned so strongly** toward his brother that he wanted to cry; he went into his bedroom and there he wept.

נכמרו

(*nic'meru*)

כמר  
(comer)

“feelings/emotion”

“net”

### Isaiah 51:20

Your sons have fainted, they lie helpless at the head of every street, like an antelope in a **net**, full of the wrath of Adonai, the rebuke of your God.