THE JEWISH MESSIAH

- Pre-exists creation and brings creation into existence.
- Must accomplish two goals:
 - To correct the error of Adam
 - To complete the work of Adam
- These are accomplished in two stages:
 - Mashiach ben Yoseph who brings correction
 - *Mashiach ben David* who brings completion
- The redemptive work of Mashiach ben Yoseph is done entirely in secret: "Yoseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him." (Gen. 42:8)
- This redemptive work has been ongoing in every generation: "My son Yoseph is yet alive!" (Gen. 45:28)
- These two aspects of Messiah are one: "... Son of man, take one branch, and write upon it, for Judah [the source of the Davidic line]...then take another branch and write upon it, for Joseph, the branch of Ephraim ...Join them together into one stick; and they shall become one in your hand...and they shall become one in My hand." (Ezekiel 37:15-19)