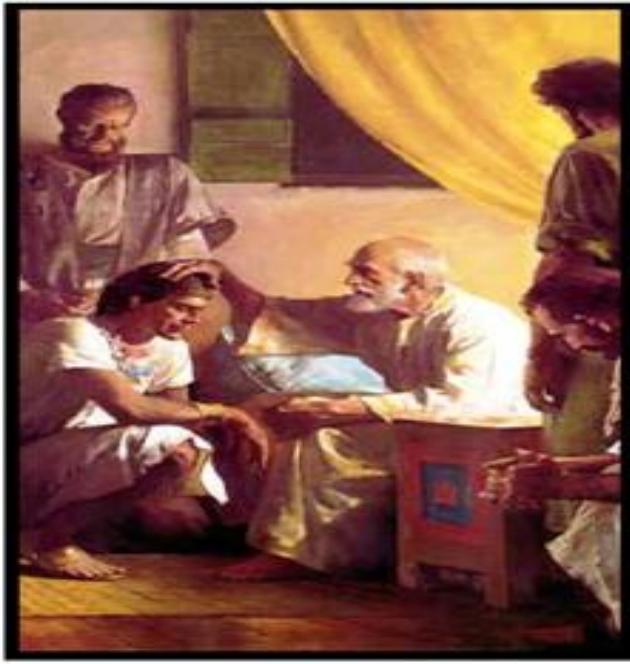




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## THE MYSTERY OF THE LIFE OF YOSEF

**Insights from A Hebrew  
Perspective for God's  
Covenant People**

# HEBREW NAMES TRANSLATION

- GOD – YAH OR YAHWEH
- JESUS – YAHSHUA/YEHUDAH
- JACOB –
- ISSAC –
- JOSEPH – YOSEPH
- MOSES - MOSHE

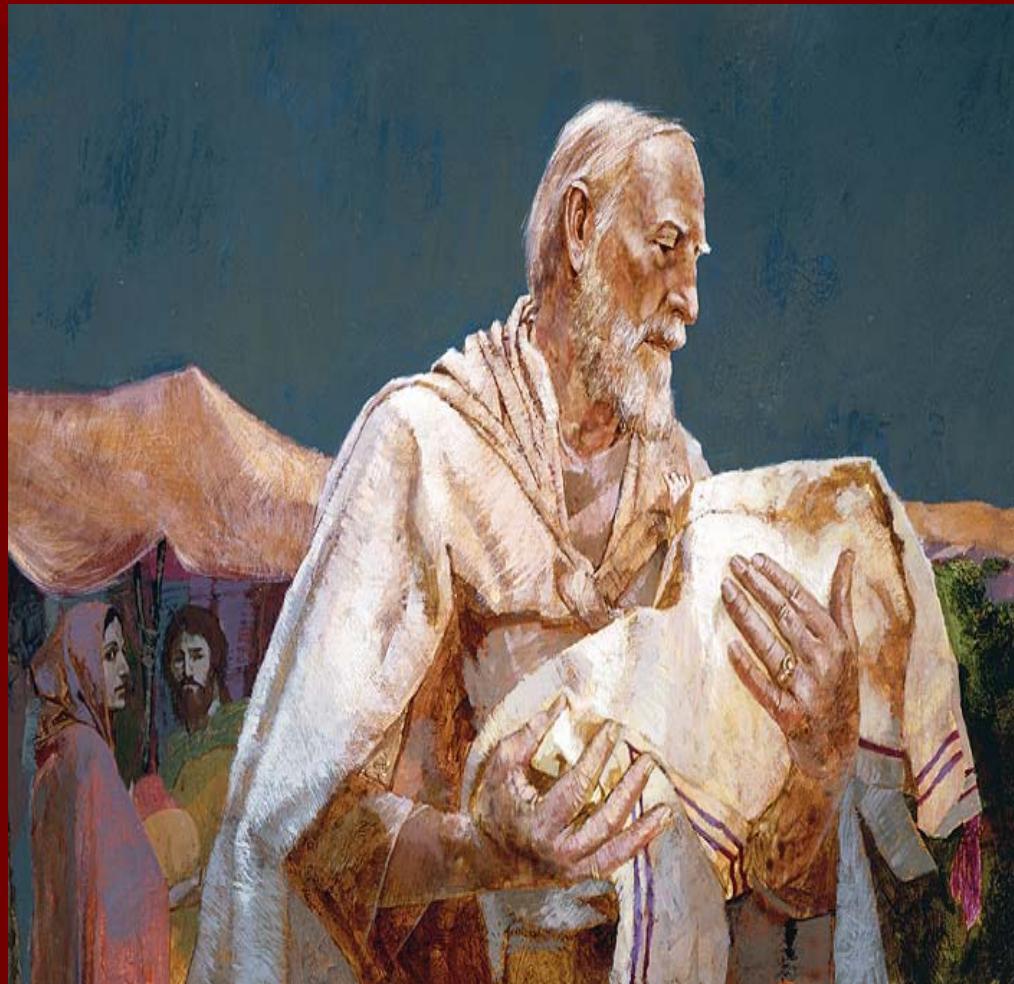
# TOWER OF BABEL

- In the first book of the Bible, known as Genesis, or Bereshit in Hebrew; we are introduced to the creator of the entire universe, the Almighty. We read of the first man Adam and the first woman Eve; both disobeyed Yah and were exiled from the Garden of Eden. Much later there was the flood in the days of Noah, and the rebellion of the tower of Babel, and the splitting of the languages.



# A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS

- We are introduced to Abraham, whom Yah said of him, **“You shall be a father of many Nations.”**
- Abraham's son Isaac was miraculously conceived in his old age and then Isaac begot Jacob whose name was changed to Israel by Yahweh. Thereafter, Jacob became the father of twelve sons known as the Tribes of Israel.



# THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM

Abraham (Abram) / Sarah (Sarai)

Abraham married Sarah (see Genesis 11:29).

Through Hagar, Sarah's handmaiden, Abraham fathered Ishmael (see Genesis 16:15). After Sarah's death, Abraham married Keturah, through whom he had six children, named in Genesis 25:1-2.

Isaac / Rebekah

Isaac married Rebekah (see Genesis 25:20-26).

Isaac (see Genesis 18:1-14; 21:1-3)

Rebekah (see Genesis 22:23)

Esau  
Sold his birthright to Jacob (see Genesis 25:29-34)

Jacob (Israel): Father of the Twelve Tribes of Israel  
(see Genesis 32:27-28)

Leah  
(see Genesis 29:30-35)  
(see Genesis 30:17-21)

Reuben  
Simeon  
Levi  
Judah  
Issachar  
Zebulun  
Dinah

Rachel  
(see Genesis 30:22-24)  
(see Genesis 35:16-18)

Joseph

Bilhah  
(Rachel's handmaiden)  
(see Genesis 30:4-8)

Benjamin

Zilpah  
(Leah's handmaiden)  
(see Genesis 30:9-13)

Dan

Naphtali

Gad

Asher

Manasseh  
(see Genesis 41:50-52)

Ephraim

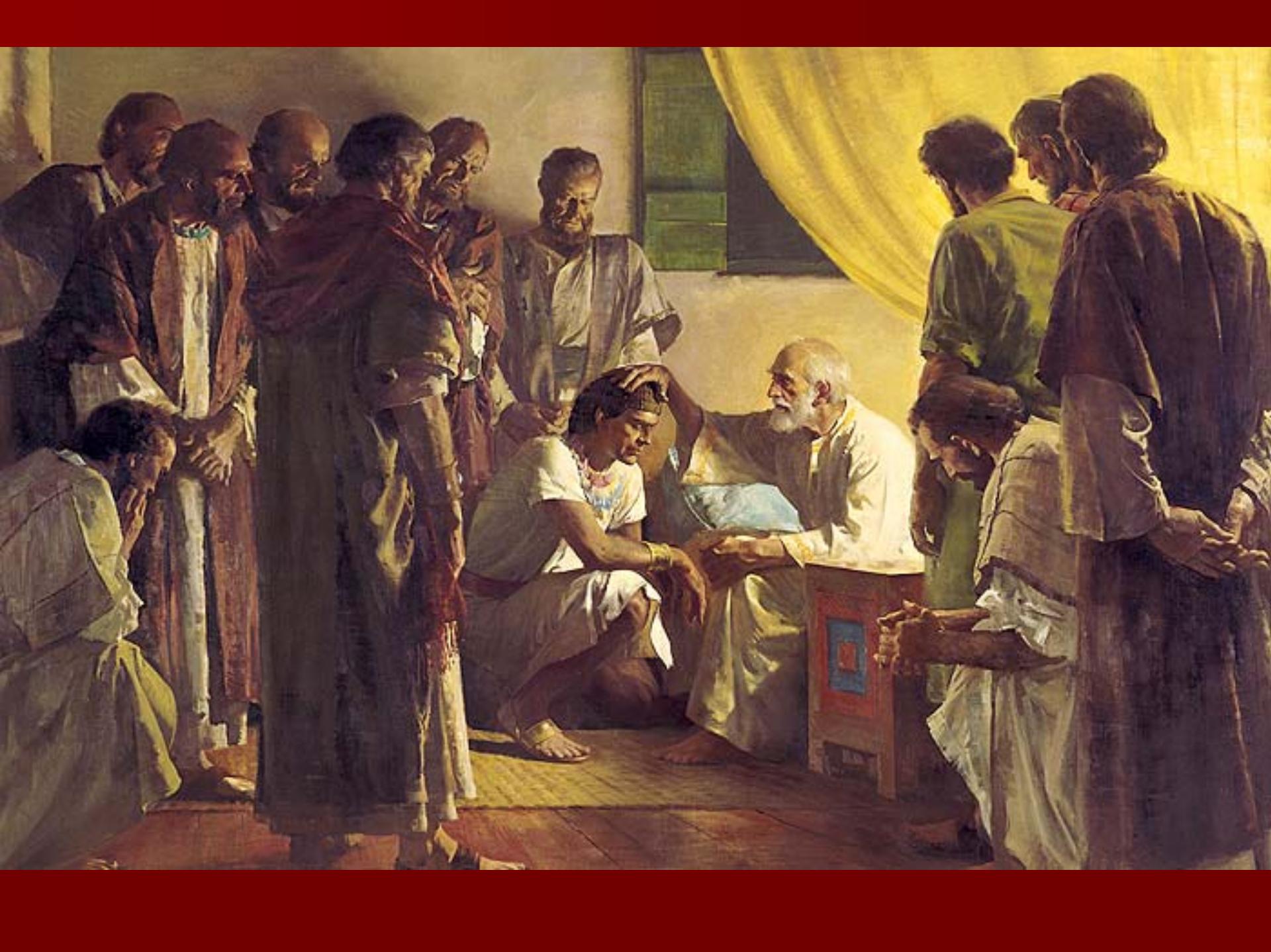
The birthright tribe  
(see Genesis 48)

Lehi's lineage  
(see Alma 10:3)

Ishmael's lineage  
(see *Deseret News Weekly*, Aug. 8, 1882, 1)

# FATHER'S BLESSING

- Within the book of Genesis, much information is given about the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, renamed Israel, who became the Patriarchs of Israel. When Jacob had become old and about to depart from this world, Jacob called his sons to his bedside to pronounce a blessing over his twelve sons.
- To Judah, he said of him that the **scepter** of the **king ship** would be upon Yehudah. Then Jacob said to Joseph, who was the **first born** son of Rachel - his rightful wife, and to Ephraim, that his descendants would become a **multitude of nations**.



# TWO LEADERS EMERGE

- These prophetic declarations regarding the destiny of Judah and Joseph revealed that these two men would become pre-eminent over the tribes of Israel. Their character and prophetic destiny is encrypted in Jacob's deathbed blessings over his sons! From the following scriptures, we can recognize the importance of Judah and Joseph who emerge as leaders.
- Judah and Benjamin in the Southern kingdom who both had different mothers, and the other ten tribal brothers in the Northern kingdom!
- Even so, it was Yosef, who received the more extensive prophetic details than his brothers; where the narrative at this time seems to zoom in on the life of Yosef, the first born son of Jacob and Rachel more than any other of his other brothers. **Why is this?**

# YEHUDAH AND YOSEPH

- **Yehudah and Yosef** become the leading stars of the tribal showdown! At the end of days, this scenario will play out on the canvas of world history; that is God's everlasting destiny of the sons of Jacob who became the whole House of the children of Israel. Yah does not waste His words unless they have a significant meaning and purpose.
- While diligently studying the life of Joseph, we may discern there is something vital about him we need to understand, something mystical and prophetic we are attempting to uncover. Let us embark on a journey and research into the Torah to unearth a hidden (sod) meaning a mystery, regarding the destiny of Jacob's twelve sons – collectively known as all Israel.

# JOSEPH WAS HIS FAVOURITE SON

- Jacob married two wives who were sisters, named Leah and Rachel. They in turn had two maidservants, who were Zilpah and Bilhah. Jacob's firstborn son was Reuben to his first wife Leah. Later, through his second wife Rachel, Jacob had another son he named Joseph, thereafter Rachel gave birth to their second son Benjamin.
- However, Joseph was his favorite son born in his old age, through his favorite wife Rachel. As a young man Joseph had an amazing dream, which showed his brothers bowing down to him.



# JOSEPH'S DREAM

- They began to hate him for the audacity of declaring his superiority over all his brothers through the vision of them bowing down to him! The brothers were resentful of their younger brother's dream and desired to get rid of him. When an opportunity presented itself, they sought to kill him by throwing him down a well.
- In a moment of guilt, mercy prevailed through Judah and Reuben who intervened to save their brother's life. Thus they took an opportunity to sell him to a band of Ishmaelite slave traders, who then sold him into Egypt.



# SOLD INTO SLAVERY

- By this act they had seemingly gotten rid of Yosef forever, and thereby his dream would be made null and void! We can read the account of the treachery of his brothers and of Yosef's trials and eventually his elevation to second in command to Pharaoh, over all Egypt.



# Joseph's Journey

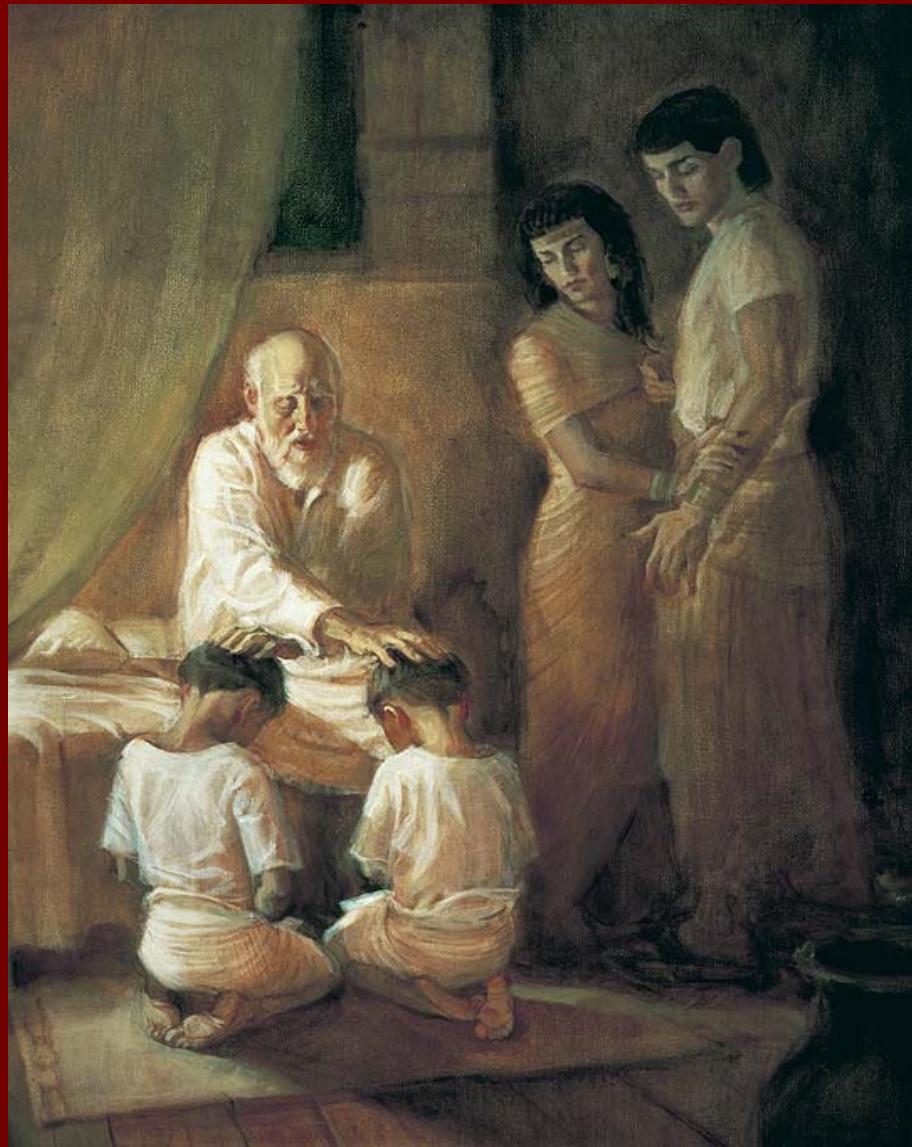
Joseph is sold at Dothan and transported to Egypt—probably to Zoan/Tanis

Joseph goes from Hebron to Shechem to Dothan looking for his brothers



# ISRAEL'S BLESSING ON EPHRAIM

- After many years in Egypt, Yosef was given the daughter of the Egyptian Priest of 'On' as his wife, and she bore him two sons **Manasseh the firstborn and Ephraim the second born son!** When Jacob whose name was change to Israel, was about to die, he called all his sons to his bedside to pronounce a last blessing upon the head of each of them. Because Jacob's firstborn son Reuben had defiled his father's bed by committing the sin of sleeping with his father's concubine Bilhah; he lost the blessing of the status of firstborn.



# LABAN TRICKS JACOB

- Furthermore, in his wisdom, **Jacob restored the rightful lineage, back to his lawful firstborn son, Yosef by his wife Rachel.**
- Laban's deception was to send Leah into Jacobs's tent instead of Rachel. His trickery brought forth Reuben, when in fact it should have been Rachel and Jacobs's son Joseph, who should have had pre-eminence. Interestingly, Jacob on his death bed also exchanged the birth order of Joseph's first born son Manasseh and replaced him with **Ephraim** the second born son.



# THE DESTINY OF JOSEPH'S LINE

- By this act, Jacob bestowed upon the House of Yoseph, namely **Ephraim the status of headship** of the **firstborn** over all his elder tribal brothers.
- With this startling manoeuvre, Yosef's second son Ephraim (**meaning fruitful**), had became firstborn, taking the position of the head over the twelve tribes of the sons of Jacob. Henceforth, let us discern the mystery of what is intended by this change in position and destiny.
- *Genesis 48:1-6*
- *Genesis 48:6-22*

# Moshe's blessing - The House of Joseph/Ephraim

- *Deut 33:1, 13, 17* "Now this is the blessing which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. <sup>13</sup> **of Joseph Moses said;** Blessed of the Lord be his land with the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that lies beneath, with the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and with the precious produce brought forth by the moon, <sup>15</sup> And with the best things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, and for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush; **"Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph and upon the top of the head of him that was separated** (Consecrated as a Nazirite) **from his brothers.** <sup>17</sup> His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of Ox: **Together he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth:** these are the ten thousand of Ephraim and the thousands of Manasseh."
- **(The two horns of the Ox are, the right horn is Ephraim and the left horn is Manasseh. These two horns have pushed the people together to the ends of the earth)!**

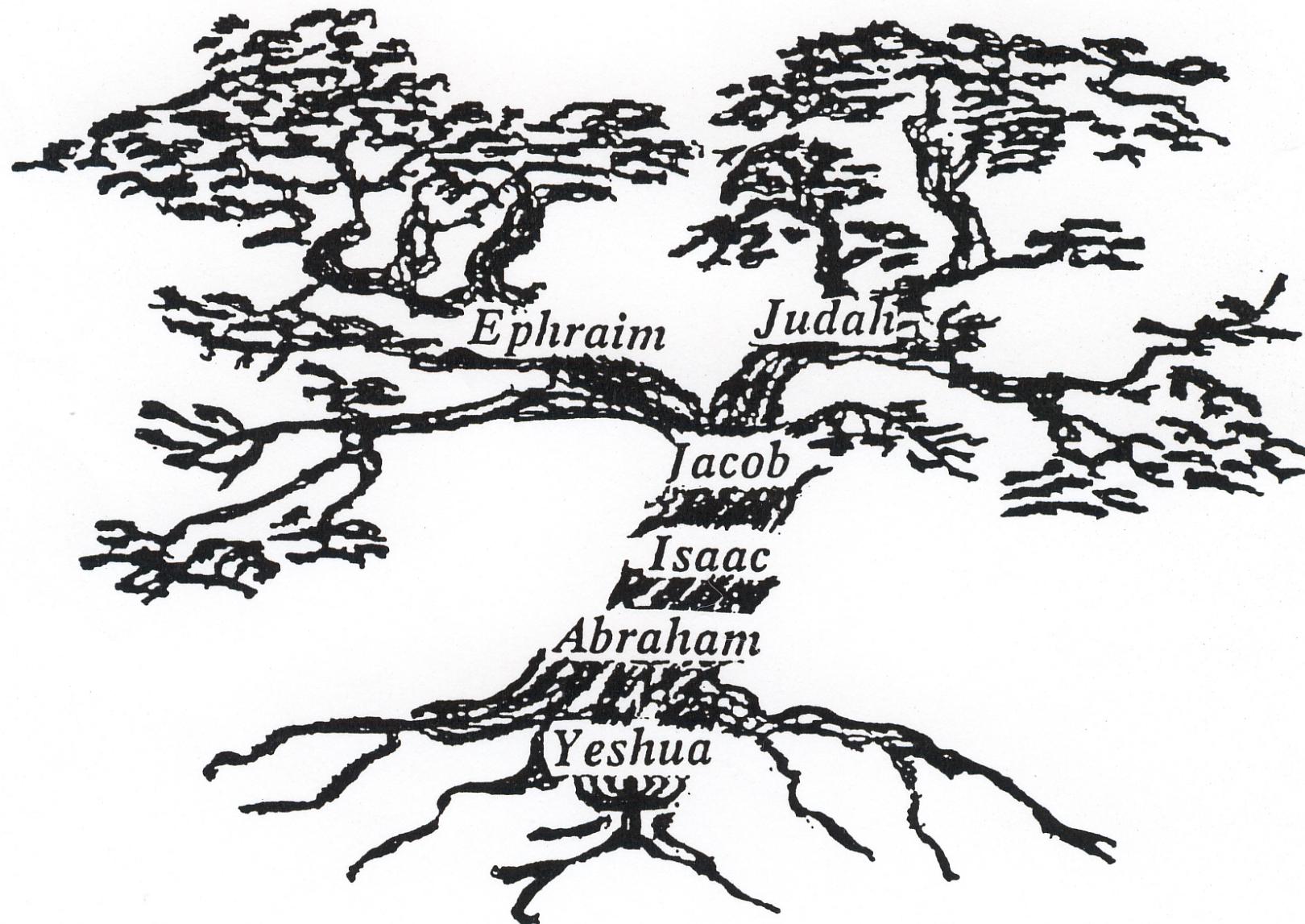
# GOD DIVORCES THE TEN NORTHERN TRIBES

- Ephraim had within him a propensity to sin, which may have been inherited from his mother's Egyptian line; as Egyptians worshiped the idols of their sun gods. Furthermore, his grandmother Rachel also was guilty of stealing her father's idols! This inherited rebellious nature eventually led the Northern kingdom into Baal worship, idolatry and finally they were exiled into Assyria.
- The judgment of God came to pass and the ten Northern tribes never returned in mass to the land of Israel. In exile, the 'House of Joseph' lost their identity among the nations where they were driven.



# The tribal leaders who emerged were Yehudah and Yosef

- One must ask the question, how could a branch of the 'House of Yoseph' who was given such a great promise and destiny, be exiled to the nations and lose their identity? Yosef's righteous (tzadok) character provided such a sure foundation, yet his sons Ephraim and Manasseh went astray. Has Yosef's blessing and destiny been lost forever?
- Indeed, can we search out the hidden (sod) or the mystery of the promise conferred upon Yosef. In the Torah, there is a noteworthy account which has a parallel storyline, both revealing an historical and mystical implication regarding Yosef's future destiny.



# JUDAH'S FUTURE DESTINY

## ■ GENESIS 49:8

### **JACOB'S BLESSING UPON OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH**

- Scepter - Reign as King - The Lion of Judah
- Judah's brothers will praise him
- Messiah ben David will come from The Tribe of Judah

## ■ JACOB'S PROPHECY SPOKEN OVER JUDAH

■ **GENESIS 49:1-2** *Ya`akov (Jacob) called to his sons, and said: "Gather yourselves together, I tell you what will happen to you in the days to come. Assemble yourselves and hear you sons of Ya`akov. Listen to Yisra'el, your father - Jacob.*

## ■ GENESIS 49:8-12

- **1:** *Yehudah, (Judah) you are the one whom your brothers will praise. Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies. Your father's sons will bow down before you."*
- **2:** *Yehudah is a lion's cub, from the prey, my son, you have gone up, and he stooped down; he crouched as a lion, as a lioness. Who will rouse him up?"*
- **3:** *The scepter will not depart from Yehudah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet until Shiloh comes to whom it belongs, and unto him shall the obedience (or gathering) of the peoples be."*
- **4:** *Binding his foal to the vine, his donkey's colt to the choice vine; he has washed his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes will be red with wine, his teeth white with milk."*

**'Shiloh is an Epitaph or Metaphor for the Moshiach.'**

# YOSEF'S FUTURE DESTINY

## ■ JACOB'S BLESSING UPON OF THE TRIBES OF YOSEF

■ Firstborn status of the tribes as priest

■ The Shepherd and Stone of Israel

■ The destiny of becoming a multitude of nations

■ The Moshiach will Come from The Tribe of Judah

## ■ JACOB'S PROPHECY SPOKEN OVER YOSEF

### ■ GENESIS 49:22-26

■ 22. *Yosef is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well.  
His branches run over the wall.*

23. *The archers have bitterly grieved him,  
Shot at him and hated him.*

24. *But his bow remained in strength, and the arms  
of his hands were made strong by the hands  
of the mighty God of Jacob.*

■ *From there is the Shepherd the Stone of Israel.*

25. *By the God of your father who will help you,  
and by the Almighty who will bless you  
With blessings of heaven above  
Blessings of the deep that lies beneath  
Blessings of the breasts and of the womb*

26, *The blessings of your father have excelled the  
blessings of my ancestors up to the utmost  
bound of the everlasting hills.*

*They shall be on the head of Yosef.*

*And on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.*

*(Nazir - meaning consecrated) .*

# Yahshua was with Yah in the beginning

- Down through the centuries many great sages have presented a myriad of commentaries regarding the destiny of this specific biblical personage the Messiah. Much has been written determining the designated role he was to play in Israel's redemptive history.  
**Isaiah 59:20-21**
- **RABBI'S QUOTE:** *Pesikta Rabbasi 35 Yalkut Shimoni (pg172)*  
*"God informed Moshiach; The transgressions of the Jewish people will place you in an iron yoke. You will be like a blind calf, the yoke will choke you and your tongue will stick to the roof of your mouth, do you want all this suffering? Moshiach said, 'Master of the universe I accept this pain with great joy in order that no Jew is lost. **Am I not flesh and blood?**' God spoke Efrayim My righteous Moshiach you accepted this task at creation, now your pain will resemble My pain."*
- Note: that the Rabbi's agree that the Moshiach was with God Almighty at the beginning of creation. Both kingdoms of the '**House of Judah**' and the '**House of Joseph**' often known as Ephraim, transgressed the Torah. Even so, God is faithful to fulfil His Covenant promises to all the tribes of Israel whom He called after His Name, and has set His love upon them!

# YOSEPH: AN ALLEGORY OF YAHSHUA

Like Yoseph, Yahshua grew up in the land of Canaan.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua is the beloved Son of His Father.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua is a shepherd—the Good Shepherd.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua wears a special robe—the robe of righteousness.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua's brethren will one day bow down before Him.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua is betrayed and mistreated and sold for a price.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua's death is evidenced by the shedding of innocent blood.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua had false accusations brought against Him.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua was incarcerated in prison—the prison house of death.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua was raised up by the Father to be His right-hand Man.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua reveals Himself to His brothers in the context of a meal.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua does not condemn His brothers, but forgives them.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua provides grain for His people—the Bread of Life.

Like Yoseph, Yahshua leads His people to the best land of all—Paradise.

# THEY BOTH HAD A MIRACULOUS BIRTH



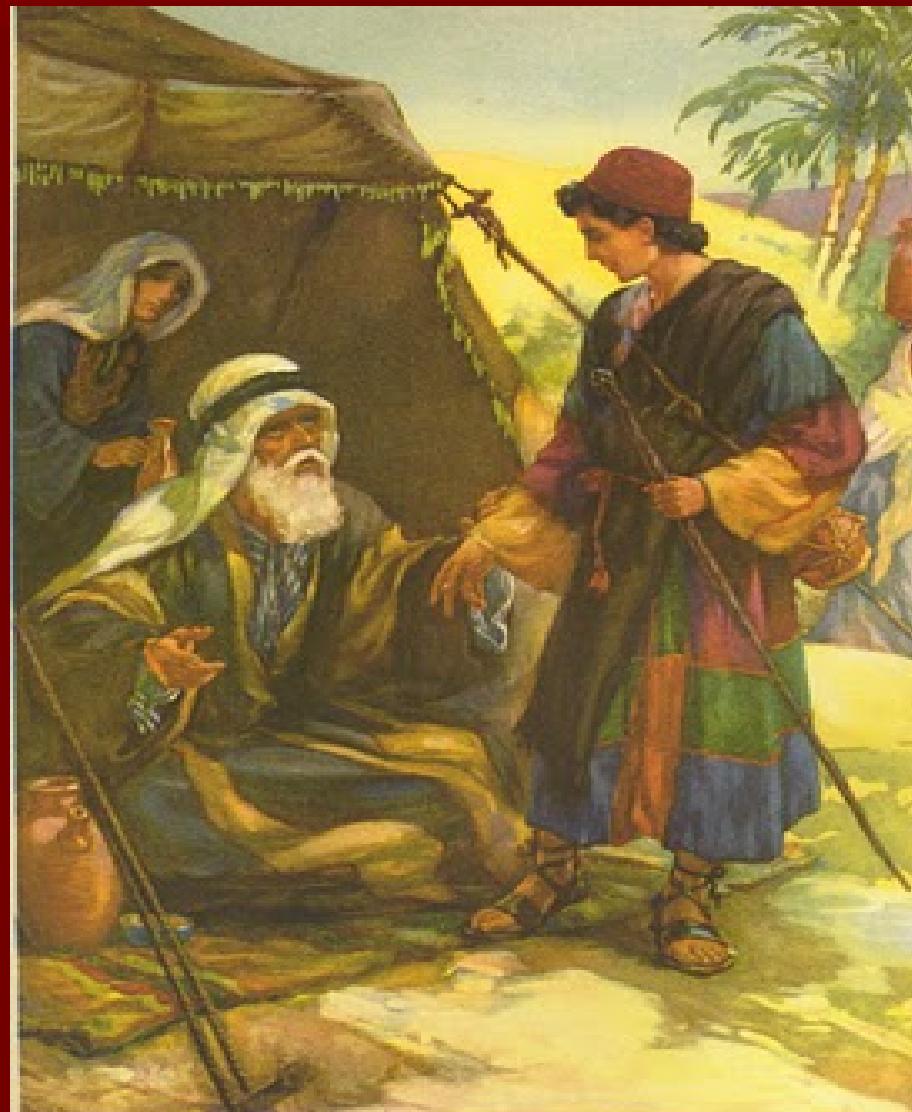
- **Yosef born by divine will of God, for Rachel was barren.**
- ***Genesis 30:22* 'Then God remembered Rachel he listened to her and opened her womb.' (This was a miraculous birth as Rachel was barren).**
- ***Yahshua was born through divine intervention:***
- ***Luke 1:31* And behold! You shall conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name 'Yahshua', (which means Salvation in Hebrew.) He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the Lord God shall give Him the throne of His father David. He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever and of His kingdom there shall be no end.'**

# BOTH WERE SENT BY THEIR FATHER

- Yosef was sent by his father to see how his brothers were faring.
- *Genesis 37:13* "Now Israel said to Yosef, "As you know your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem, I am going to send you to them."
- Yahshua was sent by his Father to see how the children of Israel were faring:
- *Matthew 15:24* 'He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."
- *Matthew 10:5-7* These twelve Jesus sent out, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: **6** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

# BOTH BROUGHT BACK AN UNFAVOURABLE REPORT

- Yosef had an unfavourable report about two of his brothers.
- *Genesis 37:2 This is an account of Yacov. Yosef, a young man aged seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives and **he brought their father a bad report about them.**"*



# BOTH BROUGHT BACK AN UNFAVOURABLE REPORT

- Yahshua also reported unfavorably of some of his national brothers:
- *Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those **sent to you**, how often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, **but you were not willing**. Now your house has been left to you desolate."*



# BOTH WERE LOVED BY THEIR FATHER

- Yosef was especially loved by his father.
- *Genesis 37:3 "Now Israel (Jacob) loved Yosef more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age. And he made (Yosef) a beautiful robe."*



# Yahshua was uniquely loved by his Father.

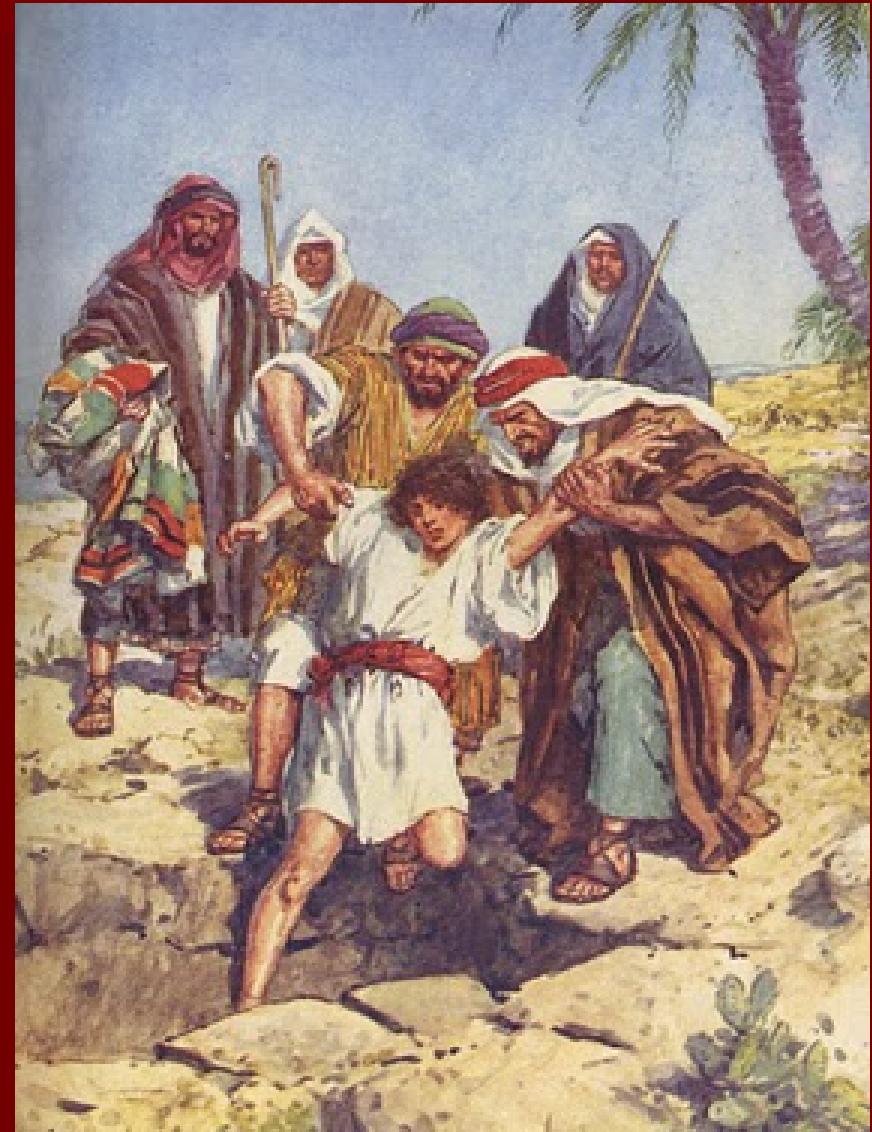
- **Matthew 3:16** *"As soon as (ben Yosef or Jesus) was baptised, (Mikvah'ed) he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened and he saw the Spirit of Yah descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said; "This is My Beloved Son, whom I love. With him I am well pleased."*
- (God intentionally used the endearing name, **My beloved**. This name indicates and reveals the Messiah's destiny as David's seed, as King David was also called the beloved of God).



# Their brothers wanted to kill both them both

■ Yosef's brothers  
were envious, and  
plotted to kill him.

■ *Genesis 37:20*  
*"Come now, let's  
kill him and throw  
him into one of  
these cisterns and  
say that a ferocious  
animal devoured  
him."*



# Their brothers wanted to kill them both

- Yahshua's Hebrew brothers envious and plotted to kill him.
- *Matthew 26:3-5 "Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, they conspired to arrest Yahshua in some sly way and kill him. "But not during the Feast of Pesach, or there may be a riot among the people."*
- The rabbinic scholars traditionally understood that **ben Yosef the suffering servant** was to be killed prior to the coming of ben David the King, as they discerned the writings of the prophets who foretold these events!



The False Witnesses by James Tissot

## Not all were in agreement of killing their brother

- Not all Yosef's brothers were in agreement with the plot to kill him.
- ***Genesis 37:21-26*** "When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "***Let's not take his life.***" And Judah said to his brothers, *What profit if we should kill our brother and hide his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brothers listened.*'
- Not all Yahshua's brothers in agreement with plot to kill him.  
***Luke 23:50-51*** "Now there was a man named Yosef a member of the Council a good and upright man ***who had not consented*** to their decision an action (to have him killed) he came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God."
- The Roman soldiers killed Jesus; the Jewish people did not do it personally themselves. Even so, some of the leading rulers plotted to get rid of him and wanted him dead, but the very act was carried out through a Roman crucifixion stake! The thousands of the common people, who loved Yahshua, did not know about this wicked plan and were innocent of this evil act. Nevertheless Jesus said '***I have come for this very purpose; to be the lamb, shedding his blood to make atonement for sin.***

# JOSEPH OF ARIMITHEA

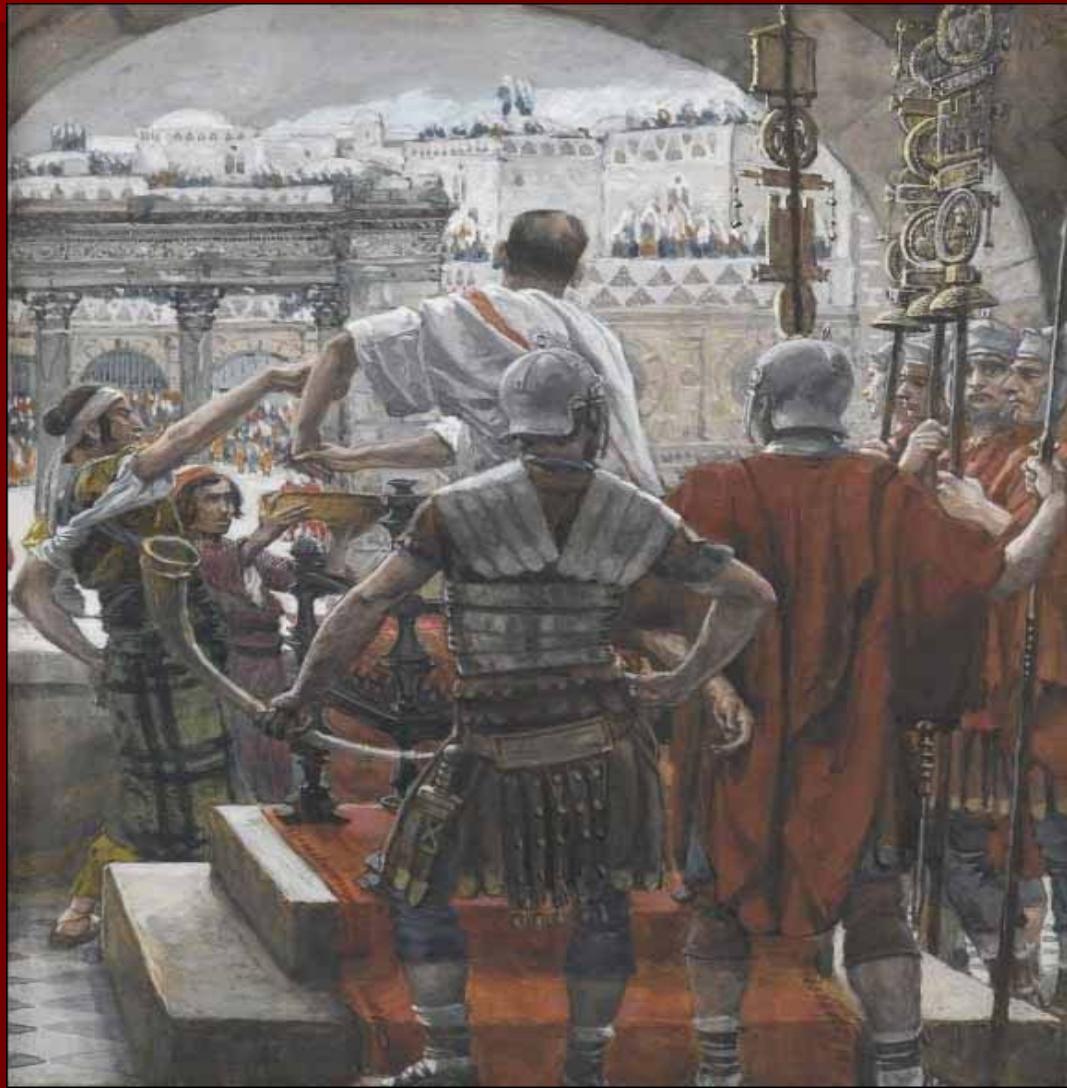


- Yahshua's Hebrew brothers delivered him up to Gentile Romans as they did not want to kill him themselves.
- *Matthew 21:46* "They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of **the** (Jewish) crowd because the people held that he was a prophet."
- *John 18:31* 'Then Pilate said to them, "You take him and judge him, according to your law. "Therefore the Jews said to him, '**It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.**'  
(On Erev Pesach the 14th of Nissan).
- Yahshua's, ordained earthly chosen father, was named **Yosef**, and was present at the beginning of his life. **Yosef was a member of the Sanhedrin.**
- If you will, Yahshua lived between these two Yosef's, during his lifetime hinting of him as **ben Yosef the suffering servant.**

# YAHSHUA – KING OF THE JEWS



# PILATE WASHES HIS HANDS OF THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB



# Both Sold For a Sum of Money

- **Yosef's brothers sold him for silver.**
- *Genesis 37:28 "So when the Midianite merchants passed by; so his brothers pulled Yosef up out of the cistern and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty **shekels of silver**. And they took him to Egypt."*



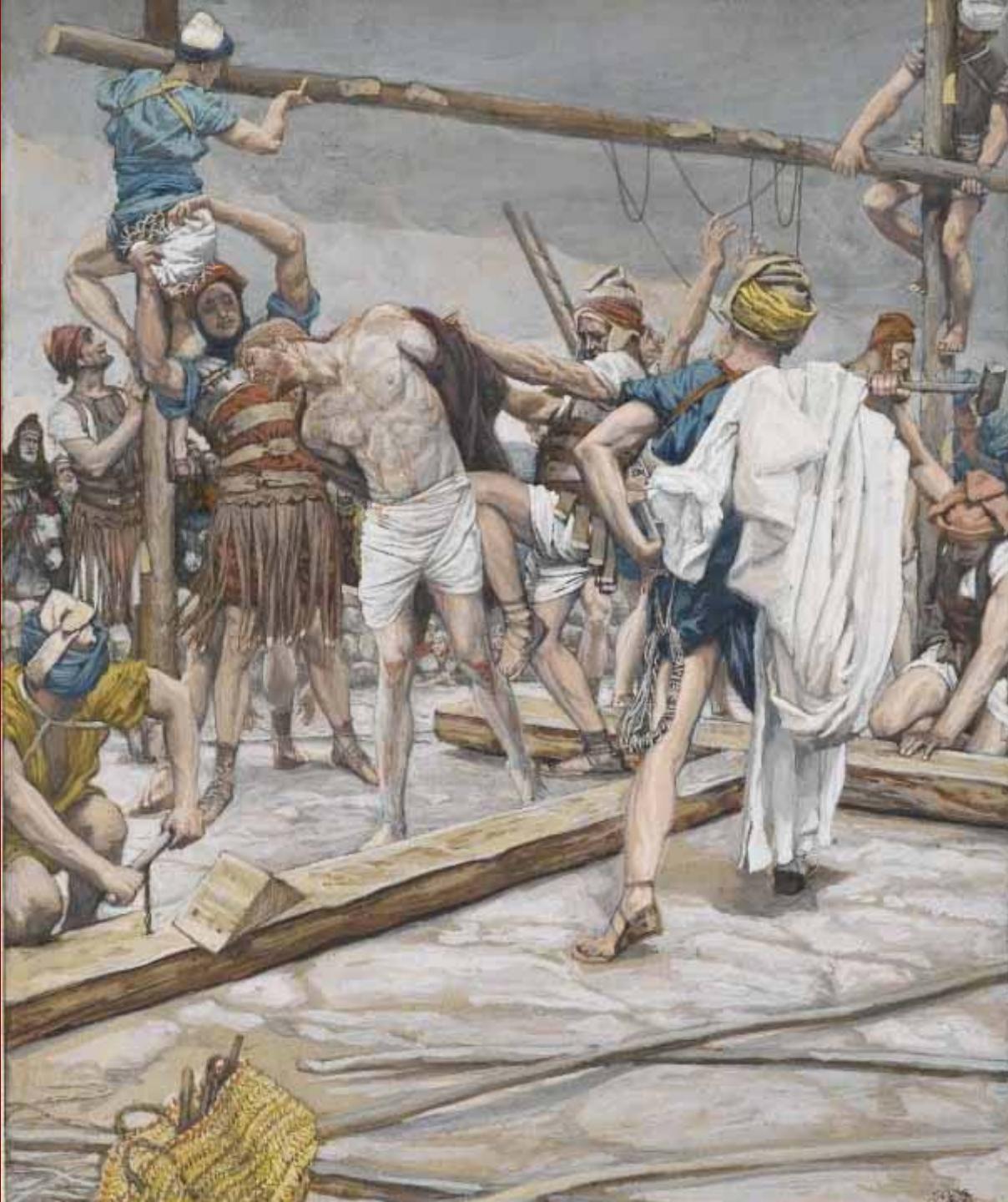
# Both Sold For a Sum of Money

- Yahshua's Israelite brothers sold him for silver.
- ***Matthew 26: 14-15***  
*'Then one of the twelve - the one called Judas Iscariot - went to the Chief priests and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you? So they counted out for him ***thirty silver (shekels) coins.***"*



# BOTH WERE STRIPPED OF THEIR ROBES

- Yosef's garments were stripped from him.
- *Genesis 37:23 "So when Yosef came to his brothers, **they stripped him** of his robe, the richly woven robe he was wearing."*
- Yahshua's garment was stripped from him.
- *Matthew 27:27-28 "The governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorian and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. **They stripped him** and put a scarlet robe on him."*



# False accusations were made against them both

- **Yosef was falsely accused and condemned.**
- ***Genesis 39:19-20*** "When Joseph's master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is what your servant did to me," he burned with anger. ***Yosef's master took him and put him in prison***, the place where the king's prisoners were bound."
- **Yahshua was falsely accused and condemned.**
- ***John 11:47-50*** "The chief priests and the Pharisee called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. What are we accomplishing?" They asked. "Here is this man performing ***many miraculous signs***. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will take away both our place and our nation." One of them Caiaphas who was high priest that year, spoke up "You know nothing at all. You do not realise that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

# THE SANHEDRIN DECIDE YAHSHUA'S FATE



# THEIR ROBES WERE STAINED WITH BLOOD

- Yosef's coat or robe was stained with his blood.
- *Genesis 37:31* "They took Yosef's robe, slaughtered a goat, and then dipped the robe in the blood."
- When Joseph was in Egypt his brothers killed an animal and smear his robe with its blood. This was an allegory for the atoning blood of Moshiach ben Yosef's, whose robe was stained with His shed blood. This was for the redemption of the sin of mankind and was the authentic prescribed atonement according to Torah.



# BOTH OF THEIR ROBES WERE STAINED WITH BLOOD

- Yahshua's robe was stained with blood as he was flogged and pierced through.
- 'He has washed his garments in wine his robes in the blood of grapes' Genesis 49:11 (He trod down the winepress alone and his robes were stained in his blood).
- *Matthew 27:26 :31 "Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged; (39 lashes) and handed him over (to the Romans) to be crucified. After they had mocked him, they took off his (bloodied) robe and put his own clothes on him. They led him away to be crucified."*



# BOTH WERE FOUND NOT GUILTY BUT CONDEMNED ANYWAY

- Yosef was imprisoned with two men, but he was not guilty.
- *Genesis 40:2 "Pharaoh was angry with his two officials the chief cupbearer and the chief baker and put them under custody." (One was to die the other man was saved to continue life).*
- Yahshua was nailed to the cross between two condemned men but not guilty.
- *Luke 23:39-41 'One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "If you are the Moshiach, save yourself and us. But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly; for we are getting what our deeds deserve; But this man is not guilty he has done nothing wrong." Jesus said "Today you will see me in paradise."*
- Yahshua died, making a comparison with the baker and the cupbearer in Joseph's prison in Egypt. One died and the other received eternal life.

# CRUXIFIED BETWEEN 2 CRIMINALS



# Both Were Thirty Years Old When Public Service Began

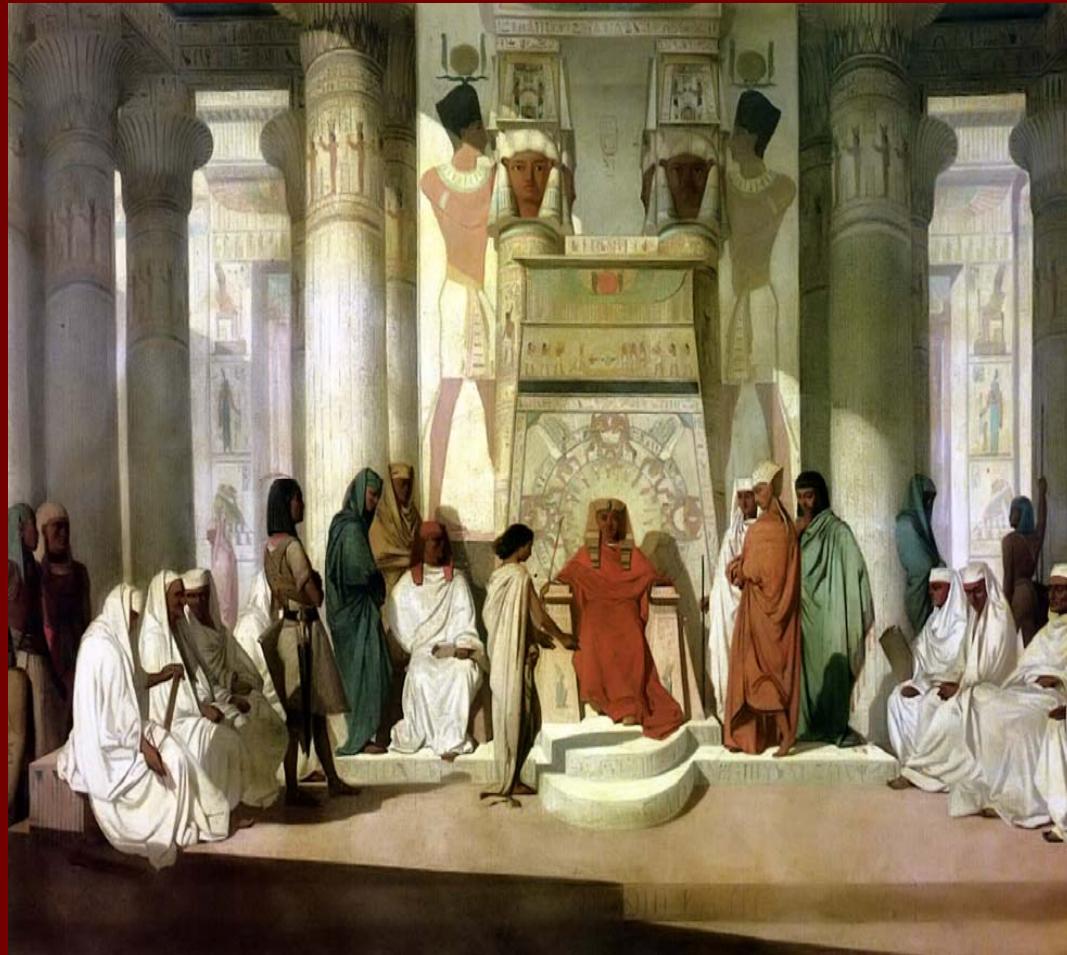
- Yosef was thirty years old when he began his public service.
- *Genesis 41:46*  
*"Yosef was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh King of Egypt. Yosef went from Pharaoh's presence and travelled through the land of Egypt."*
- Yahshua was thirty years old when he began his public service.
- *Luke 3:23* 'Yahshua was about **thirty years old** when he began his Public ministry in Israel.'

# BOTH PREDICTED THE FUTURE ACCURATELY

- Yosef foretold the future in a dream, as a prophet it was revealed to him.

- *Genesis 41:15*

*"Pharaoh said to Yosef, "I had a dream, and no one can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream and can interpret it. "I cannot do it," Yosef replied to Pharaoh, "but Yah will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."*



# PREDICTS THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

- Yahshua as a prophet foretold the future - the fall of Jerusalem.
- *Luke 21:20 Yahshua said, "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near."*
- (This prophecy was fulfilled almost 40 yrs after Messiah's death).



# BOTH WERE FAITHFUL SERVANTS

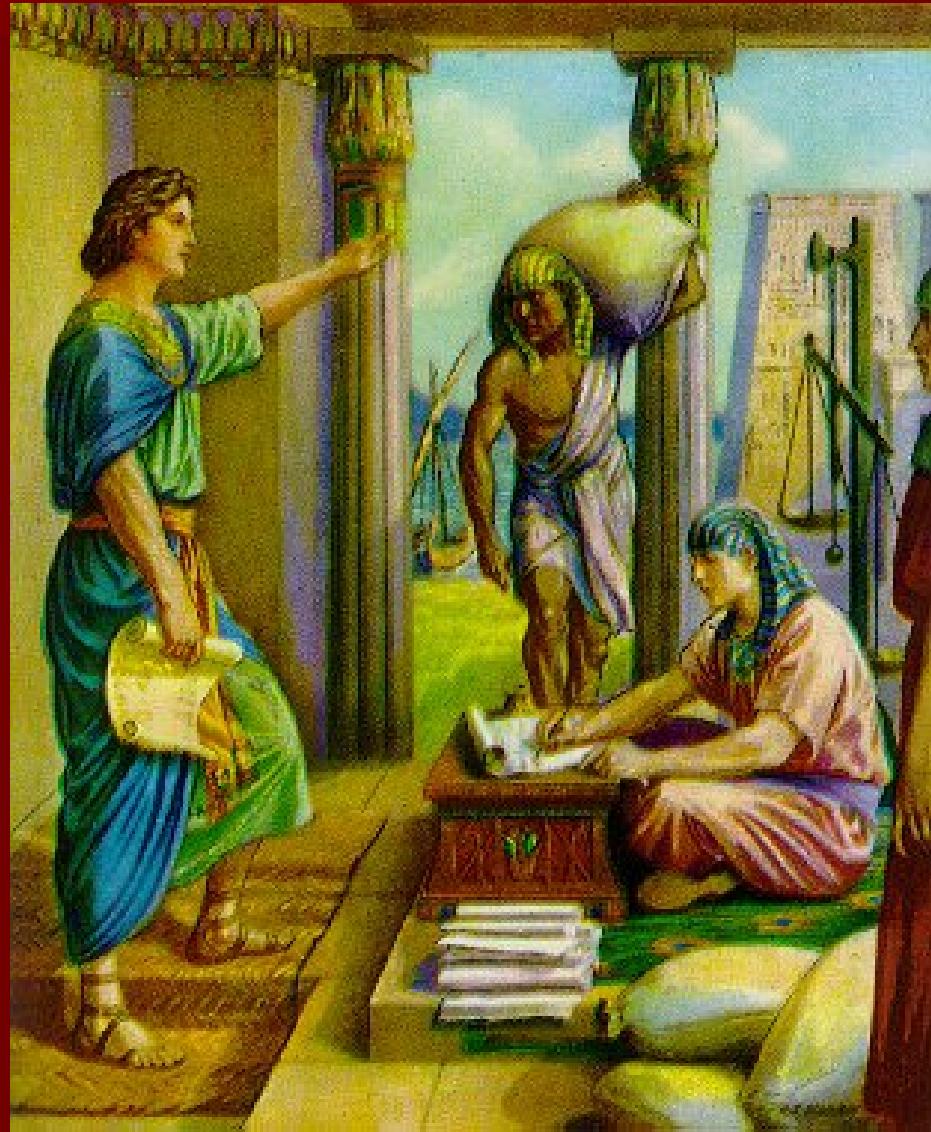
- Yosef was a good and faithful servant to his master.
- *Genesis 39:4*  
*'Yosef was favoured in (Pharaoh's) eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, he entrusted to his care everything he owned.'*
- Yahshua was a good and faithful servant to his Master - Almighty God.
- *John 15:19 Yahshua said "I tell you the truth, the son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the son also does."*

# YOSEPH FED HIS PEOPLE

- Yosef was known as the supplier of food to the starving.

- *Genesis 41:49*

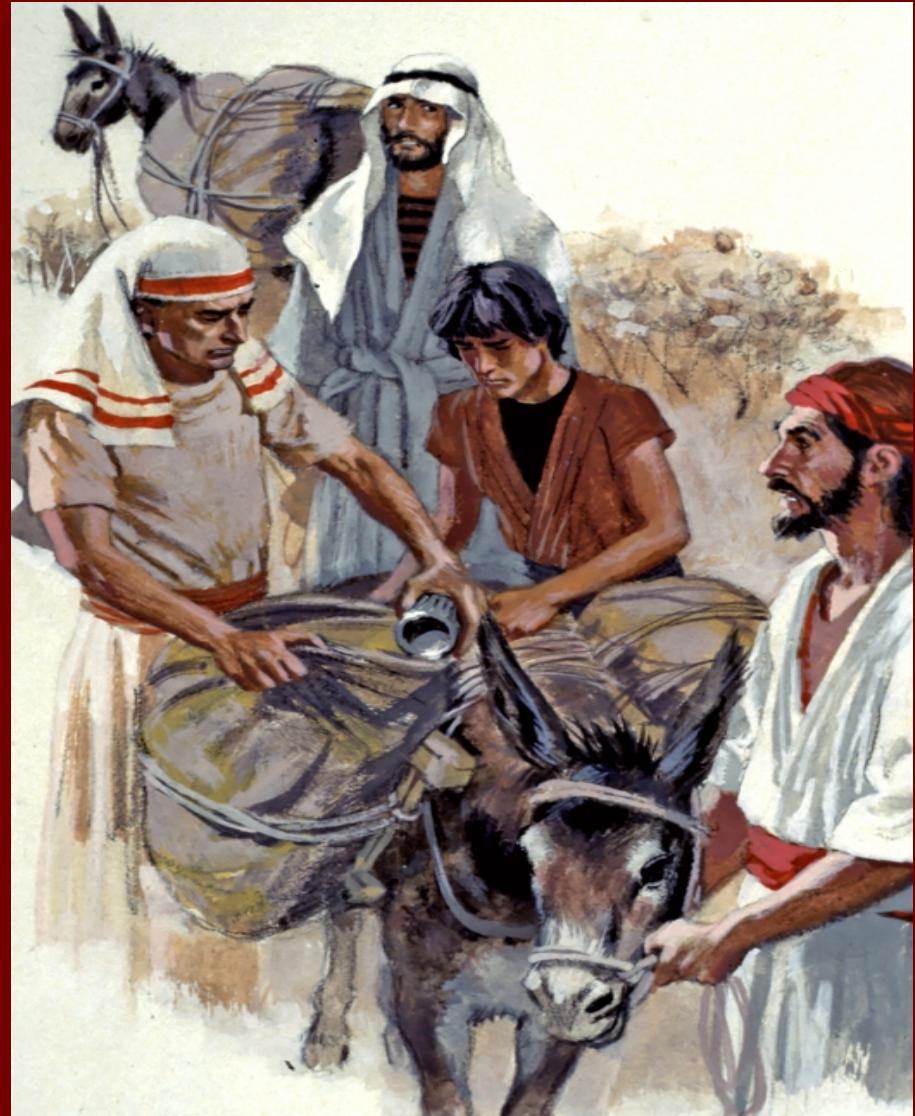
*"Yosef stored up quantities of grain, like sand of the sea, so much that he stopped keeping records. It was beyond measure."*



# YOSEPH GAVE GRAIN TO HIS BROTHERS

## ■ *Genesis 42:25*

*Joseph then ordered his servants to fill the men's sacks with grain, but he also gave secret instructions to return each brother's payment at the top of his sack. He also gave them supplies for their journey home.*



# YAHSHUA FED HIS PEOPLE

## ■ YAHSHUA FED 5000

- These Jews were as "lost" as their ancestors who wandered in the desert during the Exodus, when God provided manna to feed them. Jesus was superior to Moses because he not only provided physical food but also spiritual food, as the "bread of life."
- - Jesus' disciples focused on the problem rather than on God. When we are confronted with an unsolvable situation, we need to remember "*For nothing is impossible with God.*" (Luke 1:37)



# BOTH BROTHERS WERE BLINDED TO THEIR TRUE IDENTITY

- Yosef's brothers were blinded to his true identity - did not recognise him.
- *Genesis 42:7-8 'And Joseph saw his brothers, and he knew them, but he remained a stranger to them, and spoke roughly to them. And he said to them, where do you come from? And they said, from the land of Canaan to buy food. And Joseph knew his brothers, but they did not know him. "Although Yosef recognised his brothers they did not recognise him."*
- In the eyes of his brothers he looked like an Egyptian Gentile not their Hebrew brother whom they thought was dead! **Today the Jews see Yahshua as a Gentile.**



# YAHSHUA'S JEWISH BROTHERS ARE STILL PREDOMINANTLY BLIND TO WHO THEIR MESSIAH IS....

- Yahshua's brothers were blinded; they did not recognise his true identity.
- *John 1:10-11, 19, "He was in the world, and though the world was made through him the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own (The house of Judah) but his own did not receive him. <sup>19</sup> They asked him, "Who are you?"*

# BELIEVED DEAD BUT FOUND TO BE ALIVE

- Yosef was believed dead but found alive in Egypt by his brothers.
- *Gen 45:25-26* 'And they told them saying "**Yosef is still alive** and he is governor over all the land of Egypt."
- *Genesis 45:1-4* Then Yosef could not restrain himself before all those who stood before him, and he cried out, "Send everyone out from me!" So no one stood **with him while Yosef made himself known to his brothers, and he wept aloud.** "Please come near. Then he said, "**I am Yosef your brother whom you sold to Egypt.**"



# YAHSHUA RECOGNISED BY HIS BROTHER'S

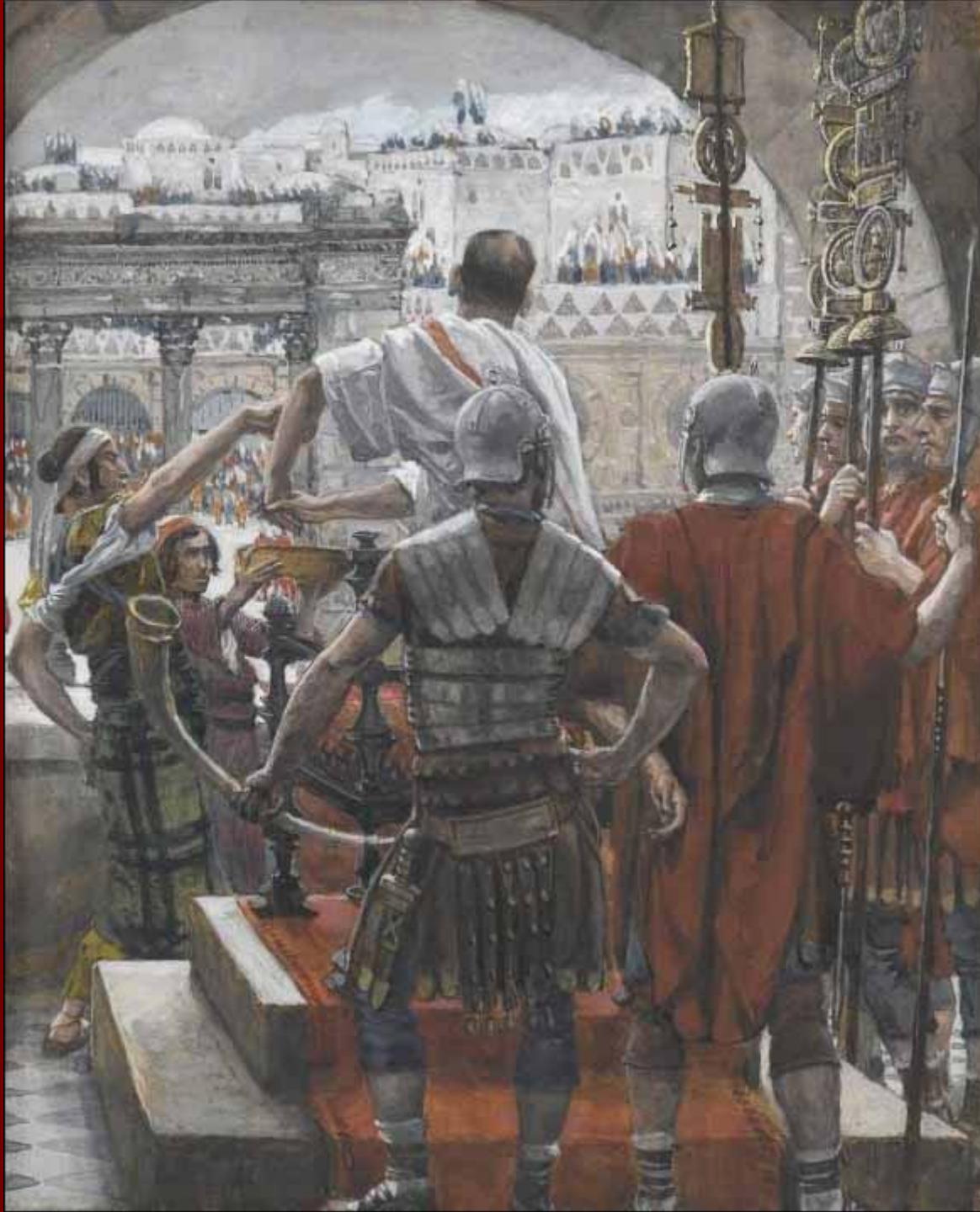
- **Yahshua was believed dead, yet seen alive again in Jerusalem.**
- **Luke 24:33-36** 'They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven and those with them assembled together and saying, "It is true!" The resurrection has taken place and he has appeared to Simon. Then the two told what happened on the way, **and how Yahshua was recognised by them when he broke bread.**"



# BOTH OF THEIR BROTHER'S

## FELT GUILTY

- Yosef's brothers felt guilty about what they had done when they realised Yosef's blood would be required of them.
- *Genesis 42:21-22 "They said to each other, "We are truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore this distress has come upon us. Reuben answered them, "Did I not speak to you do not sin against the boy" you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us."*
- Yahshua's brothers also saw torment of Jesus soul. They did nothing but said, 'Let His blood be upon our heads.'
- *Matthew 27:24-25 "When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it." And all the people answered and said, "Let his blood be on us and on our children."*



# Brothers Asked To Be Forgiven - They Wept!

- **Yosef's brothers acknowledge their sin asked for Yosef's forgiveness.**
- ***Genesis 50:15-20*** "When Yosef's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Yosef will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him. So they sent messengers to Yosef, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, "You shall say to Yosef: **"I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin,** for they did evil to you, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father."
- Yosef wept when they spoke to him. ***Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face,*** and they said, "Behold, we are your Servants." Yosef said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of Yah? 20, But as for you; you meant evil against me; but Yah meant it for good....(Joseph's dream came true, his brothers bowed down to him).
- ***Genesis 45:14-15*** "Then Joseph threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, ***he kissed all his brothers and wept over them,*** then Benjamin embraced him, afterward his brothers talked with him."



- Yahshua uttered words of forgiveness for the sins.
- *Luke 23:34 "Father forgive them, they do not know what they do".*
- Yahshua /Jesus wept over Jerusalem - and forgave his brothers.
- *Luke 19:41-44 41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."*
- **RABBI'S QUOTE:** Pesikta Rabbasi 35 Yalkut Shimoni ( pg 172 )  
"Yah informed Moshiach; the transgressions of the Jewish people will place you in an iron yoke. You will be like a blind calf, the yoke will choke you and your tongue will stick to the roof of your mouth, do you want all this suffering? Moshiach said, "Master of the universe I accept this pain with great joy in order that no Jew is lost. Am I not flesh and blood?" Yah spoke "Efrayim My righteous Moshiach you accepted this task at creation, now your pain will resemble My pain."



# Served His Brothers Kiddish Bread and Wine

- Yosef personally served his brothers bread and wine.
- *Genesis 43:31-34* "Then he washed his face and came out; he restrained himself and said, **serve the bread**, and he took the servings to them from before, him but Benjamin's serving was five times as much as any of theirs."
- Yahshua personally served the disciples bread and wine on Pesach.
- *Luke 22:27-29* Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? **But I am among you as one who serves.** <sup>28</sup> You are those who have stood by me in my trials. <sup>29</sup> And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me."



# YOSEPH UNDERSTOOD HIS DESTINY

- *Genesis 45:7-12* Yosef said "Do not grieve yourselves for what you have done to me. Yah ordained my destiny so I may preserve your lives that you (i.e. Jacob's sons called Israel) should live and not die." Yosef said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "**I am Yosef your brother**, whom you sold into Egypt, but now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; **for Yah sent me before you to preserve life**. For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvesting and God sent me before you to preserve posterity for you in the earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance." "**So now it was not you who sent me here but Yah**, He has made me a father to Pharaoh **and lord of all his house to rule** throughout all the land of Egypt." (Yosef forgave his brothers their jealousy, and for their plot to get rid of him).

# YAHSHUA UNDERSTOOD HIS DESTINY

- *John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world (nations) that He gave His only begotten son, (Son of man and seed of David- Moshiach Ephraim first born Priest) that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life. God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, **but that the world through him might be saved.**" (Israel's kinsmen redeemer the descendant of David).*
- He did not save in a natural or physical sense, but died to atone for the sins of the mankind and save a man's soul, which is spiritually to redeem mankind. He came to Zion as the Priest the Lamb of God to pay the blood price of Israel's atonement, for the remission of sin.

# YAH SHOW'S NO PARTIALITY

- Josef's sons, born in Egypt, were accepted into the tribes of Israel. They became partakers of the covenants and inheritors of Israel's destiny.
- *Genesis 48:4-6 And said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. Now, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here, will be reckoned as mine, Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine." Thy offspring, which you begot after them, shall be yours; and they will be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance."*
- *Acts 10:34 "Peter opened his mouth and said, "In truth I perceive that God shown no partiality. But in every nation, whosoever fears Him, (the God of Israel) and works righteousness is accepted by Him.*
- *Acts 11:18 When they heard these things they became silent; and glorified Yah, saying "Then Yah has also granted the Gentile repentance to life."*

# BOTH GIVEN A NEW NAME AND A GENTILE BRIDE

- Yosef was given a new name and a Gentile Egyptian bride after being rejected by his Hebrew brothers.
- *Genesis 41:45*  
*"Pharaoh gave Yosef the New name Zaphenath - Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife."*
- Yosef took himself a Gentile Bride from the nations as did Moshe, David, Solomon Boaz. Also Yahshua all took a bride from the nations and surely many from the lost tribes of the Northern Kingdom of Israel heard His message and received Him!



# YAHSHUA GIVEN A GENTILE BRIDE

- Yahshua, son Yosef, will be given a new name and a bride from the nations while he had been rejected by his Hebrew brothers – (until....?)
- *John 3:29 'He who has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom who stands and hears him rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. "Let us rejoice, and give Him glory! The wedding of the Lamb has come his bride has made herself ready."*
- *Yahshua's New Name- Revelation 3:12 "Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the Name of My God and the name of the city of my God the new Jerusalem which is coming down out of heaven from my God and I will also write on him my new Name."*



# HALLMARKS OF MESSIAH

## PROPHECY FULFILLED

- 1. Born in Beith Lehem the city of David and lineage of King David.
- 2. He was heralded by Yochanan or John, to be the long awaited redeemer.
- 3. He was despised and rejected by men, just as the prophets foretold.
- 4. He said, "I have only been sent to the lost sheep of the 'House of Israel.'
- 5. He rode into the city on a donkey as foretold by the prophet Zechariah.
- 6. He offered Himself as a Passover sacrifice for the sins of Israel and nations.
- 7. He died on the 14th of Nissan on the Passover as the Lamb of God.
- 8. He was hated without a cause and rejected by the rulers of Israel.
- 9. Bound and nailed on a wooden crucifixion stake He cried; "Abba Father forgive them."
- 10. It is recorded that He rose on the third day and seen by many witnesses.

# HALLMARKS OF MESSIAH

## PROPHESY FULFILLED

- 11. He prophesied the destruction of the Temple and the exile of Israel.
- 12. If an impostor, He would have confessed His deception and saved himself.
- 13. He fulfilled the prophesy timeline of Daniel - the coming of the Messiah.
- 14. He redeemed the nations and gathered the outcasts of Israel into Covenant.
- 15. He fulfilled hundreds of prophesies in relation to the Messiah's destiny.
- 16. The sacrifices upon the altar ended after He died as the final sacrifice.
- 17. He had no power of exact timing of His death on 14th of Nissan Passover.
- 18. He had no power to predict what would happen to Jerusalem after his death. He brought forth the New Covenant recorded in **Jeremiah 31:31**
- 19. He had no power to instigate the continuation of His name and has deeds being handed down generation after generation for over two thousand years.
- 20. He had no power to change the lives of hundreds of millions of people from every tribe nation and tongue, to the ends of the earth and cause them to know the God of the Hebrews. He brought them into the New Covenant with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and He taught men to love and know their Maker!
- 21. He now lives as our High Priest, who makes intercession for us; and will return as King over all the nations and He will reign on His Throne on the right hand of God.

# THE MESSIAH RETURNS TO CLAIM HIS PEOPLE

