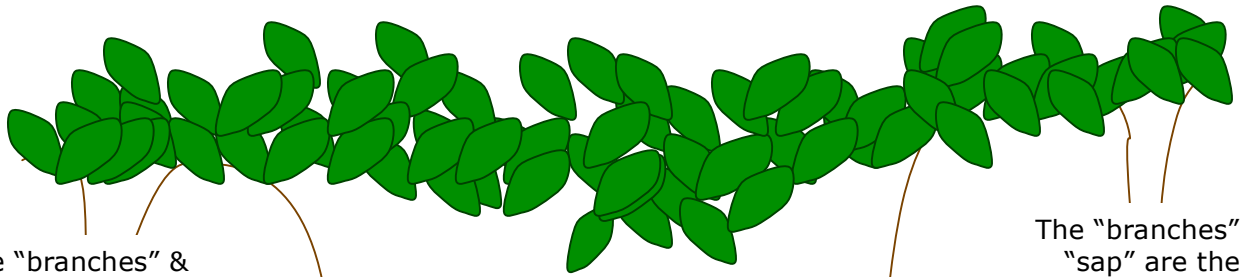


The Torah Tree: Roots, Trunk, Branches & Fruit



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WRITINGS

Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Chronicles

MISHNAH

Practical
How to apply to everyday life

Gamara (Talmud) & various rewrites

KAB-ALAH

Philosophical
How to think about spiritual things

Zohar & hundreds of individual works

PROPHETS

Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hoshea, Yoel, Amos, Ovadiah, Yona, Micha, Nachum, Habbakuk, Zephania, Chagai, Zecharia, Malachi

CHUMASH

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

The Chumash – The "5 Books of Moses" is the roots of the tree. The Books of Prophets and Writings form the trunk. The fruits of the tree are how it can lead to a happy, ethical, holy life (the Mishnah and Kabbalah). Could someone enjoy the fruits without the roots or trunk? The answer is that detached fruit is still edible, but it dries up. The closer one enjoys it to the tree, the juicier it will be.