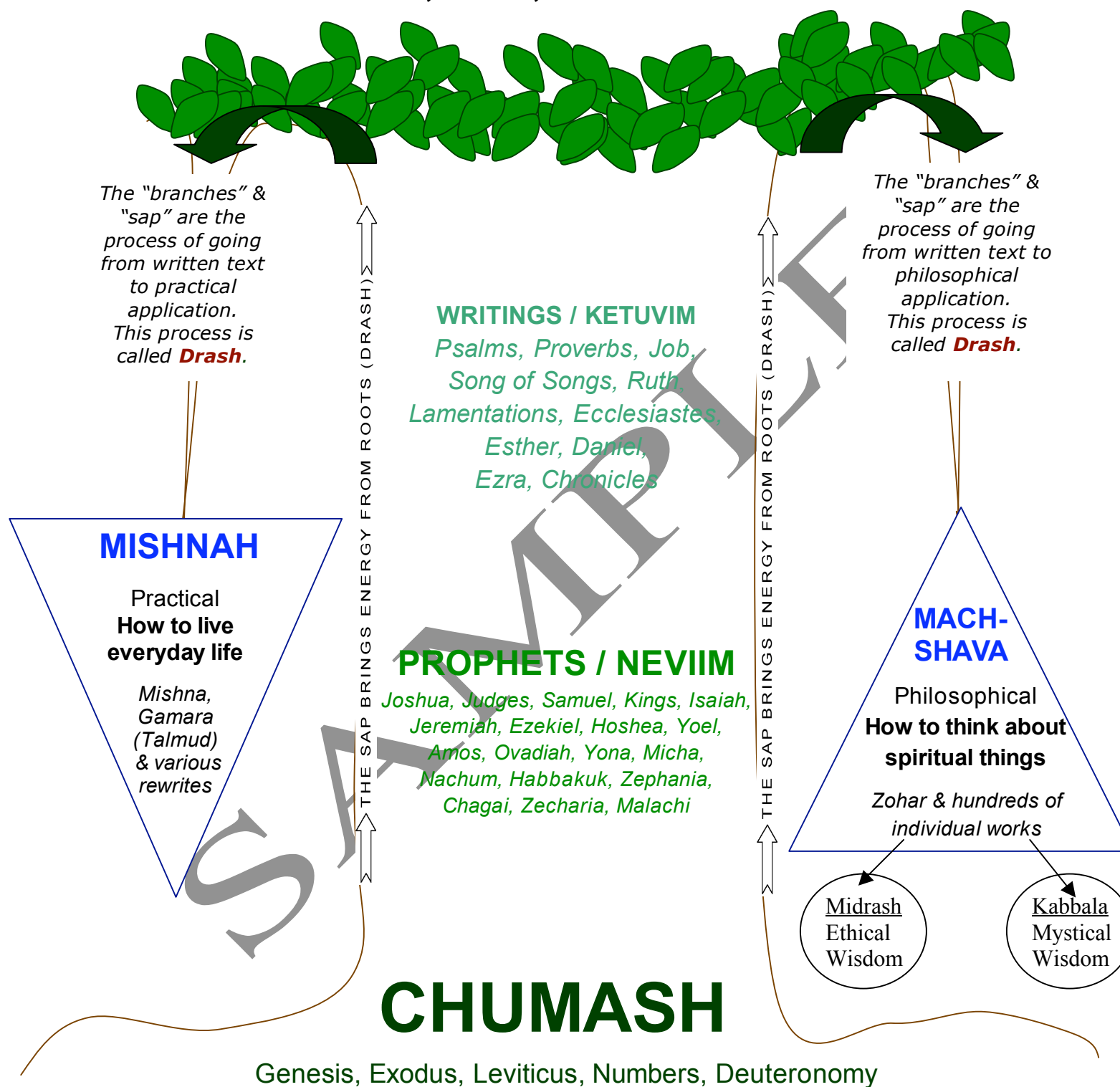


The Torah Tree: Roots, Trunk, Branches & Fruit



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 (Mishnah and Machshava). 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.