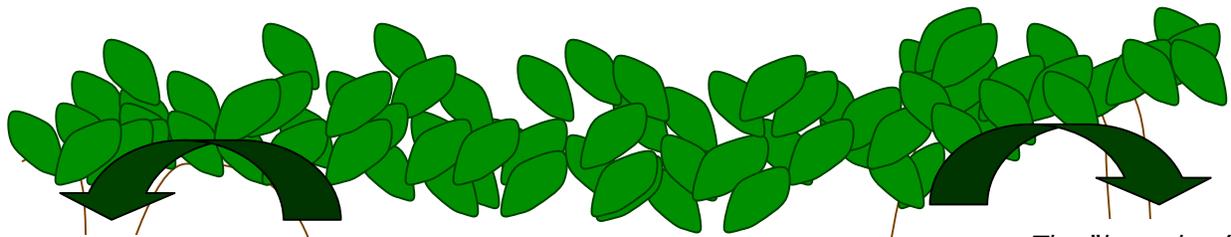




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**WRITINGS / KETUVIM**  
*Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Chronicles*

## MISHNAH

Practical  
**How to live everyday life**

*Mishna, Gemara (Talmud) & various rewrites*

## PROPHETS / NEVIIM

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

## MACH-SHAVA

Philosophical  
**How to think about spiritual things**

*Zohar & hundreds of individual works*

Midrash  
Ethical Wisdom

Kabbala  
Mystical Wisdom

# 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 (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.*