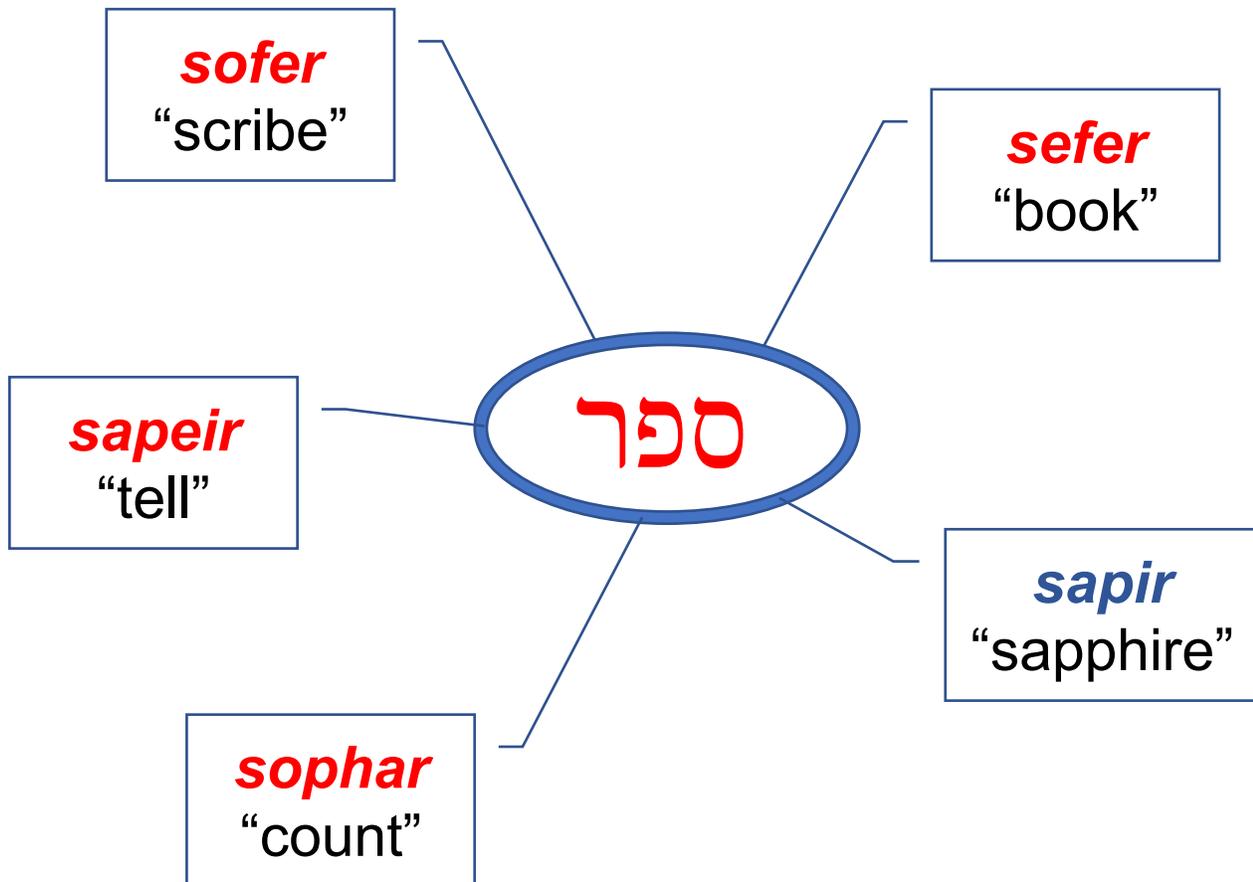


The Torah Project

Genesis 45



Exodus 24:7-10

Then he took the book of the covenant and read *it* in the hearing of the people; and they said, “All that Adonai has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient!” So Moses took the blood and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant, which Adonai has made with you in accordance with all these words.” Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself.



Luke 24:27

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Exodus 15:14-16

The peoples have heard, they tremble; anguish has gripped the inhabitants of Philistia. Then the chiefs of Edom **were dismayed**; the leaders of Moab, trembling grips them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. Terror and dread fall upon them; By the greatness of Your arm they are motionless as stone; Until Your people pass over, O Adonai, until the people pass over whom You have purchased.

Isaiah 30:20

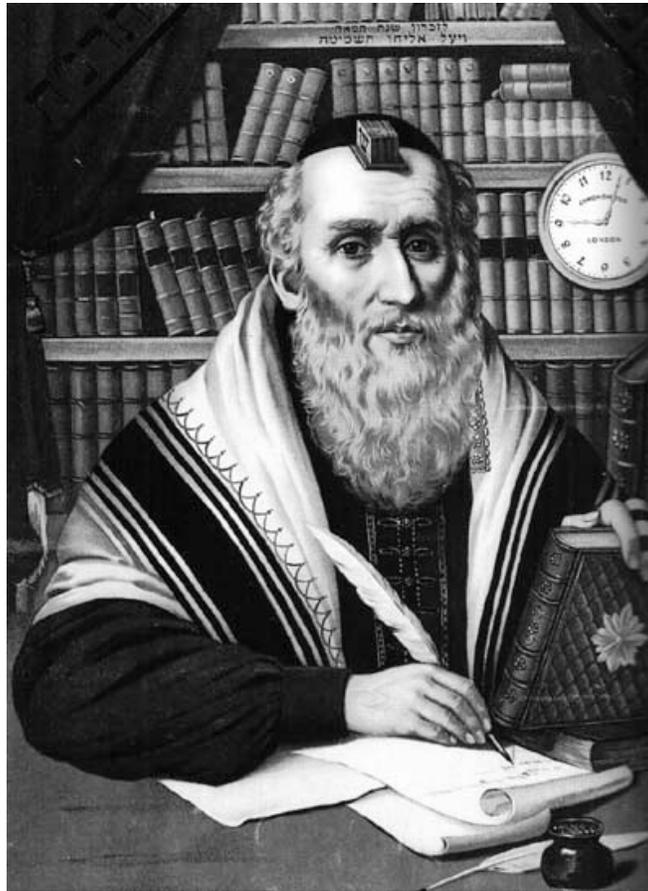
Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, *He*, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher.

Genesis 45:7-8

“God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God...”

Was this God’s Sovereignty?

or **Man’s Free Will?**



The Vilna Gaon

R' Eliyahu ben Shlomo Zalman
(1720-1797)

יוסף בני חי
“My son Joseph lives!”

“Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.” (Gen. 42:8) – *This is one of the traits of Yosef not only in his own generation, but in every generation, i.e., that Mashiach ben Yosef recognizes his brothers, but they do not recognize him. This is the work of Satan, who hides the characteristics of Mashiach ben Yosef so that the foot-steps of the Mashiach are not recognized and are even belittled because of our many sins. Otherwise, our troubles would already have ended. Were Israel to recognize Yosef... then we would already have been redeemed with a complete redemption.”*

∞ The Vilna Gaon

2 Corinthians 3:14-16

But their thoughts were darkened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Messiah. But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.



The Chofetz Chaim
R' Yisrael Meir Kagan
(1838-1933)

When Joseph said, "I am Joseph," God's master plan became clear to the brothers. They had no more questions. Everything that had happened for the last twenty-two years fell into perspective. So, too, will it be in the time to come when God will reveal Himself and announce, "I am Adonai!" The veil will be lifted from our eyes and we will comprehend everything that transpired throughout history.

∞ Chafetz Chaim (1838-1933)