

### 1. Four Senses of Scripture Exist within both Judaism and Christianity:

- Scripture is written in layers.

Jewish	Christian
1. <i>Pesbat</i> – literal, direct, simple	1. Literal
2. <i>Remez</i> – hint, allegorical, symbolic	2. Allegorical
3. <i>Drash</i> – to seek, inquire	3. Tropological – moral
4. <i>Sod</i> – secret, hidden	4. Anagogical – spiritual/mystical

### 2. PRDS = Hebrew Word for Orchard:

- Hebrew PRDS (פרדס)
  - A Persian "borrow word" for a "walled garden" or "park."
- The translators of the Septuagint – the Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible (ca. 250 BC) – translated "garden" (Hebrew – *gan*) in Genesis 2:8 – as paradise.
- *Pardes* is used three times in the Hebrew Bible (Nehemiah 2:8, Song of Solomon 4:13, Ecclesiastes 2:5)

### 3. Fig Tree Symbolism:

- Capernaum = Hebrew *Kafar Nahum* = the Village (*kafar*) of Nahum
- Fig trees, with their broad leaves, provided needed shade from the hot Israel sun.
- Fig Trees provide a naturally sweet treat.
- The Fig Tree is a common metaphor for the Nation of Israel and the hope for the Messianic Kingdom.

"Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree,  
And no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken."

Micah 4:4

- Fig Trees provide a location for a Rabbi and his disciples to study Torah (Hebrew Bible)

The one who guards a fig tree will eat its fruit, and whoever protects their master will be honored.

Proverbs 27:18 (NIV)

#### 4. The Bible as an Orchard:

- The Bible is like an orchard that is full of fruit.
- We need a method to find and partake of that fruit.

#### 6. *Remez* example from John:

- Remez is a type of hint. But how one gives a hint is open to creativity. Anything that causes the reader/listener's mind to be reminded of a passage of scripture will bring up the totality of that scripture.
- When talking to the religious leaders – Priests, Teachers of the Law, or Pharisees – Jesus regularly quotes portions of scripture to point their minds to finish the verse or recognize the passage's greater context.

#### 7. First Principles or First Use:

- Genesis is a foundational book of the Bible. When a concept or word is used in Genesis, it becomes the foundation for other uses or interpretations throughout the Bible.
- What is the first time the Hebrew word for love (H: *Ahav* – אהב) is used?
  - Genesis 22:2 – the story of Abraham and Isaac.
- What is the first (of 37) time John uses Love?
  - John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world"