Vayikra Rabbah 1

The prophets are called 'mal'akim'. This is indicated by what is written, And He sent a messenger (mal'ak), and brought us forthout of Egypt, etc. (Num. XX. 16). Was it then an angel of the Lord? Surely it was Moses! Why then does it call him 'mal'ak'? In fact, from this one learns that the prophets are called 'mal'akim'. Similarly it says, And the messenger (mal'ak) of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim (Judg. II. 1). Was it then an angel? Surely it was Phinehas! Why then does it call him 'mal'ak'? The truth is, said R. Simon, that...