

The 10 RashiYomi Rules

Their presence in Rashis in VaYiQRaH

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The goal of the Weekly Rashi Digest is to use the weekly Torah portion to expose students at all levels to the ten major methods of Rashi's commentary. Continual weekly exposure to these ten major methods facilitate the acquisition, familiarity, and facility with the major exegetical methods.

Hi

This year I am focusing on parallelism, that is, those Rashis that can be derived from tabular representations of verses.

Welcome to the Lilly Garden, the beautiful name by which the mystics called the book of VaYiQRaH. Why did they call it this? Because its laws are not based on Boolean logic but rather on the nuances of parallelism. In Hebrew, advice is a tree (aytzah-aytz), a paragraph is a branch, and a word is a leaf (milah, meliloth). The nuances of a word are the petals giving fragrance in response to the zephyrs. As we stroll the beautiful Lilly Garden of VaYiQRaH we will see many charming Lilly petals and the laws they correspond to.

Let us begin.

I will attempt to send out the Parshah over a week in advance.

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Verse Code	Verse text	Rashi Rule	Rashi Subrule	Rashi Rule code	Derivation of Rashi Comment From Biblical Text Using the Rashi Rule and Subrule
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Parallelism *Daily Rashi* Lv01-14b,c Thur-Fri Mar 30-31, 2017

Biblical Text, Rashi Text, Contribution of the Rashi

Newsletter: The Biblical verse, the Rashi comment and contribution of the Rashi Newsletter, that Rashi is using the **Parallelism method**, is all compactly summarized in the table below.

Text Lv01-14b,c	From	Adjective	Bird species
If the elevation offering comes from the birds, then let him offer it			
	from the		turtledoves
	or from the	children	pigeons
Rashi:		Adult turtledoves or children pigeons	

The Table and the Rashi comment should be clear

- Rashi, motivated by the parallelisms notes *pigeons* have an adjective *children* while *turtledoves* have no adjective
- So Rashi explains that if offering a pigeon it must be a child; if offering a turtledove it must be an adult
- This is all motivated by the parallelism which shows a difference of a word. This is consistent with the Lilly-petal hypothesis of the mystics that laws in Leviticus arise not from Boolean logic but from nuances of parallelism, the fragrance of petals.

Parallelism-Synonyms *Daily Rashi Lv02-05a,7a Sat, Sun Apr 1,2 2017*

Biblical, Rashi Text: *The Biblical and Rashi text are compactly summarized in the table below.*

Source	Meal Offering	Cooked in?	Made of flour/oil	End result is like....
Lv02-05	If you offer a meal offering	on a frying pan,	let it be of flour mixed with oil	let it be matzoh
Lv02-07	If you offer a meal offering	in a pot,	let it be made of flour in oil	
Rashi:		Frying pan is shallow; oil is burned up and flour is cooked hard (like matzoh) Pot is deep; flour bubbles in oil giving a soft texture		Frying pan produces a hard-matzoh like product. Pot produces a softer product since the flour bubbles in the oil.

Notice that this result uses both the **Synonym method** and the **Parallelism method**. Also, note that although bread is prohibited in the Temple (so all flour is like matzoh) this is only emphasized by the frying pan.

Parallelism-Reference *Daily Rashi Lv03-07a Mon Apr 3, 2017*

The Biblical text, the Rashi text, and the contribution of Rashi and the Rashi newsletter are compactly summarized in the Table below.

Verses	Topic of paragraph	What is offered	What is offered (continued)
Lv03-01:05	Cattle peace offering		* The fat that covers and is on the entrails, * The two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and * The appendage of the liver
Lv03-06:11	Lamb peace offering	The fat of the entire rump	* The fat that covers and is on the entrails, * The two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and * The appendage of the liver
Lv03-12:17	Goat peace offering		* The fat that covers and is on the entrails, * The two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and * The appendage of the liver

- Here again, Rashi uses the parallelism of paragraphs to note that lamb peace offerings have a unique offering, the rump.

THE 10 RASHI RULE CATEGORIES / THE 30 RASHIRULE

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I-REFERENCE: Dt26-05d We went down to Egypt with a few people explained by Gn46-27: with 70 people

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II-MEANING / Lexicography / Dictionary: EXAMPLE (Connectives) KI means

IF,PERHAPS,RATHER,BECAUSE,WHEN,THAT (Rashi on Gn18-15a Gn24-33a) **EXAMPLE (Nuances):** YDA means FAMILIAR, not KNOW (eg Dt34-10a) eg Gn04-01 Adam was FAMILIAR with his wife **EXAMPLE (Idioms)** ON THE FACE OF means DURING THE LIFETIME (Rashi on Nu03-04a Gn11-28a Ex20-03c Dt05-

07a) **EXAMPLE (Synonyms)** *Marchesheth* means pot; *Machavath* means frying pan (Lv02-05a, 07a) **EXAMPLE (Homonyms)** SHAMAH can mean listen, hear, understand: (Gn42-23a) *They didn't appreciate that Joseph understood them* (Note: They knew he was listening) **EXAMPLE (Metonymy)** (Lv02-11a) *Don't offer ...any honey as sacrifices* RASHI: *honey* includes any sweet fruit juice

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III-GRAMMAR: EXAMPLE: BA-ah means CAME;ba-AH means COMING(Gn46-26a)

EXAMPLE: Hitpael conjugation has different rules if 1st root letter is Tzade (Gn44-16a)

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IV-PARALLELISM: (Ex20-04) Dont **POSSESS** the gods of others Dont **MAKE** idols RASHI: So both **POSSESSion & MAKING** of idols are prohibited

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V-CONTRADICTION: (Nu04-03, Nu08-24a)Levites start Temple work at 25; Levites start temple work at 30. RASHI: They apprentice at 25 but start actual service at 30.

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VI-STYLE: RABBI ISHMAEL RULES: EXAMPLE: (Simple verses should be generalized): (Rashi Pesachim 6) (Dt25-04a) *Dont MUZZLE an OX while THRESHING* RASHI: Dont STOP any WORKING ANIMAL from eating

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VII-FORMATTING: EXAMPLE (BOLD indicated by Repetition): Ex12-09c) COOK COOK it in water (So COOKED-COOKED is understood the same way bold is understood by modern reader) RASHI: Preferred to COOK it in water; But COOK it at all costs(Even if you don't have water) **EXAMPLE: (BULLETS indicated by Repeating keywords)** (Ex03-11a) Who am I - **THAT** I should go to Pharaoh - **THAT** I should take the Jews out of Egypt RASHI: Repeated word **THAT** creates BULLET effect - Pharaoh was a difficult king (Bullet one) - Jews were not yet ready for freedom (Bullet two) **EXAMPLE (Climax assumed in any Biblical list):** (Dt19-11a) *If a man HATES, SPIES, CONFRONTS & KILLS.* RASHI: Bible identifies 4 stages to murder(indicated by capped words

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VIII-DATABASE: EXAMPLE: *God spoke to Moses to say over* introduces about 7 dozen biblical commandments; *God spoke to Aaron to say over* only introduces 2 commandments. RASHI: (Lv10-03b) Aaron was silent when his sons died because they served in the Temple drunk; hence he merited that the commandment prohibiting priests to work in the Temple drunk, was given to him

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IX-NON VERSE: EXAMPLE: (Use of Algebra)(Ex38-26b) *Temple donations of silver were 100 Kikar and 1775 Shekel from 630,550 half-shekels* RASHI: So one Kikar of silver = 3000 Shekel.

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X: SYMBOLISM: EXAMPLE: (Use of puns) Moses made a copper snake for people to look up to when bitten by snakes (so they should pray and recover) RASHI: (Nu21-09a) The Hebrew root for copper and snake are identical (Cf. The English *copperhead*) Moses made the metal snake copper colored to symbolize the snake