

# Rules of Jewish Hermeneutics

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The Torah is understood and interpreted according to the level being discussed. The Torah can be understood on **four** levels, while other writings may be confined to only **one** level. For example, Sefer Beresheet (the book of Genesis) can be understood on all **four** levels, while for example, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Sefer Matitياهو (Matthew) are much better understood on the *Drash* level. Also, all of the Prophets are better understood as a minimum at the *Remes* level. The following chart details these **four** levels.

פרדס	פשוט	רמז	דרש	סוד
PaRDeS	P'shat	Remes	Drash	Sod
Definition	Simple	Hint	Explore - Ask	Secret
Literary level	Grammatical Literal	Allegory (Rhetorical)	Parable Metaphor	Mystical Metaphysical Spiritual
Audience level	Common People	Nobles (Lawyers, Judges, Scientists)	Kingly (Civil Servants, Political Scientists, Diplomatic Corps)	Mystics (Psychologists)
Hermeneutic level	7 Hillel Laws	13 Ishmael Laws	32 Ben Gallil Laws	42 Zohar Laws
Rabbinic level	Mishna	Gemara	Midrash	Zohar
Gospel	Marqos (Mark), Jude 1 & 2 Peter	I and II Luqas (Luke, Acts) Paul's Epistles	Matitياهو (Matthew)	Yochanan (John) 1, 2, 3, and Revelation
Presentation	HaShem's Servant	Son of Man (Prophet)	The King (Messiah)	Son of G-D (Judge)

## P'shat –

The best Jewish commentator at this level is **Rashi** (Rabbi **Shlomo Itzchaqi**), born in Troyes, France on February 22, 1040 and died on July 13, 1105, at age 65. His resting place is Troyes, France. Rashi was a medieval French rabbi and author of a comprehensive commentary on the Talmud and commentary on the whole Tanakh. Acclaimed for his ability to present the basic meaning of the text in a concise and lucid fashion, Rashi appeals to both learned scholars and beginning students, and his works remain a centerpiece of contemporary Jewish study. The best place to get all of Rashi's commentaries on the Tanakh and his own translation of the Hebrew text can be found at:

- **Judaica Press Complete Tanakh with Rashi on CD-ROM**  
By: Davka Corporation ([http://davka.com/software/bible?product\\_id=75](http://davka.com/software/bible?product_id=75))  
Price: About \$ 50.- (August 2014)

Other celebrated Rabbi's who specialized on the P'shat level commentary on the Torah, and who at times contradicted Rashi or added to his comments can be found on:

- **Hachut HaMeshulash Torah Commentary (6 vols. Hardcover)**  
By Rabbi Chananel, Rabbi Shemuel ben Meir (Rashbam),  
Rabbi David Kimchi (R'dak), Rabbi Ovadia Seforno (S'forno)  
Translated by Rabbi Eliyahu Munk  
Lambda Publishers, Brooklyn, New York, 2003  
Available from:  
[http://www.mysefer.com/product.asp?numPageStartPosition=1&P\\_ID=943&strPageHistory=cat&strKeywords=&strSearchCriteria=&PT\\_ID=265](http://www.mysefer.com/product.asp?numPageStartPosition=1&P_ID=943&strPageHistory=cat&strKeywords=&strSearchCriteria=&PT_ID=265)  
Price: About \$ 150.- (August 2014)
- **Ibn Ezra's Commentary on the Pentateuch: Genesis (Bereshit) Hardcover – May 1, 1988**  
by [H. Norman Strickman](#) (Author), [Abraham Ben Meir Ibn Ezra](#) (Author), [Arthur M. Silver](#) (Author)  
**Publisher:** Menorah Pub Co; 1 ED edition (May 1988)  
**ISBN-10:** 0932232078  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 45.- (August 2014)
- **Ibn Ezra's Commentary on the Pentateuch: Exodus (Shemot) Hardcover – May 1, 1997**  
by [Abraham Ben Meir Ibn Ezra](#) (Author), [H. Norman Strickman](#) (Author, Translator), [Arthur M. Silver](#) (Author, Translator)  
**Publisher:** Menorah Pub Co; 1 ED edition (May 1997)  
**ISBN-10:** 0932232086  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 65.- (August, 2014)
- **Ibn Ezra's Commentary On The Pentateuch: Leviticus Hardcover – September 30, 2004**  
**Publisher:** Menorah Pub Co (September 30, 2004)  
**ISBN-10:** 0932232116  
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- **Ibn Ezra's Commentary on the Pentateuch:Numbers (Series 4) Hardcover – February 1, 1999**  
by [Abraham Ben Meir Ibn Ezra](#) (Author), [Arthur M. Silver](#) (Author), [H. Norman Strickman](#) (Author), [Silver](#) (Author)  
**Publisher:** Bloch Pub Co; 1 edition (February 1, 1999)  
**ISBN-10:** 0932232094  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 40.- (August 2014)
- **Ibn Ezra's Commentary on the Pentateuch: Deuteronomy (Devarim) Hardcover – November 1, 2001**  
by [Abraham Ben Meir Ibn Ezra](#) (Author), [H. Norman Strickman](#) (Author), [Arthur M. Silver](#) (Author)  
**Publisher:** Menorah Pub Co (November 2001)  
**ISBN-10:** 0932232108

Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 45.- (August 2014)

A very instructive set on the whole Tanakh by the hand of a Spanish Sefardi Rabbi in Turkey is

- **Me'Am Lo'Ez – Torah Anthology : 45 Volumes**  
By Rabbi Ya'aqob Culi  
Moznaim Publishing Company  
(volumes can be bought on this series one at a time from:  
[http://www.mysefer.com/prodtype.asp?strPageHistory=cat&PT\\_ID=75](http://www.mysefer.com/prodtype.asp?strPageHistory=cat&PT_ID=75))

## Remes

The best commentary on the Tanakh in Remes is the Talmud itself and the Rambam (only on the Torah). On the Talmudic commentary on the Torah see:

- **The Torah Revealed: Talmudic Masters Unveil the Secrets of the Bible**  
by Avraham Yaakov Finkel (Jan 20, 2004)  
Publisher: Jossey-Bass; 1 edition (January 20, 2004)  
ISBN-10: 0787969206  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 30.- (August 2014)

The most ancient and classical Commentary on Torah Interpretation from an allegorical point of view is that of Philo of Alexandria (c. 20 BCE – c. 50 CE).

- **The Works of Philo: Complete and Unabridged, New Updated Edition Hardcover**  
by C. D. Yonge  
Publisher: Hendrickson Publishers (August 1, 1993)  
ISBN-10: 0943575931  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 16.- (August 2014)

The so called King of Remes interpretation of the Torah is **Rabbi Moshe ben Nahman** (the Ramban) a Catalan (Spanish) Rabbi, philosopher, physician, Kabbalist and biblical commentator (1194 – 1270). There are two editions of his monumental commentary. Personally I prefer:

- **Ramban (Nachmanides): Commentary on the Torah (5 Vol. Set) S/C Paperback – December 13, 2010**  
Publisher: Judaica Pr (December 13, 2010)  
ISBN-10: 1607630494  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 90.- (August 2014)

Also in this vein:

- **Writings of the Ramban/Nachmanides: Translated and Annotated (2 Volume Set) Hardcover**  
Publisher: Judaica Pr (March 4, 2010)  
ISBN-10: 1607630206  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 42.- (August, 2014)

Another great work on a Remes Commentary on the Torah comes by the pen of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch (June 20, 1808 – December 31, 1888) was a German Rabbi best known as the intellectual founder of the Torah im Derech Eretz school of contemporary Orthodox Judaism. Occasionally termed neo-Orthodoxy, his philosophy, together with that of Azriel Hildesheimer, has had a considerable influence on the development of Orthodox Judaism.

- **The Hirsch Chumash: Complete Set (5 vols. Larger Format) Hardcover**  
by Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch (Author)  
Publisher: Feldheim, Judaica Press (2014)  
ISBN-10: 159826110X  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 200.- (August 2014)

A smaller work by the pen of Rabbi Ya'aqov ben Rabbenu Asher (R'osh) the author of the Tur:

- **Tur on the Torah Hardcover – (4 vols.)**  
by Yaakov Ben Asher (Author)  
Translated by: Rabbi Eliyahu Munk  
Publisher: Urim Publications  
Available from: from:  
[http://www.mysefer.com/product.asp?numPageStartPosition=1&P\\_ID=2629&strPageHistory=cat&strKeywords=&strSearchCriteria=&PT\\_ID=265](http://www.mysefer.com/product.asp?numPageStartPosition=1&P_ID=2629&strPageHistory=cat&strKeywords=&strSearchCriteria=&PT_ID=265) for about \$ 140.- (August 2014)

Also very important dealing with allegory and Mussar:

- **Midrash of Rabbi Moshe Alshich on the Torah (English-3 vol.)**  
by Moshe Alshich (Author), Eliyahu Munk (translator)  
**Publisher:** Urim Publications; 2nd Rev edition (January 1, 2000)  
**ISBN-10:** 9657108136  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 71.- (August 2014)

## Laws of Peshat and Remes Hermeneutics

The simplest yet in-depth treatment of these laws of Jewish hermeneutics are explained in the following book:

- **The Written and Oral Torah: A Comprehensive Introduction**  
by Nathan T. Lopes Cardozo  
Publisher: Jason Aronson, Inc. (March 31, 1998)  
ISBN-10: 0765759896  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 50.- (August 2014)

For a more Academic treatment see:

- **Introduction to the Talmud and Midrash Paperback – June 1, 1992**  
by Hermann L. Strack (Author), Gunter Stemberger (Author), Markus Bockmuehl (Translator)  
Publisher: Fortress Press; Reprint edition (June 1, 1992)  
ISBN-10: 0800625242

Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 30.- (August 2014)

From a Christian Academic Perspective see:

- **The Reading and Preaching of the Scriptures in the Worship of the Christian Church, Volume 1: The Biblical Period Paperback – February 11, 1998**  
by [Hughes Oliphant Old](#) (Author)  
Publisher: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; First Edition edition (February 11, 1998)  
ISBN-10: 0802843565  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 25.- (August 2014)

And:

- **Biblical Exegesis in the Apostolic Church**  
by Mr. Richard N. Longenecker  
Publisher: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; Revised edition (March 1, 1999) Paperback  
ISBN-10: 0802843018  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 25.- (August 2014)

## Midrash

On the Torah and the 5 scrolls see:

- **Midrash Rabbah (10 Vol. Set) Hardcover – December 1, 1992**  
by Harry Freedman (Author), Maurice Simon (Editor)  
Publisher: Soncino Pr Ltd (December 1, 1992)  
ISBN-10: 0900689382  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 270.- (August 2014)
- **Midrash Tanhuma–Yelammedenu: An English Translation of Genesis and Exodus from the Printed Version of Tanhuma–Yelammedenu With an Introduction, Notes, and Indexes Hardcover**  
by [Samuel A. Berman](#) (Editor)  
Publisher: Ktav Pub Inc (March 1996)  
ISBN-10: 0881254002  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 86.- (August 2014)
- **Metsudah Midrash Tanchuma– 8 vol. Set Hardcover**  
by Rabbi Avraham Davis (Author)  
Publisher: Metsudah Publications (March 11, 2007)  
ISBN-10: 1600910297 [Rabbi Avraham Davis](#) (Author)  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 127.- (August 2014)

A mixed bag commentary (P'shat, Remes, Drash and So'od), although tilting more usually to Drash but very precious:

- **Torah Commentary by Rabbi Bachya ben Asher (English–7 vol.)**  
Translated by Rabbi Eliyahu Munk  
Publisher: Urim Pubns; 2 edition (April 2003)

ISBN-10: 9657108454

Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 190.- (August 2014)

On the Psalms:

- **The Midrash on Psalms: Vol. 13 (vols. 1 & 2) (Yale Judaica Series) Hardcover**  
by Leon Nemoy (Ed.), Saul Lieberman (Ed.), Harry A. Wolfson (Editor), William G. Braude (Translator)  
Publisher: Yale University Press (September 10, 1959)  
ISBN-10: 0300003226  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 95.- (August 2014)

On Proverbs:

- **The Midrash on Proverbs (Yale Judaica Series) Hardcover**  
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Publisher: Yale University Press; annotated edition edition (February 26, 1992)  
ISBN-10: 0300051077  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 54.- (August 2014)

On the Festivals:

- **Pesikta Derab Kahana Hardcover**  
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Publisher: The Jewish Publication Society; 2 edition (March 1, 2002)  
ISBN-10: 0827606796  
  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 54.- (August 2014)
- **Pesikta Rabbati: Homiletical Discourses for Festal Days and Special Sabbaths 1 & 2 (Yale Judaica Series) Hardcover**  
by [Leon Nemoy](#) (Editor), [Saul Lieberman](#) (Editor), [Harry A. Wolfson](#) (Editor), [William G. Braude](#) (Translator)  
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Halakhic Midrash on the Book of Exodus:

- **Mekhilta de-Rabbi Ishmael, 2 volume set Hardcover – September 1, 2004**  
by [Jacob Z. Lauterbach](#) (Translator), [Dr. David M. Stern](#) (Foreword)  
**Publisher:** Jewish Publication Society; 2 edition (September 2004)  
**ISBN-10:** 0827606788  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 90.- (August 2014)
- **Mekhilta de-Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai (Edward E. Elson Classic) Hardcover**  
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- **Sifra on Leviticus, according to Vatican Manuscript Assemani 66...Volume III : Variants from other Manuscripts, Early Printed Editions and Quotations by Medieval Authorities Hardcover**  
by Louis Finkelstein (Author)  
Publisher: Jewish Theological Seminary of America (1983)  
ASIN: B004X1TI4Q  
Available at Amazon.com for about \$ 30.- (August 2014)

#### Halakhic Midrash to the Book of Numbers:

- **Sifre Zutta to Numbers Paperback**  
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Language: English  
ISBN-10: 0761844031  
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#### Halakhic Midrash on the Book of Deuteronomy:

- **Sifre: A Tannaitic Commentary on the Book of Deuteronomy (Yale Judaica Series) Hardcover**  
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Publisher: The Jewish Publication Society; 1ST edition (July 1, 2002)

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- **Parables in Midrash: Narrative and Exegesis in Rabbinic Literature Paperback**  
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- **Yedid Nefesh: Introduction to Kabbalah based on Rabbi Haim Moshe Luzatto's Kalach Pitchei Hochma Hardcover**  
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