

NAVIGATION:

HOW DO I NAVIGATE/FIND SOMETHING?

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If you are interested in a particular Rashi, or, if you are interested in a particular Rashi theme, this document will help you possibly locate it. I say *possibly* since there are 7800 comments by Rashi and we have only explained about 7%; thus, many Rashis are not there. We plan to explain all Rashi comments and we plan to finish by 2050 maybe sooner.

Step 1 – Rashi ID, Verse ID: An example may be best. Consider **Gn18-04c**. This is interpreted as the 3rd Rashi (Rashi **c**) in the 4th verse (**04**) in chapter **18 (18)** of the book of Genesis (**Gn**). The books of the Torah are abbreviated **Gn, Ex, Lv, Nu, Dt**. If you open a Chumash, open Genesis, turn to Chapter 18 and look up verse 4, you will find several Rashi comments. The 3rd Rashi comment explains that *under the tree* means *under the oak tree*. If you aren't sure about how to count the Rashi comments you can use Gn18-04.

A simple **CONTROL F** will help you find **Gn18-04c** if it is in the database. If it isn't you can always email Rashiyomi@GMail.Com and say you would like this Rashi done. All questions to the website are answered promptly.

Step 2 – Brief explanation: On the row with the Rashi you are looking for, you can visit the **Brief Explanation** column. It might have a short explanation of the Rashi comment. Or, it might have a link to a posting that explains it. To understand this, note that some Rashis are **quickies** and can be explained quickly. Contrastively, some Rashis involve explaining a paragraph in which there are many Rashi comments. To explain the paragraph, we typically need a posting.

Step 3 – Quicky/Paragraph: You can double check in the column **Quicky? Paragraph?** to see if this particular Rashi is either a quicky or a paragraph. If it is neither then chances are that the entire explanation is in English in the **Brief explanation** column.

Steps 4,5 – Text of Biblical Verse; Hebrew word: Sometimes Rashi will focus on just one verse without a paragraph: If so, you can find the verse in the **Text of Biblical Verse** column. If Rashi is explaining a Hebrew word, you can find the transliteration of that word in the **Hebrew word** column.

Steps 6,7 – Rashi Pedagogic Category/Rashi rule: These two columns contain the general category of Rashi explanation and the particular rule in that category. For example, **GRAMMAR-PREPOSITION** would indicate that this Rashi explains the meaning of prepositional connectives. As an example, the Hebrew word *ki* has several meanings such as *if, when, because, rather, possibly, perhaps*. These columns or at least the **category** column may be linked to brief one-pagers explaining the Rashi pedagogic category.

Step 8 – Additional Comments: Besides the explanation in either the link or English narrative, there might be additional comments which can be found in the **Additional Comments** column.

Step 9: Similar Rashis: Very often, Rashi says similar things in several Rashis. The **Similar Rashi** column may contain a list of these similar Rashis.