

Rashi

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Rashi occupies a unique place in the Jewish world as he provides the Jewish people with the tools to understand and analyze the text of the Torah. Arranged according to an aleph-bet sequence, *The Family Rashi Book* is a series of questions whose answers are found within the text of Rashi. Its format systematically facilitates reviewing Rashi's commentary for the weekly Torah portions while customizing it for a variety of ages to enjoy. Part of the Jewish Encounter series *From Elie*

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Wiesel, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, comes a magical book that introduces us to the towering figure of Rashi—Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki—the great biblical and Talmudic commentator of the Middle Ages. Wiesel brilliantly evokes the world of medieval European Jewry, a world of profound scholars and closed communities ravaged by outbursts of anti-Semitism and decimated by the Crusades. The incomparable scholar Rashi, whose phrase-by-phrase explication of the oral law has been included in every printing of the Talmud since the fifteenth century, was also a spiritual and religious leader: His perspective, encompassing both the mundane and the profound, is timeless. Wiesel's Rashi is a heartbroken witness to the suffering of his people, and through his responses to major religious questions of the day we see still another side of this greatest of all interpreters of the sacred writings. Both beginners and advanced students of the Bible rely on Rashi's groundbreaking commentary for simple text explanations and Midrashic interpretations. Wiesel, a descendant of Rashi, proves an incomparable guide who enables us to appreciate both the lucidity of Rashi's writings and the milieu in which they were formed.

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The commentary on the Torah of the eleventh-

century French rabbi, Solomon Yishaqi of Troyes (better known as Rashi), is one of the major texts of mediaeval Judaism. Rashi's commentary has enjoyed an almost canonical status among many traditional Jews from mediaeval times to the present day. The popularity of his Torah commentary is often ascribed to Rashi's skillful combination of traditional midrashic interpretations of Scripture with observations on the language employed therein. In this respect, Rashi is often presented as a linguist or grammarian. This book presents a critical reappraisal of this issue through a close reading of Rashi's commentary on the book of Deuteronomy. Falling into two major sections, Part One (Contexts) presents a theoretical framework for the detailed study in Part Two (Texts), which forms the main core of the book by presenting a detailed analysis of Rashi's commentary on the book of Deuteronomy. The Lubavitcher Rebbe developed a unique approach to the study of Rashi, the primary Torah commentator. With stunning attention to Rashi's linguistic precision, the Rebbe unwrapped often enigmatic phrases, revealing the depth of their meaning, and, in the process, cast a brilliantly luminous light on his commentary that uncovered myriad halachic, philosophic and mystical insights. In the Studies in Rashi series, four such commentaries are explored with fully vocalized Hebrew and a nimble English translation. Clever use of

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subheadings reveals the underlying structure of the Rebbe's argument. Spare but point-driven notes add clarity and context. *Studies in Rashi* is an excellent reference for teachers and students alike.

Rashi, the medieval French rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki (1040–1105), authored monumental commentaries on the Hebrew Bible and the Babylonian Talmud. With *The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary*, his commentary on the Torah—regarded as the most authoritative of all Torah commentaries—is finally accessible to the entire Jewish community. Steven and Sarah Levy quote from the biblical text in both Hebrew and English, highlight Rashi's comments relating to the parashah, and delve into his perceptive moral messages in the context of twenty-first-century dilemmas. Each portion features three essays with analysis and discussion questions that draw on universal human experiences, enabling families and Shabbat study groups to deepen their understanding of Rashi and the portion over the three Sabbath meals. Readers with little or no knowledge of Hebrew, the Torah, or Jewish practice will feel comfortable diving into this discussion commentary. All Hebrew terms are defined, quoted verses contextualized, and less familiar Jewish concepts explained.

Rashi's classic commentary on the Torah, presented with a level of clarity and understanding you never thought possible. What textual difficulty troubled Rashi? Why did he choose this particular comment? What of Ramban's objection? How does the Torah's
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both Chumash and Rashi on same page; English Rashi that can be read uninterruptedly, without interference of the Hebrew text; "integrated translations" of both Chumash and Rashi; explanatory footnotes; and more.

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Adapted from the author's adult novel, *Rashi's Daughters*, Book I: Joheved.

Rashi's commentary and the *Glossa Ordinaria* both developed in the late eleventh and early twelfth century with no known contact between them. Nevertheless, they shared a way of reading text that shaped their interpretations of the near-sacrifice of Isaac. This work compares them both with each other and their respective sources to show their similarity.

Winner of the Jewish Book Council Nahum M. Sarna Memorial Award in Scholarship This book explores the reception history of the most important Jewish Bible commentary ever composed, the *Commentary on the Torah of Rashi* (Shlomo Yitzhaki; 1040-1105). Though the *Commentary* has benefited from enormous scholarly attention, analysis of diverse reactions to it has been surprisingly scant. Viewing its path to preeminence through a diverse array of religious, intellectual, literary, and sociocultural lenses, Eric Lawee focuses on processes of the *Commentary's* canonization and on a hitherto unexamined--and wholly unexpected--feature of its reception: critical, and at times astonishingly harsh, resistance to it. Lawee shows how and why, despite such resistance, Rashi's interpretation of the Torah became an exegetical classic, a staple in the curriculum, a source of shared religious vocabulary for Jews across time and place, and a foundational text that shaped the Jewish nation's collective

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identity. The book takes as its larger integrating perspective processes of canonicity as they shape how traditions flourish, disintegrate, or evolve. Rashi's scriptural magnum opus, the foremost work of Franco-German (Ashkenazic) biblical scholarship, faced stiff competition for canonical supremacy in the form of rationalist reconfigurations of Judaism as they developed in Mediterranean seats of learning. It nevertheless emerged triumphant in an intense battle for Judaism's future that unfolded in late medieval and early modern times.

Investigation of the reception of the Commentary throws light on issues in Jewish scholarship and spirituality that continue to stir reflection, and even passionate debate, in the Jewish world today.

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Jewish women.

The book presents and discusses a large corpus of Jewish maps of the Holy Land that were drawn by Jewish scholars from the 11th to the 20th century, and thus fills a significant lacuna both in the history of cartography and in Jewish studies. The maps depict the biblical borders of the Holy Land, the allotments of the tribes, and the forty years of wanderings in the desert. Most of these maps are in Hebrew although there are several in Yiddish, Ladino and in European languages. The book focuses on four aspects: it presents an up-to-date corpus of known maps of various types and genres; it suggests a classification of these maps according to their source, shape and content; it presents and analyses the main topics that were depicted in the maps; and it puts the maps in their historical and cultural contexts, both within the Jewish world and the sphere of European cartography of their time. The book is an innovative contribution to the fields of history of cartography and Jewish studies. It is written for both professional readers and the general public. The Hebrew edition (2014), won the Izhak Ben-Zvi Prize.

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The multi-faceted words of Rashi contain eye-opening insights into the Book of Esther. In this unique volume, the author takes the reader on a journey deep into the words of Rashi, to uncover the wisdom and truths they contain. In his original, step-by-step style, the author--together with the reader--uncovers each precious word of Rashi's commentary, revealing the layers of intent they conceal. A new dimension to understanding Megillas Esther. Includes the full Megillah reading and brochos. Deepen your joy and understanding of Purim with this fascinating megillah!

A new look at Rashi's innovative commentary that sheds unique light on medieval Jewish and Christian learning and Bible interpretation.

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In 2004, Mayer Gruber's landmark Rashi's Commentary on Psalms made one of the 11th-century scholar's most important works accessible to a larger audience for the first time. The JPS paperback edition of this exceptional volume includes the complete original Hebrew text and acclaimed linguist Mayer Gruber's contemporary English translation and supercommentary. Fully annotated by Gruber, Rashi's Commentary on Psalms places Rashi, the most influential Hebrew biblical commentator of all time, in the larger context of biblical exegesis. Gruber identifies Rashi's sources, pinpoints the exegetical questions to which Rashi responds, defines the nuances of Rashi's terminology, and guides the reader to use the English translation as a tool to access the original Hebrew text. Gruber's extensive introduction takes a critical look at Rashi and his enduring legacy.

The magic spell cast by Rashi on the Jewish nation over eight centuries ago continues to enlighten and enchant us. What is the secret of Rashi's commentary? How can we comprehend Rashi's greatness? The renowned author of *What's Bothering Rashi?* now presents clear methodological principles for unlocking Rashi's commentary. *Rashi: The Magic and the Mystery* explicates the analytical tools necessary for probing Rashi's Torah commentary in depth. The reader will find answers to such questions as: Why does Rashi define simple words? Why does Rashi change the wording of midrashim that he quotes? Given that both Rashi and his grandson Rashbam were committed to pshat interpretation, how can we understand the disparities in their commentaries? How do Rashi's goals for his commentary

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differ from the goals of the Midrash?The student will find here rules never-before elucidated, complete with numerous examples. In addition, the book contains a brief biography of Rashi, illustrating how Rashi s character influenced his commentary. After reading the book the reader will see Rashi s commentary in a brighter light and gain a clearer appreciation of Rashi s genius."

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