

Next steps in Chumash



*Think about the word
carefully before
breaking it down.*

The מ at the beginning of
משפחה is not a prefix.

“EXPLAIN”

does not mean

“TRANSLATE”

...I know what it means,
but what does it mean ?

Where you can,
give examples
from other places
to support your answers

When explaining
Rashi, do not just
give his question
but also give
the reason he asks it.

*Read your work back
to yourself to ensure
makes it sense.*

Translating whole
phrases in one go
does not tell me you
understand the
individual words
and parts of words.

Use Hebrew
instead of English:

*e.g. "צַדִּיק" instead of
"tzaddik."*

Be careful not to find
prefixes and suffixes
that are not there.

e.g. the last "ד"

in "דִּנְצִדִּ".

Now that you have
found some shoroshim
in the text, find:
verbs that have the same shorosh
in different forms,
and verbs
that appear only once,
or only in one form.

*Next time, before having a go
at finding shoroshim
and prefixes & suffixes,*

first

*look carefully for words where
you might make a mistake*

(e.g. this word (מִיָּדָם) אֶתְּ...)

has nothing to do with blood.)

When you suggest the questions
or difficulties you have on the
posuk, give your own

”דיבור המתחיל”

the words in the פסוק
that you think need explaining.

Once you have given
your own דיבור הַמַּתְחִיל!
look at Rashi's דיבור הַמַּתְחִיל!
for a clue to the question or
difficulty רש"י might have.

Once you have found
what is happening
in the פְּסוּק, look for a
who, a when,
*...and perhaps even a **why!***

***When explaining a Rashi,
never jump to his answer!***

- ~ Start with the פסוק*
- ~ Explain the difficulty*
- ~ Point out the דיבור המתחיל*
- ~ Explain **Rashi's** solution*
- ~ Return to the פסוק...how has Rashi
helped us understand the posuk?*