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Syntactical Issues in Rashi`s Commentary

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This research examines Rashi`s grammatical comments and asks whether they reflect a linguistic approach. Previous researches claimed Rashi was no grammarian and he did not have any linguistic approach.

However, close examination of his comments on syntactical issues and thorough analysis of his comments lead us to the conclusion that he did have a systematic linguistic approach in various syntactical subjects such as the verbal phrase, sentence structure, verb conjugation, tense system and subordinated clauses. His linguistic concept plays an important role in his exegetical work. Indeed, he lacks grammatical terminology and explicit rules, but his grammatical comments are coherent and reflect detailed linguistic approach.