

Thirteen Principles of Torah Elucidation

An overview of the Oral Torah's systemized rules for how the Written Torah may be interpreted.

Lesson Five: Rules Twelve to Thirteen of Torah Elucidation

Methods for elucidating seemingly unclear or paradoxical Torah verses. Principles 12-13 are covered in this final lesson of the series.

Rule 12

Davar halamed m'inyano, v'davar halamed m'sofo (דבר הלמד מעניינו, ודבר הלמד מסופו) - A subject whose meaning is learned from its context and a subject whose meaning is learned from a subsequent statement

Elucidation of a Passage from Information Given in Nearby or Later Passages

Rule 13

Shnei Kasuvim hamachachishim zeh es zeh ad sheyavo hakasuv hashlishi v'yachria beineihem (שני כתובים המכחישים זה את זה, עד שיבוא הכתוב השלישי וכריע ביניהם) - Two contradictory verses whose reconciliation comes about through a third verse

A Reconciliation of Two Seemingly Contradictory Verses Found in a Third Verse