A COMPARISON OF THE SCRIPTURAL QUOTATIONS IN THE PESIKTA RABATI WITH THE MASSORETIC TEXT.

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TO

MY MOTHER.

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but you do treat
them

INTRODUCTION.

The subject of this thesis is: " A Comparison of the Scriptural Quotations in the Pesikta Rabati with the Massoretic Text". The edition used for this research is that of M. Friedmann, published in Vienna, 1880. For the purposes of investigation, fifteen chapters, comprising about one-half of the entire composition of the book, have been examined. Out of 1045 scriptural verses quoted in this area, 180 significant and important variant readings were found.

Of course, in addition, there were discovered many slight and minor variations in the spelling of words, omission or insertion of conjunctions and particles, etc., which are not noted in this thesis. We find letters interchangably used, as for example, the "ש" for the "ס", the "ה" for the "א", and vice versa. Letters that are not essential to the word-spelling are often left out or added, as for example, the "ו" of the holem, or a "י" omitted where there had been two or two placed where there had been one. את, the sign of the accusative and "ו", the conjunction, are omitted and inserted indiscriminately; יהוה and אדני are often interchanged; and אלקים is frequently substituted for אלהים. Another very characteristic feature is the omission of the conjunction "ו" , at the beginning of a quotation. None of these differences, however, has ever been considered as a serious impingement upon the sanctity of the written word in the Torah. The rabbis indulged in them consistently and constantly, and were not conscious of any violation of the binding injunction set forth in the Book

explanatory
Meaning?

of Deuteronomy 13:1.

After careful investigation and study, the results obtained naturally divide themselves into six main divisions, with seven subdivisions under one of them. One principal group, consisting of 15 variants or about 8.5% of the whole, may be ascribed to the fault of the copyists in the transmission of the Pesikta Rabati(P.R.) text. Here, the authors of the Midrashim may be completely absolved from responsibility. As for the other five, we find one, comprising 34 instances or about 19% of the whole, wherein the authors evidently had different manuscript readings; 38 cases or about 21% of the whole, wherein the the verses of the Massoretic text have been contaminated; 73 instances or about 40% of the whole, wherein the authors' memories failed them; in 2 cases, they were misled by their own D'rushim; and in 18 instances, they consciously omitted words not essential to the development of their D'rushim.

The divisions are as follows:-

FAULTY TRANSMISSION BY COPYIST. These are in most instances clear cases of mistakes at the hands of copyists. The words and letters as found in the quotations in the P.R. text do not make any sense or at least, they are not in consonance with the meaning of the verse. These errors may all be explained as due to defective vision, haste, poor handwriting, etc.

VARIANT MANUSCRIPT VERSIONS. Though these readings in the Pesikta Rabati text tally

is not very accurately
expressed

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wrong term

absolutely with the Septuagint, Vulgate, Peshita, and Targum and other versions, it is hardly possible that the authors of these Midrashim had any actual knowledge of them. They, no doubt, had access to the manuscripts which were used as bases for these various versions. Thus, we may conclude that during Talmudic times there were extant numbers of manuscripts differing from the one or ones used as the basis of the Massoretic text.

CONTAMINATION OF VERSES. Because of the similarity of construction or of words, we find parts of one verse substituted for and mixed with another, or the verse itself within its own structure disarranged. In some cases, where the mistake is attributed to a contamination, it may, it must be admitted, just as easily be explained as a slip of the memory with regard to that particular verse itself.

SLIPS OF MEMORY. This group has been divided arbitrarily, for the want of a better classification, into seven subdivisions. Some of the cases are explicable and some not; a few easily to be understood, the majority not. In most instances, we must confess our conclusions to be pure guesses, based upon a knowledge of the style and characteristics of rabbinic writings in general. The subdivisions are:- (1) Omission of a letter. (11) Omission of a word. (111) Words and letters used inter-

changably. (IV) Miscellaneous cases of being misled. (V) Insertion of a letter. (VI) Insertion of a word. (VII) Pure memory slips.

MISLED BY D'RUSH ITSELF. This does not mean that the author was guilty of a deliberate perversion of the Scriptural verse. The entire process was evidently a subconscious one. In his eagerness to carry out the point of his D'rush, the author was subconsciously led into believing that the verse actually fitted his needs and he unwittingly changed it. The 2 cases cited here seem to be very clear instances, while some others, though not so explained, might be classed similarly.

WORDS PURPOSELY OMITTED BY AUTHOR. NOT NEEDED FOR D'RUSH. This is a common characteristic, i.e., the practice of quoting only that portion of the verse or just the words needed for their purposes of sermonic development. Hence, the omissions are not surprising, for we find that they do not in any way affect the meaning or the effectiveness of the D'rush.

FAULTY TRANSMISSION BY COPYIST.

Genesis

7:2 -- כל P.R. 32b -- בל

The "כ" became a "ב" in course of transmission.

Exodus

17:15 -- שמו יהוה P.R. 49b -- שמו שם ה'

Due possibly to dittography.
The same verse is quoted correctly on 50b, top line.

Deuteronomy

24:19 -- עמר P.R. 70a -- עומד

The "ד" was written for the "ר", because of the similarity. Clearly an error of the copyist, since the word preceding the quotation in the text is ובעומרין.

II Samuel

23:39 -- ושבעה P.R. 43a -- ושבע

The omission of the "ה" is due to the abbreviated form often used by the copyists. Here was ושבע'.

I Kings

6:38 -- האחת עשרה בירח P.R. 23b -- האחד עשר לירח

Undoubtedly, the fault of the copyist, since we find that only a page later, 24b, the same verse is correctly quoted with reference to the differences here. Furthermore, עשר may be explained as the copyist's abbreviated form. Simi-

larly, the "ב" of בירח became a "ל" in the course of transmission.

7:23 -- ראי P.R. 15b -- ראה

A "ה" very frequently interchanges with a "י", and vice versa.

Isaiah

29:10 -- עליכם---עיניכם P.R. 29b -- עליהם---עיניהם

The "כ" in the course of transmission became a "ה". The copyist was misled probably by the word עיניהם in the same line of the text, preceding the quotation. The Septuagint happens to have עיניהם instead of עיניכם, This, however, does not necessarily warrant the belief that the author had a different manuscript reading.

33:12 -- והין P.R. 35b -- והיה

The "ו" became a "ה" in the course of transmission.

58:12 -- לפניכם P.R. 79b -- לפניהם

The "כ" became a "ה". It is clearly a mistake of the copyist, since the P.R. quotation of the word מאספיכם agrees with the Massoretic, and also in the rest of the D'rush, the author uses the 2nd person plural.

60:19 -- השמש לאור יום P.R. 29b -- עוד השמש לאור יומם -- והיה ה' לך לאור יומם -- והיה לך יהוה לאור עולם

The Massoretic reading is well sub-

Heart of Fr.

clearly printing mistakes

all living ye
failed to note [ב״ב] (ayə)

Special = super-
flumen = pit-
law of nature
anything

stantiated by the various versions. There is a mix-up here, due possibly to the copyists' errors in the course of transmission. For לאור עולם , see Isaiah 60:20, the following verse.

Jeremiah

3:17 -- בעת ההיא יקראו לירושלם כסא יהוה P.R. 51a -- והייתה ירושלים כסא ה'

Although it may have been the fault of a copyist, it seems that Friedmann is most likely responsible for this variation. והייתה was probably not meant as part of the quotation, and should not have been placed in italics. The quotation then tallies with the Massoretic reading.

Ezekiel

27:27 -- וערבי מערבך P/R. 65b -- וערכי מערכך

The "ב" became a "כ". A natural mistake because of the unusual words,

Zephaniah

1:10 -- ההוא P.R. 29b -- ההיא

The "ו" became a "י" in the course of transmission.

1:12 -- על P.R. 30a -- עליה

The על became עליה, due possibly to dittography from the word האנשים. Or perhaps, the author's familiarity

with the phrase in Hosea 2:15 and the preceding word ירושלים being linked to gether in his mind, caused the misquotation.

Psalms

35:15 -- נכים P.R. 55a -- נבים

The "כ" became a "ב" in the course of transmission.

accuracy?

is output of quotation

VARIANT MANUSCRIPT VERSIONS.

Genesis

2:20 -- ולעוף השמים — P.R. 62a -- ולכל עוף השמים

Not a few MSS., Setuagint, Peshita, Vulgate, and Targum Jonathan ~~have~~ ולכל עוף (cf:Kittel.)

Exodus

12:3 -- עדת ישראל — P.R. 78b -- עדת בני ישראל

Another manuscript has בְּנֵי ישראל Similarly, the Samaritan, Peshita, and Targum Jonathan ~~versions~~. (cf. "Biblia Hebraica", D. Ginsburg.)

32:20 -- ויזר על פני — P.R. 38a -- וזרה אותו על

The Vulgate ~~has~~: " and he scattered the powder of it". (cf. Kittel.)

Leviticus

18:26 -- ושמרתם אתם את — P.R. 64a -- ושמרתם את

The Samaritan, Septuagint, Peshita, and Vulgate ~~versions have~~ ושמרתם את. (cf. "Biblia Hebraica", D. Ginsburg.)

Numbers

15:29 -- כל האדם ימתון — P.R. 13b -- אם כמות אדם ימותון

The Vulgate has כמות-אדם.

Jeremiah

17:10 -- Search the heart

Search the heart

Jonah

1:6 -- Arise, call upon your god

Arise, call upon your god

Micah

6:8 -- He has told you, O man, what is good;

He has told you, O man, what is good;

Habakkuk

2:4 -- The righteous shall live by his faith.

The righteous shall live by his faith.

Zephaniah

3:8 -- Therefore wait for me, says the LORD,

Therefore wait for me, says the LORD,

Haggai

1:2 -- This people says, The time has not yet come

This people says, The time has not yet come

Zechariah

1:3 -- Return to me, says the LORD of hosts,

Return to me, says the LORD of hosts,

Malachi

3:10 -- Bring the full tithe into the storehouse,

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse,

Deuteronomy

22:25 -- את הנער P.R. 47b -- הנערה

The Qĕrî is לַנַּעֲרָה .

(cf. Kittel.)

Joshua

10:11 -- מפני ישראל הם במורד-- P.R. 32b -- מפני בני ישראל

בית חורן ויהוה---גדלות וה'---גדולים

The Septuagint has τῶν υἱῶν Ισραηλ.

The Vulgate has filios.

(cf. Aptowitzer, Section IV, Joshua, p 127.)

1Samuel

7:9 -- ויזעק P.R. 33a -- ויצעק

Possibly another manuscript.

There are various rabbinic readings agreeing with P.R.

(cf. Aptowitzer, Prolegomena, p 42.)

14:19 -- אסף ידך P.R. 30a -- אסוף את ידיך

The Septuagint and 49 codes have ידיך . (cf. Aptowitzer, Section 11, 1Samuel, p 22.)

15:3 -- עד P.R. 55b -- ועד

Many MSS. have וְעַד .

(cf. Kittel.)

30:1,2-- וישבו את הנשים אשר בה P.R. 31a -- וישבו כל אשר בה

The Septuagint has καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐν αὐτῇ.

(cf. Aptowitzer, Prolegomena, p. 61.

30:8 -- לאמר ארדף P.R. 31a -- הארדוף

Kennicott code,30,168 has הארדוף.

(See Aptowitzer, Section 11,

1Samuel, p 64 and compare

Prolegomena, p 61.)

11Samuel

12:13 -- לא P.R. 39a -- ולא

As Aptowitzer states, several

codes have ולא. (But most likely it is quoted from memory.)

17:2 -- ידים P.R. 69a -- ידין

The Targum has וידוהי מרשלן.

The Peshita has אידוהי.

24:18 -- הקם-- ליהוה מזבח P.R.44b -- והקם-- מזבח לה'

The Septuagint, Vulgate, and

Arabic versions have והקם.

The Peshita has מדבח למריא.

The Vulgate has *altare Domino.*

(cf. Aptowitzer,Section 111,

11Samuel, p 83.)

1Kings

4:20 -- על הים P.R. 40b & 41B -- על שפת הים

Nine MSS. have שפת.

17:1-- יהוה אלהי ישראל P.R. 15b -- ה' צבאות

The Septuagint reads both אלהי ישראל

and אלהי צבאות. Evidently ~~in~~

two manuscripts: (1) Alexandrine

צבאות (2) Origines',6th

Meaning ?

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not at all —
Nadc = [illegible]

of, Brown Can
sat 5 : [illegible]

column of Hebrew correction, ישראל ?

18:32 -- ויבנה--מזבח בשם יהוה -- P.R. 13b -- ויתן-- בשם יהוה

The Septuagint has omitted מזבח.

Cannot account for ויתן being used in place of ויבנה.

The Septuagint has put verse 30: וירפא את מזבח יהוה following this in verse 32.

Jerusalem!

llKings

1:15 -- אותו -- P.R. 15b -- אתן

Many manuscripts, editions, and versions have אתן.

Isaiah

57:21 -- אמר אלהי -- P.R. 5b -- אומר ה'

Fifty MSS. read יהוה.

(cf. Kittel.)

As for אומר, it must be a copyist's mistake.

63:11 -- משה עמו --- עולם -- P.R. 47a -- משה עבדו --- עלמים

Not a few MSS. read מ' עבדו.

(cf. Kittel.)

Cannot explain עלמים except as copyists mistake.

Jeremiah

20:6 -- ובבל -- P.R. 3a & b -- בבבל

The Septuagint and the Peshita read ובבבל.

Perhaps, it is only a copyist's error, making a "ב" out of a "ו".

no! cf. Breslau
ובבל = ובבל

46:20 -- יפה — פיה

P.R. 65a -- יפיפיה

Many MSS. read יְפֵיפִיָּה .

(cf. Kittel.)

Ezekiel

27:27 -- ועזבונך

P.R. 79b -- ועזבונך

You are all mixed up

Not a few MSS., including the Septuagint read עֲזֻבוֹנֵךְ .

(cf. Kittel.)

Perfectly natural, however, to use, עזבונך in order to correspond to הונך .

Hosea

11:3 -- זרועתין

P.R. 12a -- זרועותי

The Septuagint has . זרועותי ואקחם על

Psalms

40:6 -- אלהי

P.R. 66b -- אלהינו

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One manuscript of the Peshita has אלהינו .(cf. Kittel.)

89:38 -- עולם

P.R.77a -- לעולם

Sixteen MSS. have לָעַד .

(cf. Kittel.)

Proverbs

4:19 -- כאפלה לא

P.R. 30a -- באפילה ולא

One manuscript has באפלה.

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Similarly the sixth Edition.

(cf. "Biblia Hebraica", D. Ginsburg.)

20: 27 -- נר יהוה

P.R. 29a -- נר אלקים

The Targum has שרגא דאלהא,

(cf. S.Baer & Delitzsch,)

25:28 -- מַעְצָר P.R. 59B-- מעצור

In another manuscript, and in the 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 9th editions, we find מעצר.

(cf. "Biblia Hebraica", D. Ginsburg.)

Lamentations

3:14 -- עמי P.R. 42a & 43a -- העמים

Fifty MSS. have עמים.

The Septuagint has עמי כל.

One Greek version has עם כל.

(cf. Kittel.)

Ezra

10:3 -- נְכָרוֹת -- אדני P.R.61b -- נכרות -- ה'

One manuscript has יהוה.

(cf. "Biblia Hebraica", D. Ginsburg.)

נכרות is due most likely to the fault of a copyist.

Question not complete enough

Not a case of contempt

Not cases of contempt

Text—

CONTAMINATION OF VERSES.

Genesis

13:10 -- ככר — P.R. 10a -- הככר

See Genesis 19:25 - ואת כל הככר

46:27 -- לבית יעקב הבאה — P.R. 36b -- הבאים מצרימה

See Exodus 1:1 - הבאים מצרימה את יעקב — ובניו

See also Exodus 1:5 - ויהי כל נפש -- יעקב שבעים

50:21 -- וינחם אותם ויזבר על — P.R. 49b -- אנכי אכלכל אתכם

לבם אנכי אכלכם אתכם — וינחם אותם ויזבר על לבם

The contamination is within the verse itself. 21b is placed before 21a.

The difference in אכלכם is due, no doubt, to the fault of a copyist.

Exodus

3:2 -- וירא מלאך יהוה אליו — P.R. 13b -- וירא אלין מלאך יהוה

See Judges 6:12 - וירא אלין מלאך יהוה

3:10 -- לכה — P.R. 13a -- לך

See Exodus 4:12; 32:34 - ועתה לך

15:24 -- וילנו העם על משה לאמר — P.R. 20b -- וילנו העם על משה ועל אהרן

See Numbers 14:2 - וילנו העם על משה ועל אהרן

24:5 -- ויעלו עלות ויזבחו זבחים שלמים — P.R. 17a -- ויזבחו שלמים ויעלו עלות

Contamination is within verse, itself.

For further contamination, see the parallel passage, 1Chronicles 29:21.

29:45 -- בני — P.R. 27b -- עמי

See Ezekiel 39:7 - בתוך עמי ישראל

Comment system ok

Quotation not complete enough

cf. Freedman's note where explanation is more accurate

and a case of quotation

None of these examples can be referred to (if I'm right) Breslau ed. on 1st Pass. pass)

40:34 -- את אהל מועד P.R. 18b -- את האהל

See Exodus 33:7 - את האהל

Leviticus

20:26 -- והייתם --- ה' -- P.R. 69b והייתם לי --- מקדישכם ואבדיל יהוה ואבדל

For מקדישכם, see Leviticus 21:8 - אני יהוה מקדשכם

The word לי is not absolutely needed here, and possibly omitted through a slip of the memory.

Numbers

21:2,3 -- נדר ליהוה ויאמר P.R. 33a -- נדר לאמר אם

See Genesis 28:20 - נדר לאמר אם

Deuteronomy

11:8 -- ובאתם וירשתם P.R. 41b -- ובאתם ורשתם וירשתם

See Deuteronomy 8:1 ורבית ובאתם וירשתם

22:10 -- וחמר P.R. 41b & 69b -- וחמר

See Genesis 32:6; Judges 6:4; 1Samuel 22:19 - וחמור

23:8 -- כי גר היית P.R. 47b -- כי גרים הייתם

See Leviticus 19:34 - כי גרים הייתם

Joshua

4:19 -- לחדש הראשון P.R. 78b -- לחודש הזה

See Exodus 12:3 - בעשר לחדש הזה

Judges

5:4 -- גם P.R. 70b -- אף

See Psalm 68:9 - אף שמים נטפו

There is no such passage
Hastings absolutely no
light on quotation of Rs

וויספו פלשתים ויחנו -- P.R. 30b -- ויספו עוד פלשתים -- 5:22,23

בעמק רפאים וישאל
דוד בה' ויאמר לו--
מטול הבכאים

לעלות ונטשו בעמק בפאים
וישאל דוד ביהוה ויאמר לא
תעלה הסב אל אחריהם
ובאת להם ממול בכאים

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For contamination into ויספו --- לו

---הבכאים---, see 1Chronicles 14:13,14 -.

For ויחנו בעמק, see 1Samuel 17:2; 1Chronicles 11:15; 11Samuel 23:13.

The omission of עוד and לעלות can be accounted for as only a slip of the memory.

The difficulty is easily greater.

5:24 -- צעדה

P.R. 30b -- הצעדה

See 1Chronicles 14:15 - הצעדה

This is the parallel verse.

5:25 -- כן כאשר צוה אלהים

P.R. 30b כאשר צוה אלהים

See 1Chronicles 14:16- כאשר צוהו האלהים

This is the parallel verse.

7:2 -- המלך-- הנביא--

ראה נא אנכי

P.R. 23b -- ויאמר דוד--

הנה אנכי

See parallel verse 1Chronicles 17:1 - ויאמר דויד אל נתן הנביא הנה אנכי יושב

The two verses have been mixed.

7:5 -- בית

P.R. 6b -- הבית

See parallel verse 1Chronicles 17:4 - הבית. The verse in Chronicles is found quoted in the text right

but how ab.t the
main difficulty?

after this II Samuel verse, and thus helped cause the contamination.

7:5 -- לי-- בית P.R. 23b -- הבית

See 1Kings 8:19 - אתה לא תבנה הבית

See also 1Chronicles 17:4.

24:1,2 -- ויסת את דוד בהם P.R. 43b -- ויסת את דוד למנות

ויאמר דוד אל יואב שר לאמר לך מנה את ישראל
החיל לך מנה את ישראל ואת יהודה ויאמר המלך
מדן ועד באר שבע אל יואב שר החיל אשר אתו

See parallel verse 1Chronicles 21:1 - ויסת את דויד למנות את ישראל ויאמר דויד אל יואב

The two verses became mixed.

24:12 -- אנכי P.R. 44a -- אני

See parallel verse 1Chronicles 21:10 - אני (Fr.)

24:14 -- נפלה P.R. 44b -- אפלה

See parallel verse 1Chronicles 21:14.- אפלה (Fr.)

1 Kings

8:63 -- ויחנכו את בית יהוה P.R. 23a -- ויחנכו את הבית

?! See for possible contamination Psalm 30:1 - חנכת הבית

18:30 -- גשו אלי ויגשו P.R. 13b -- גשו נא אלי

See Genesis 45:4 - גשו נא אלי ויגשו

II Kings

25:9 -- כל בית גדול P.R. 65b - את הבית הגדול

See Jeremiah 52:13 - כל בית הגדול (Fr.)

This is merely possible. Perhaps, it is due to a mental confusion.

meaning?

Isaiah

48:8 -- הלא ידעת אם לא שמעת -- P.R. 51b גם לא שמעת גם לא ידעת

See Isaiah 40:28. הלא ידעת אם לא שמעת

Ezekiel

37:13 -- וידעתם כי אני יהוה בפתחי -- P.R. 3b וידעתם כי אני ה' בפתחי
את קבריתיכם והבאתי
אתכם אל אדמת ישראל

בפתחי את קבריתיכם
והעלותי אתכם
מקבריתיכם עמי

The 2nd half of the verse as quoted in the Pesikta text is part of verse 12 preceding and has been mixed up with verse 13.

Micah

7:18 -- מי אל -- נשא עון -- P.R. 4a -- מי כמוך נשוי עון

For possible contamination, see Isaiah 33:24 - נשא עון

Explanation of the omission

With regard to the omission of אל, this is possibly due to its non-appearance in Isaiah 33:24, wherein the contamination occurred or it is due to a mere slip of the memory.

Habakkuk

1:13 -- מראות רע -- P.R. 66a -- מראות ברע

See Isaiah 33:15 - מראות ברע | עינך

Psalms

18:3 -- בו --- מגני -- P.R. 31a -- וישעי מגני

For possible contamination, see Psalm 27:1 - וישעי

Left in the text

18:30 -- כי בך ארץ -- P.R. 31a -- ממי אירא כי בך ארוץ

Left a trace of contam.

cf. Freed-
man's note
which shows that it is
not a case of proof =

See Psalm 27:1 - ממי אירא

Proverbs

30:4 -- בשמלך P.R. 15a -- כשלמה

!! See Psalm 104:2 - כשלמה

Or perhaps, it is a copyist's error.

Job

26:8 -- בעבין P.R. 15a -- צורר מים בחפנין

See Proverbs 30:4 -- בחפנין מי צרר מים

!!?

Nehemiah

9:18 -- העלך ממצרים P.R. 41a -- העלוך מארץ מצרים

See Exodus 32:4 - העלוך מארץ מצרים

only in one
but without NN

you are all wrong

Brad. 9d: '71

does not
belong here
at all, being
a class of [illegible]

SLIPS OF MEMORY.

~~Genesis~~ 1

Omission of a letter.

Genesis

42:18 -- האלהים P.R. 53a -- אלהים

ירא in some other passages in the Bible appears with אלהים (as it always does before אדני) without the article. The "ה" wouldn't be expected here.

omit

11Samuel

24:8 -- ועשרים P.R. 43b -- עשרים

Numbers are at times written without the conjunctive particle. Possibly, it is the fault of the copyist.

meaning ?

Job

21:18 -- וכמץ P.R. 36a -- כמוץ

The "ו" is not necessarily needed.

no explanation

Ecclesiastes

10:20 -- הכנפים P.R. 29a -- כנפים

The "ה" is not really expected.

11

Omission of a word.

Genesis

3:8-- קול יהוה אלהים P.R. 68b -- ה'

The phrase קול יהוה appears without אלהים in 2 or 3 passages in the Bible.

Genesis Rabba
Rba

44:18 -- עבדך דבר באזני P.R. 27b -- עבדך באזני

דבר happens to be a needless repetition of the thought in ידבר Hence, it was quite natural to omit it.

Exodus

21:26 -- או את עין P.R. 29b -- או עין

The את is really not needed. It was omitted probably because the author had already used one את before the previous עין in the same verse.

33:17 -- הדבר הזה P.R. 37a -- הדבר

הזה is not essential to the thought of the verse and was quite naturally forgotten.

Numbers

1:2 -- ראש כל עדת בני ישראל P.R. 36b -- ראש בני ישראל

כל עדת is not essential to the thought of the verse and was quite naturally forgotten.

1Samuel

26:10 -- כי אם יהוה P.R. 44a -- כי ה'

The author did not probably understand the use of אם here and forgot it.

11Kings

2:1 -- בהעלות יהוה את P.R. 13a -- בהעלות

This quotation in the P.R.

of Israel has [illegible] all
three times

text is preceded by the words משה עלה למעלה ואליהו עלה and consequently the author may not have been conscious of the hiphil construction of בהעלות This may help to account for his forgetting יהוה את.

Isaiah

41:13 -- כי אני יהוה P.R. 45a -- כי ה'

אני is apparently not essential to the thought and כי יהוה appears often.

Hosea

2:1 -- מספר בני ישראל P.R. 45a -- מספר ישראל

An unaccountable slip of the memory or it possibly is the error of a copyist. For in the 6th line of the same page of the P.R. text, we find the phrase מספר בני ישראל.

Joel

4:13 -- מגל כי בשל P.R. 36b -- מגל בשל

The כי is not essential to the thought.

Ezra

1:2 -- לי יהוה אלהי P.R. 74b -- לי אלהי

A natural omission in a long quotation. It is not essential to the thought.

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to the thought.

1Chronicles

21:3 -- יבקש זאת אדני למה P.R. 43b -- יבקש אדוני ולמה

The omission of זאת is hardly accountable, for it appears essential to the thought. The "ו" added to למה is not needed, but might most naturally have crept in, as a result of quoting from memory.

29:11 -- הגדולה והגבורה P.R. 32b -- הגבורה

הגדולה was naturally omitted, because it is in a series of synonymous words.

111

Words and letters used interchangably.

Genesis

27:41 -- את יעקב P.R. 54a -- ליעקב

After verb וישטם, the preposition "ל" would be expected rather than particle את.

Exodus

19:20 -- אל הר P.R. 71b -- על הר

Probably misled by the use of על a little farther in the same quotation.

32:7 -- וידבר P.R. 15b -- ויאמר

Both mean the same.

Leviticus

4:23 -- אליו

P.R. 18a -- עליו

Deuteronomy

2:25 -- היום

P.R. 13b -- ביום

Both "ה" and "ב" would be similarly translated here.

23:20 -- לא

P.R. 63a -- אל

1Samuel

15:33 -- כן

P.R. 52b -- כך

The כך being Talmudic may have naturally taken the place of כן in the author's or the copyist's mind, since they both mean the same thing. Or perhaps the "ן" became a "ך" in the course of transmission, for we find the same verse correctly quoted on 56a.

11Samuel

24:3 -- אל

P.R. 43b -- על

Compare parallel passage, 1Chronicles 21:3 - על עמו.

1Kings

18:30 -- במספר

P.R. 13a -- למספר

The preposition "ל" is more natural here than "ב".

19:4 -- במדבר

P.R. 13b -- למדבר

The preposition "ל" is more natural here than "ב".

how about

19:18 -- עד הר P.R. 13b -- אל הר.

Isaiah

62:5 -- ומשוש P.R. 4b -- כמשוש

? The "כ" is naturally expected here. The Septuagint has καὶ ὡς. This, however, is no proof for a variant reading, since the Septuagint might naturally translate ומשוש in this passage to וכמשוש.

Zechariah

4:3 -- ושני P.R. 30a -- ושנים

שנים is also correct. But שני, the construct state, is usually used.

Psalms

43:3 -- אל P.R. 69b -- על

78:37 -- לא P.R. 41a -- בל

1Chronicles

21:1 -- על ישראל P.R. 40b -- לישראל

IV

Miscellaneous cases of being misled.

Genesis

18:10 -- ויאמר P.R.24b -- ואמרו !

Would expect plural here because in v. 9 preceding, all angels speak and it uses the plural. It may, however, be a copyist's error.

35:6 -- הוא

P.R. 11a -- היא

Followed the Q'ri, which is הָוא.

Exodus

31:13 -- הוא

P.R. 66b -- היא

Followed the Q'ri, which is הָוא.

Isaiah

33:12 -- יִצַּתוּ

P.R. 36a -- יוצתו

The author thought the verb ought to be passive here. Or possibly it was the fault of the copyist.

Ezekiel

16:14 -- בְּיָפְיֵךְ

P.R. 62b -- ביופיין

Due possibly to lack of grammatical knowledge on the part of the author. Or it is the fault of the copyist.

Hosea

3:2 -- וחמר

P.R. 76a -- בחומר

וחמר is preceded in the same verse by בחמשה. Hence, it was natural to use a "ב" in place of a "ו".

8:12 -- רבו

P.R. 14b -- רובי

Followed the Q'ri, which is רַבִּי.

Zechariah

9:13 -- ועוררתי

P.R. 5a -- ועוררת

Natural to use the regular 2nd person feminine singular

have a place in this
life.

form instead of the archaic form used in the Massoretic text.

Psalms

30:4 -- נפשי — P.R. 6b -- חיי

Probably misled by the word חיי תנני following נפשי in the Massoretic text.

79:12 -- אדני — P.R. 51a &53b -- ה'

This happens often in quoting.

85:9 -- האל יהוה — P.R. 21b & 22b -- האלהים

האל יהוה is very unusual and hence it was natural to use האלהים instead.

Proverbs

13:12 -- מחלה — P.R. 68a -- מחלת

The author probably did not understand the use of the infinitive מחלה and consequently used construct form מחלת instead.

Ecclesiastes

2:21 -- בחכמה ובדעת ובכשרון — P.R. 18a -- בכשרון

In quoting a series of ב"ש, one is likely to omit one.

Daniel

2:38 -- ראשה די דהבא — P.R. 65a & 79a -- רישא דדהבא

It might be written both ways. Or perhaps it is the fault of

a copyist.

3:82 -- די לורא P.R. 66a -- דלורא

It might be written both ways. Or perhaps it is the fault of a copyist.

3:26 -- אלהא--- עלי׳א P.R. 45b -- אלהי--- עילאה

The Ç'ri is עִלָּאָה. The "י" in אלהי may be the fault of a copyist.

7:11 -- אשא P.R. 65b -- אשתא

Both forms occur.

Ezra

5:16 -- די בית P.R. 23b -- דבית

It might be written both ways.

V.

Insertion of a letter.

Exodus

32:12 -- למה P.R. 37a -- ולמה

The "ו" is not really meant as part of the quotation but merely connects this quotation with quotation preceding it in the same line of the P.R. text and also containing the word למה.

'Isaiah

58:8 -- כבוד P.R. 5a -- וכבוד

The "ו" may not be part of the quotation but merely indicating "and" this quotation also.

Excuse

Insertion of a letter.

Beauty

Deletion -- dmp -- P.D. 27e

The "x'l" is not really meant
to part of the dumpstation inc
really accompanies this quotation
with quotation preceding it in
the same line of the P.S. text
and also containing the word dmp.

Deletion

Correct -- JIJ3 -- P.C. 8a'

The "l" may not be part of
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Insertion of a letter.

Beauty

Transpose -- JIJ3 -- P.C. 8a'

It might be written both ways.

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It might be written both ways.

Insertion -- TLM -- P.B. 30e

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Insertion -- XWX -- P.F. 41b

It may be the fault of
a computer.

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Deletion -- XWX -- P.F. 41b

The word is XWX. The "x"
is not needed.

Deletion -- XWX -- P.F. 41b

The word is XWX. The "x"
is not needed.

Habbakuk

3:3 -- שמים

P.R. 21a -- השמים

The "ה" might naturally be expected here.

3:4 -- קרנים

P.R. 37b -- וקרנים

The "ו" may be part of the P.R. text, indicating "and".

Malachi

3:23 -- אליה

P.R. 13a -- אליהו

It is written both ways.

Psalms

72:8 -- עד

P.R. 54a -- ועד

ועד occurs many times in the Bible.

Proverbs

6:25 -- עד

P.R. 10a -- בעד

Misled probably by the previous בעד in the same verse.

Esther

6:1 -- נדדה

P.R. 78b -- שנדדה

"ש", the Aramaic form of אשר might be expected here. ? ! ?

Song of Songs

2:12 -- עת

P.R. 74a -- ועת

"ו" might be expected here. וקול comes later in the same verse.

Daniel

12:12 -- שלשים

P.R. 73a -- ושלשים

Daniel

12:12 -- Daniel

Daniel

8:2 -- Daniel

Susa

8:16 -- Ulai

Ulai

8:2 -- Ulai

Elam

10:1 -- Elam

Elam

11:2 -- Elam

Persia

10:1 -- Persia

Persia

11:2 -- Persia

Greece

8:21 -- Greece

Greece

11:2 -- Greece

Javan

10:20 -- Javan

Javan

11:2 -- Javan

Alexander the Great

11:3 -- Alexander the Great

Alexander the Great

11:4 -- Alexander the Great

Four kingdoms

11:4 -- Four kingdoms

Four kingdoms

11:5 -- Four kingdoms

Four winds of heaven

8:8 -- Four winds of heaven

Four winds of heaven

11:4 -- Four winds of heaven

Four winds of heaven

11:5 -- Four winds of heaven

Four winds of heaven

12:2 -- Four winds of heaven

Four winds of heaven

12:7 -- Four winds of heaven

Four winds of heaven

12:12 -- Four winds of heaven

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12:13 -- Four winds of heaven

Four winds of heaven

12:14 -- Four winds of heaven

Four winds of heaven

12:15 -- Four winds of heaven

Four winds of heaven

The "ו" might be expected here.

Ezra

6:17 -- בית אלהא P.R. 5a -- בית אלהינו

בית אלהינו was a common expression used by the Rabbis during Talmudic times, and naturally substituted in quoting.

1Chronicles

23:13--- בני P.R. 63b -- ובני

The "ו" at the beginning might be really a part of the P.R. text.

11Chronicles

6:42 -- יהוה אלהים P.R. 6b -- יהוה האלהים

יהוה האלהים occurs in a few passages in the Bible.

V1

Insertion of a word.

1Kings

7:50 -- והפתות לדלתות P.R. 25b -- והפותות אשר לדלתות

אשר might be expected here.

Daniel

2:49 -- מלכא P.R. 23b -- מלכא יתיב

יתיב might be naturally expected here.

What were the problems, ones?

V11

Pure memory slips.

Genesis

33:6,7 -- השפחות הנה P.R. 49b -- השפחות

Possibly, הנה was omitted because not regarded as essential.

Exodus

24:17 -- בני ישראל P.R. 58b & 69a -- כל ישראל

Slightly unnecessary / כל ישראל is also to be found in the BIble.

11Samuel

1:13 -- אי מזה אתה P.R. 51a -- מי אתה

no reflexion / Possibly, misled by form of answer.

MISLED BY D'RUSH ITSELF.

Isaiah

29:23 -- יַדָּיו P.R. 45a -- יָדָיו

יָדָיו fits in better with the D'rush.

57:2 -- יָנוּחוּ-מִשְׁכְּבוֹתָם P.R. 5b -- יָנוּחַ- מִשְׁכָּבוֹ

The singular fits in with the D'rush and also with the rest of the Biblical verse.

WORDS PURPOSELY OMITTED BY AUTHOR:

NOT NEEDED FOR D'RUSH.

Genesis

3:22 -- הן האדם היה P.R. 26b -- הן היה

It is clear from the context that the reference is to האדם who is mentioned in the D'rush preceding the quotation. He doesn't repeat.

15:18 -- כרת יהוה P.R. 67a -- כרת

It is clear from the context of the D'rush that יהוה is the subject. He doesn't repeat.

Exodus

12:37 -- ויסעו בני ישראל P.R. 36b -- ויסעו

It is clear from the context of the D'rush that בני ישראל is the subject. He doesn't repeat.

Leviticus

16:34 -- זאת לכם לחקת P.R. 64a -- זאת לחוקת

He is concerned here in the D'rush, only with the word לחקת He is not interested in לכם.

Numbers

12:5 -- וירד יהוה בעמוד P.R. 64a -- וירד בעמוד

It is clear from the context of the D'rush that יהוה is the subject. He doesn't repeat.

might have been altogether out

Deuteronomy

4:24 -- יהוה אלהיך P.R. 46b -- ה'

אלהיך is not needed for the D'rush.

28:1 -- יהוה אלהיך עליון P.R. 46b -- ה'-עליון

אלהיך is not needed for the D'rush.

33:23 -- אמר נפתלי שבע P.R. 31b -- אמר שבע

He is not concerned with latter part of this verse for the D'rush. He is not interested in the word נפתלי.

1Kings

6:38 -- האחת---בירח בול P.R. 24b -- אחת---בירח בול

הוא החודש

הוא החודש is not needed for the D'rush, because he is concerned only with בירח בול.

(The "ה' omitted in האחת is due to a copyist's fault, for the "ה" is found in the same quotation on P.R. 23b.)

7:51 -- המלאכה אשר עשה P.R. 25b -- המלאכה

אשר עשה are not needed for his D'rush. He comments upon the 1st and 2nd parts of the verse separately, not being interested in the words omitted.

llKings

ויקח אדרתו -- P.R. 15b -- ויקח אליהו את אדרתו -- 2:8

It is very clear from the context of the D'rush that אליהו is the subject. Hence he does not repeat. (את is very often omitted.)

Ezekiel

דמות הכסא -- P.R. 61b -- דמות הכסא כמראה -- 1:26
דמות כמראה

The second דמות is mere redundancy and he naturally omits it, since it is not necessary for the D'rush.

ואתן צאן -- P.R. 37a -- ואתן צאני צאן -- 34:31

צאני is mere redundancy and is naturally omitted, since it is not needed for the D'rush.

Haggai

הבית האחרון -- P.R. 74b -- הבית הזה האחרון -- 2:9

הזה is really not essential to the thought and is naturally omitted.

Psalms

הגיגות -- P.R. 31a -- נְגִינֹתַי --- -- 61:1,2
הקשיבה תפלתי

This is wrong/ ב'

הקשיבה תפלתי is a repetition of the thought in שמעה רינתי and hence it is not needed in

the D'rush, possibly. (As for הלגיונות, we find 1 MSS. Vrs. that has גיונת, cf. Kittel.)

71:15 -- פי יספר צדקתך כל היום תשועתך P.R. 32a -- פי יגיד צדקתך

כל היום תשועתך are not needed for the D'rush, for the same thought appears in צדקתך (יגיד means the same as יספר and is a natural substitution)

Ruth

4:18-22 -- פרץ ואלה--- P.R. 23b & 24a -- אלה---פרץ---עד

The P.R. text is not concerned with פרץ ; hence, it is careless about quoting it. The "ו" in ואלה is omitted, because it is common to omit it at the beginning of a quotation. עד most likely part of the P.R. text and not part of the quotation.

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