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Peshat (פְּשָׁט): the “plain” (“simple”) or the direct meaning.

Remez (רֵמֵז): “hints” or the deep (allegoric: hidden or symbolic) meaning beyond just the literal sense.

Derash (דֵּרַשׁ): from the Hebrew *darash*: to “inquire” (“seek”); also the comparative (midrashic) meaning, as given through similar occurrences.

Sod (סוֹד) (pronounced with a long O as in ‘bone’): meaning the “secret” (“mystery”) or the esoteric or mystical meaning, as given through inspiration or revelation.