## Early Linguistic Phenomena in Midrash



The Rabbinic literature has undergone hundreds of years of editing and adaptations that have caused alterations to the original text. The Geniza contains some of the earliest examples of this literature including the Midrash Tanhuma, thus preserving versions closer to the original than those brought to print in the Middle Ages. These fragments contain linguistic phenomena, characteristic of early Rabbinic language and speech, that are not found in the later printed editions of the midrash.