

The Double Letters of Redemption

Letters and Numbers of Torah – Lech-Lecha

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The *Pirkei d'Rabbi Eliezer* states that five letters in the *Alef-Beis* are doubled, and each of these alludes to redemption.

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This concept applies to any letter or word that is doubled in the Torah.

The first example of doubled letters is the doubled *Kaf* in the doubled words that begin this parshah: **לך-לך** *Lech lecha*. How does this phrase allude to redemption?

With the commandment *Lech lecha*, "Go to yourself," G-d redeems Avram from the inferno of the city of Ur Kasdim, and directs him to the land of freedom, the Land of Israel.

What is it about doubled letters, or doubled words that relates to redemption?