

PARSHAS LECH LECHA

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PARSHAH OVERVIEW



G-d tests Avraham to leave his home to an unknown place. There is a famine. Sarai is captured and returned. Lot parts from Avraham. G-d promises Land to Avraham. War between 4 and 5 kings. Avraham rescues Lot. G-d promises Avraham children. Avraham is circumcised.



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PARSHAH STATS

Pesukim - 126

Words - 1,686

Letters - 6,336

Mitzvos - 1



QUOTABLE QUOTE

The people that can know the full darkness of history and yet rejoice is a people whose spirit no power on earth can ever break.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt"l

QUICK VORT

The Jewish people are called "Ivrim, Hebrews" which is based on a term in this week's Parshah, where the great Avraham Avinu is referred to as העברי.

Literally, "Ivri" means "from the other side." But, it's more than just a name; it's really a calling to each and every Jew.

The calling of the Jew is to be like Avraham Avinu. Just as Avraham Avinu was "from the other side," so too we are meant to be from the other side. We think different, talk different, and act different.

Chazal tell us that "Avraham Avinu was on one side and the entire world was on the other."

We have a holy calling, a mission granted to us from Hashem, to be different.

Let us value our differences, embrace them, and become the best Jews we can become!

Have a holy Shabbos!

GEMATRIA



The gematria of לאברם העברי (Chapter 14, Passuk 13) is **560**. There is one passuk in the entire Torah (Devarim 2:17) with this gematria: וידבר ה' אלי לאמר - Hashem spoke to me saying. Perhaps Avraham connected in this personal way...and listened.

THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

The heiliga Sfas Emes quotes a Zohar which says that the calling of "Lech Lecha" was not directed to Avraham Avinu alone. It was a calling to everyone. But essentially, everyone else was busy with their "stuff," and only Avraham Avinu listened.



DID YOU KNOW



Hashem revealed Himself to Avraham Avinu in the Jewish calendar year of 2023! We currently find ourselves in the secular calendar year of 2023! We hope that this year, Hashem will utter those same words He did to Avraham, "Go to the Land that I will show you!"