# Lech Lecha
# לֶךְ לְךָ

Bereishis 12:1 – 17:27



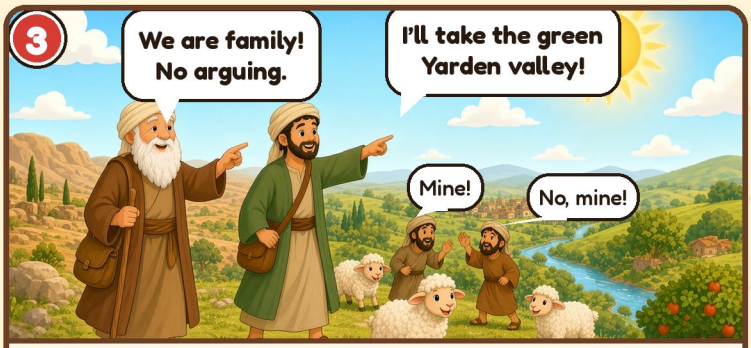

## Avram leaves home — לֶךְ לְךָ מֵאַרְצְךָ

Hashem tells Avram: "Lech lecha – go!" Avram leaves his land and his family and sets off with Sarai and Lot on a long journey to Eretz Canaan.



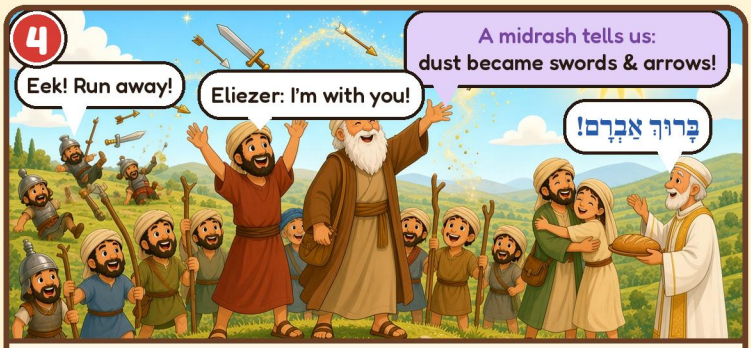

## Down to Mitzrayim — מִצְרַיִם

A famine hits Canaan, so they go down to Egypt. Pharaoh takes Sarai to his palace, but Hashem protects her with plagues on Pharaoh. In the end they leave rich!




## Splitting the land — אַל נָא תְהִי מְרִיבָה

The shepherds of Avram and Lot start to quarrel. Avram says: "We are family – let's part in peace." Lot chooses the lush green Yarden plain near Sedom.




## The war – and the rescue — שְׁמֹנָה עָשָׂר וּשְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת

Four kings capture Lot! Avram, Eliezer and his 318 men rescue him. A midrash tells us that Avram threw dust that turned into swords and arrows. Malki-Tzedek then blesses him.




## Bris bein HaBesarim — בֵּין הַבְּתָרִים

Avram counts the stars. A voice from heaven promises: "So shall your children be!" A smoking oven and a torch pass between the two rows of animals, and Eretz Yisrael is promised.




## Hagar and the malach — כִּי שָׁמַע ה' אֶל עָנְיֵךְ

Sarai gave Hagar to Avram, but then Sarai was hard on her and Hagar ran away to a spring in the desert. A malach tells her she will have a son, Yishmael.




## New names, new promise

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| אַבְרָם Avram | אַבְרָהָם Avraham |
| שָׂרַי Sarai | שָׂרָה Sarah |

Hashem gives them new names. He commands Bris Milah, and promises: "Next year Sarah will have a son – Yitzchak!" Avraham smiles.

יִצְחָק Yitzchak — בְּרִית מִילָה Bris Milah