

In 5785 (2024-2025) we are reciting the 3rd Aliyah of each Parsha as our form of participation in the seven-year Hakhel Torah-reading cycle.

The Torah passage in our Hakhel cycle for the Shabbat of Parshat Lekh Lekha [Nov. 8, 2024] is (Genesis 13:5 – 18).

וְגַם־לְלוֹט הֵלֵךְ אֶת־אֲבָרָם הֵיָה צֹאן־וּבָקָר וְאֵהֳלִים:

Now also Lot, who had gone with Avram, had sheep and oxen and tents.

וְלֹא־נָשָׂא אֶתֶם הָאָרֶץ לְשִׁבְתָּם יַחְדָּו כִּי־הָיָה רְכוּשָׁם רָב וְלֹא יָכְלוּ לְשִׁבְתָּ יַחְדָּו:

And the land could not support them, to settle together,
for their property was so great that they were not able to settle together.

וַיְהִי־רִיב בֵּין רְעֵי מִקְנֵה־אֲבָרָם וּבֵין רְעֵי מִקְנֵה־לוֹט וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַפְּרִזִּי אָז יָשָׁב בְּאֶרֶץ:

So there was a quarrel between the herdsmen of Avram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock.
Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were then settled in the land.

וַיֹּאמֶר אֲבָרָם אֶל־לוֹט אַל־נָא תְהִי מְרִיבָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינְךָ וּבֵין רְעֵי וּבֵין רְעֵיךָ כִּי־אֲנָשִׁים אַחִים אָנֹכְנוּ:

Avram said to Lot:

Pray let there be no quarreling between me and you, between my herdsmen and your herdsmen,
for we are brother men!

הֲלֹא כָל־הָאָרֶץ לִפְנֵיךָ הִפְרָד גַּם מֵעַלִי אִם־הִשְׁמָאל וְאִמְנָה וְאִם־הַיְמִין וְאִשְׁמְאִילָה:

Is not all the land before you?

Pray part from me!

If to the left, then I to the right,
if to the right, then I to the left.

וַיִּשָׂא־לוֹט אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא אֶת־כָּל־כַּפְּר הַיַּרְדֵּן כִּי כָלָה מִשְׁקָהּ לִפְנֵי | שַׁחַת יְהוָה אֶת־סֹדֶם וְאֶת־עַמֹּרָה כְּגַן־יְהוָה
כְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּאֵכָה צֶעַר:

Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the plain of the Jordan—
how well-watered was it all, before YHWH brought ruin upon Sedom and Amora,
like YHWH'S garden, like the land of Egypt, as you come toward Tzo'ar.

וַיִּבְחַר־לוֹ לוֹט אֶת כָּל־כַּפְּר הַיַּרְדֵּן וַיִּסַּע לוֹט מִקְדָּם וַיִּפְרְדּוּ אִישׁ מֵעַל אָחִיו:

So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan.

Lot moved on eastward, and they parted, each from the other:

אֲבָרָם יָשָׁב בְּאֶרֶץ־כְּנָעַן וְלוֹט יָשָׁב בְּעָרֵי הַפְּלָה וַיִּצֵּד־תֵּנֶה עַד־סֹדֶם:

Avram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the plain, and pitched-his-tent
near Sedom.

וְאֲנָשֵׁי סֹדֶם רָעִים וְחַטָּאִים לַיהוָה מְאֹד:

Now the men of Sedom were exceedingly wicked and sinful before YHWH.

וַיְהִי־אִמְרָ אֶל־אֲבָרָם אַחֲרֵי הַפְּרָד־לוֹט מֵעַמּוֹ שָׂא גַם עֵינָיֶךָ וַיֵּרָא מִן־הַמִּקְוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה שָׂם צִפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה וְקָדְמָה
וַיִּמָּה:

YHWH said to Avram, after Lot had parted from him:

Pray lift up your eyes and see from the place where you are, to the north, to the Negev, to the east, to the Sea:

כִּי אֶת־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה רֹאֶה לְךָ אֶתְנַנְנָהּ וְלִזְרַעְךָ עַד־עוֹלָם:

indeed, all the land that you see, I give it to you
and to your seed, for the ages.

וְשָׂמַתִּי אֶת־זְרַעְךָ כַּעֲפָר הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר | אִם־יִוָּכַל אִישׁ לִמְנוֹת אֶת־עֲפָר הָאָרֶץ גַּם־זְרַעְךָ יִמְנָה:

I will make your seed like the dust of the earth,
so that if a man were able to measure the dust of the earth, so too could your seed be measured.

קוּם הִתְהַלֵּךְ בָּאָרֶץ לְאַרְכָּהּ וּלְרֵחְבָּהּ כִּי לְךָ אֶתְנַנְנָהּ:

Arise, walk about through the land in its length and in its breadth,
for I give it to you!

וַיֵּאָהֵל אַבְרָם וַיְבֹא וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּאֵלֶיךָ מִמְרָא אֲשֶׁר בְּחֶבְרוֹן וַיִּבֶן־שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה: {פ}

Avram moved-his-tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are by Hevron.
There he built an altar to YHWH.

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The Torah passage in our Hakhel cycle for the Shabbat of Parshat Noah [Nov. 1, 2024] is (Genesis 7:17 – 8:14).

The Torah passage in our Hakhel cycle for the Shabbat of Parshat Bereishit [Oct 26, 2024] is (Genesis 1:24 – 2:3).