

QUESTIONS FOR PARSHAT LECH L'CHA 5782  
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**I. From the Text**

1. Where was the first place Avraham went to when he came to Canaan? (12:6)
2. To where did Avraham go to escape from the famine in Canaan? (12:10)
3. Where did Lot settle when he separated from Avraham? (13:12)
4. What did Hashem promise Avraham in the Covenant Between the Pieces? (13:12)
5. How old were Avraham and Yishmael when they were circumcised? (17:24,25)

**II. From Rashi**

6. Why didn't Hashem tell Avraham specifically where He was sending him? (12:2)
7. When Avraham went to Canaan, he took his wife, his nephew, and "the souls they made in Charan." (12:5). Who were these souls?
8. What was the quarrel about between Lot's shepherds and Avraham's shepherds? (13:7)
9. Who was the refugee who told Avraham that Lot was captured in the war? (14:13)
10. Who was Hagar's father? (16:1)

**III. From the Rabbis**

11. Why did Avraham take Lot, his nephew, with him when he left Charan? (Chizkuni)
12. If a father does not circumcise his son, who bears the responsibility to do so? (Radak, Rabbi David Kimchi, 1160-1235, France)
13. What punishment is given to a person who is not circumcised?

**IV. Midrash**

14. When Hashem changed Sarai's name to Sarah, the small letter "yud" protested: why was he removed from this righteous woman's name?

**V. Haftorah. Isaiah**

15. What two words merit this chapter to be the Haftorah of Lech Lecha? (4:8)

**VI. Relationships**

- a) Nachor - Milkah
- b) Yefet - Mitzrayim
- c) Gershon - Gershon
- d) Dan - Chushim
- e) Basmat - Yaakov

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1. Shechem.
2. To Egypt.
3. In Sodom.
4. Hashem would give the Land of Canaan to Avraham's descendants. Avraham's descendants would be slaves for 400 years in a foreign land. Then, after four generations, the descendants will return wealthy to Canaan.
5. Avraham was 99 years old; Yishmael was 13.
6. a) to make the land more beloved to Avraham. b) to reward him more for making the trip.
7. Rashi offers two explanations: 1) the literal meaning: they were his servants that Avraham and Sarah acquired in Charan. 2) the Midrashic meaning: they were the converts that converted to Avraham's new religion.
8. Lot's shepherds allowed their animals to graze in other people's fields, figuring that the land would belong to Avraham's nephew. Avraham's shepherds told them that Avraham had not yet acquired the Land.
9. Og.
10. Pharaoh.
11. Avraham felt responsible for Lot, since Lot's father died in the fiery furnace which Nimrod used to test Avraham.
12. The Rabbinical Court in that area. Once the boy turns 13, the obligation to circumcise becomes the boy's.
13. Kareit. The soul loses its share in the World to Come, and the sinner may die childless and prematurely.
14. Hashem responded that this was true. This "yud" would be placed at the beginning of a righteous man's name. Hoshea became Yehoshua.
15. Avraham Ohavi: Avraham, who loved Me.
16. Relationships
  - a) Husband- Wife
  - b) Uncle Yefet
  - c) Great Uncle Gershon
  - d) Father Dan
  - e) Sister-in-law - Brother-in-law. (Basmat was one of Esav's wives)