

# Chapter 6a - Prepositions

*three types*

## Independent Prepositions

These prepositions stand alone.

לְפָנַי הַמֶּלֶךְ	before the king
תַּחַת הָעֵץ	under the tree

## Maqqef Prepositions

These prepositions are joined to their objects by *Maqqef*.

אֶל-הַהֵיכָל	to the temple
מִן-הָאָרֶץ	from the land

## Inseparable Prepositions

These prepositions are prefixed directly to their objects.

בְּשָׂדֵה	in a field
כְּמֶלֶךְ	like a king



# Chapter 6b - Prepositions

*three inseparable prepositions*

כּ

in, by, with (15,559)

ל

to, for (20,320)

כּ

like, as, according to (3,053)



# Chapter 6c - Prepositions

*spelling inseparable prepositions*

## Before most consonants: **Shewa**

בְּשָׂדֵה in a field

לְעֵר for a young man

## Before Hateph vowels: **corresponding short vowel**

כְּאֲנָשִׁים like men

בְּאֵמֶת in truth

## Before consonants with Vocal Shewa: **Hireq**

לְנְבִיאִים for prophets

לְבְרִית for a covenant



# Chapter 6d - Prepositions

## *inseparable prepositions with the definite article*

The vowel and Daghesh Forte of the definite article is retained but the consonant of the preposition replaces the ה of the definite article.

הַשָּׂדֶה	the field	➤	בַּשָּׂדֶה	in the field
הַמֶּלֶךְ	the king	➤	כַּמֶּלֶךְ	like the king
הָאֵשׁ	the fire	➤	בָּאֵשׁ	in the fire



# Chapter 6e - Prepositions

## *the preposition מִן*

The preposition מִן occurs **both** as a **Maqqef** preposition and as an **inseparable** preposition.

### Maqqef Preposition

מִן-מֶלֶךְ from a king

### Inseparable Preposition

מִן-מֶלֶךְ > מִמֶּלֶךְ (assimilated נ)

מִן-בַּיִת > מִבַּיִת (assimilated נ)

מִן-אִישׁ > מִאִישׁ (compensatory lengthening)

מִן-הָאָרֶץ > מִהָאָרֶץ (compensatory lengthening)

מִן-חוּץ > מִחוּץ (virtual doubling)

# Chapter 6f - Prepositions

*definite direct object marker*

In Hebrew prose, **definite direct objects** are usually marked with אֶת/את־.

בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם

נָתַן הַנְּבִיא אֶת־הַסֵּפֶר לַמֶּלֶךְ

אָהַב דָּוִד אֶת־יְהוֹנָתָן

נָתַן הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־תּוֹרוֹתָיו לָעָם

