

Independent or stand-alone prepositions: These prepositions are independent words.

¹On, above, about: **עַל**

²Under or instead of: **תַּחַת**

³Before: **לְפָנַי**

⁴After: **אַחֲרַי** or **אַחֵר**

⁵To or toward or for: **אֶל**

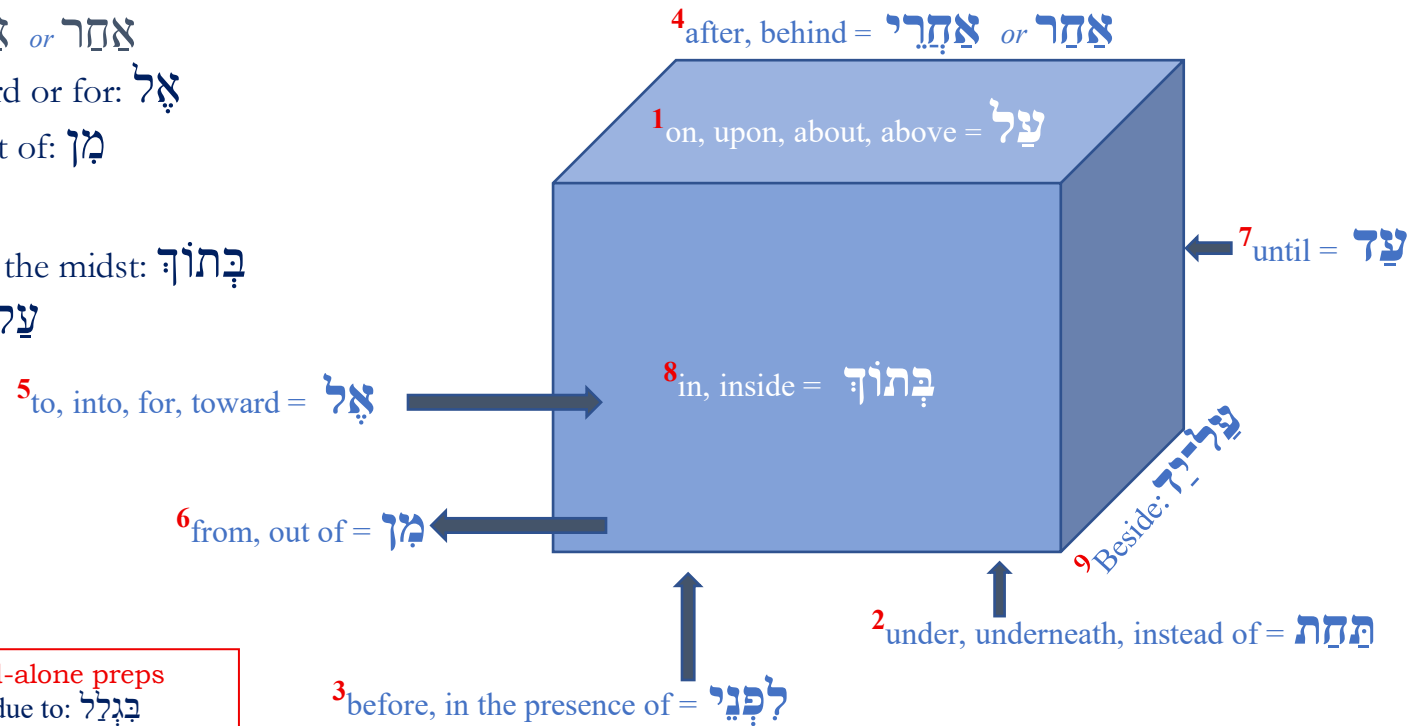
⁶From or out of: **מִן**

⁷Until: **עַד**

⁸Inside or in the midst: **בְּתוֹךְ**

⁹Beside: **עַל-יָד**

*** Note:** Context is important. Hebrew prepositions are translated using various English words. Check context carefully.



A few other stand-alone preps

- Because of or due to: **בְּגִלַּל**
- Between: **בֵּין**
- Instead of: **בְּמָקוֹם**
- Like, as, similar to: **כְּמוֹ**
- With: **אֶת** or **עִם**

Biblical Hebrew: Inseparable Prepositions

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Dependent or inseparable prepositions:

The second type of preposition is called the dependent or inseparable preposition. Unlike stand-alone prepositions, inseparable prepositions cannot be separated from the noun or the pronoun (pronominal suffix) to which they are attached.

The basic inseparable prepositions are כּ (in); כְּ (like, as); לְ (to); and מִ (from, out of).

Dependent Preps & Independent Preps				
	in	like or as	to or toward	from or out of
Dependent	כּ	כְּ	לְ	מִ
Independent	בְּתוֹךְ or in the midst	כְּמוֹ	אֶל	מִן

Examples of inseparable prepositions in a phrase:

in + a land = אֶרֶץ + כּ → בְּאֶרֶץ

to + Israel = יִשְׂרָאֵל + לְ → לְיִשְׂרָאֵל

like + a king = מֶלֶךְ + כְּ → כְּמֶלֶךְ

from + a boy = יֶלֶד + מִ → מִיֶּלֶד

like, as, similar to = כְּ

to, into, for, toward = לְ

