

SEFER YETZIRAH 4.15



משנה ט"ו: שבע כפולות בג"ד כפר"ת שבהן נחקקין שבעה עולמות, שבעה רקיעין, שבע ארצות, שבעה ימים, שבעה נהרות, שבעה מדברות, שבעה ימים, שבעה שבועות, שבע שנים, שבע שמיטין, שבעה יובלות, והיכל הקדש. לפיכך חבב את השביעיות תחת כל השמים:

4.15: Seven Doubles: BGD KPRT With them were engraved Seven Universes, seven firmaments, seven lands, seven seas, seven rivers, seven deserts, seven days, seven weeks, seven years, seven sabbaticals, seven jubilees, and the Holy Palace. Therefore, He made sevens beloved under all the heavens.

(Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translation)

4:15 Seven doubles bet-gimmel-dalet-kaf-peh-resh-tav. With them were decreed seven worlds, seven firmaments, seven lands, seven seas, seven rivers, seven deserts, seven days, seven weeks, seven years, seven sabbaticals, seven jubilees, and the Holy Temple. Therefore, beloved are the sevenths beneath all the heavens.

(Doc Benton translation)

In this passage, we are shown again how a successful construct such as the pattern of seven can be *exchanged* and embedded in a variety of different milieus. Additionally, we are reminded of the role of seven in the *cube of space* and the holiness of the center point around which everything else is arranged.

