

# SEFER YETZIRAH 4.4



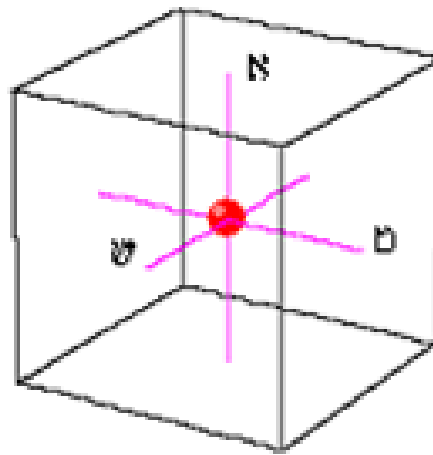
משנה ד': שבע כפולות בג"ד כפר"ת מעלה ומטה מזרח  
ומערב צפון ודרום והיכל הקודש מכוון באמצע והוא נושא את  
כולם:

4.4: Seven Doubles: BGD KPRT Up and Down East  
and West North and South And the Holy Palace  
precisely in the center and it supports them all.  
(*Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan translation*)

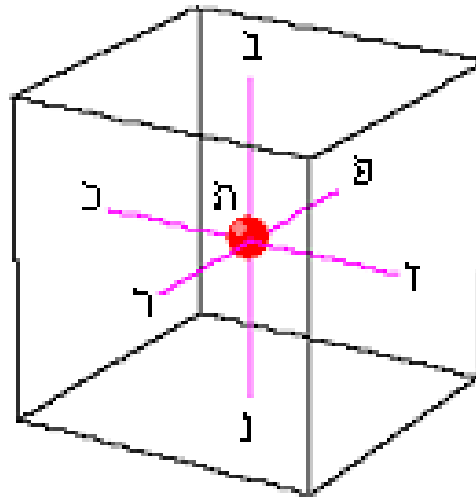
4:4 Seven doubles bet-gimmel-dalet-kaf-peh-resh-tav.  
Ascent and beneath, east and west, north and south,  
and the Holy Temple dwelling in the middle, and it  
carries them all.  
(*Doc Benton translation*)

This passage completes the association of the ten *sefirot* with the three *mother letters* and the seven *double letters*. In a previous passage we read that the ten *sefirot* are *breath, breath from breath, water, fire, up, down, east, west, north, and south*. The letters *aleph, mem, and shin* correspond to *breath, water, and fire*, and the seven double letters, *bet-gimmel-dalet-kaf-peh-resh-tav*, correspond to *up, down, east, west, north, south, and the Holy Temple*. The *Holy Temple* represented by *tav* also corresponds to the *breath from breath*.

In a previous passage we also saw that the three mother letters represent the up-down axis, the east-west axis, and the north-south axis, and with the directional associations of the seven *double letters*, we are well on our way to delineating the fundamental boundaries of a cube known as the *cube of space*. This is a precursor to the more recent *Sefirotic Tree of Life*, and like the *tree*, this is also a diagram that represents the created universe. Furthermore, the statement that the “Holy Temple carries them all” tells us that all is contained in the center in the same way that a cup contains the water that it carries.



**The three mother letters define axes for 3-dimensional space**



**The seven double letters define the six directions and the center**