

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ג

פרשת וארא

1. List four similarities between the מכה of דם and the מכה of צפרדע.¹
2. The longest word in the תורה is in this week's פרשה. What is it? (R' G. Tikotsky)
3. Where does it say כה וכה in last week's פרשה? Where does it say כה כה in this week's פרשה?
4. How many years were the Yidden in מצרים?
 - b. What is the calculation that proves this number?²
5. List eleven people from the time of אברהם, that the תורה records the age that they were נפטר.
 - b. What is the longest streak of son after father that the תורה records the age of their פטירה?
6. Who, mentioned in this week's פרשה, had a grandson that was also his great grandson?
7. I am called by a name yet it is never mentioned in the תורה,
I was very important in the eyes of the מצריים,
I was very close to one of the שבטים especially after he died.
I am referred to in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? (Submitted by B. Schwartz)
8. Aside from one letter our names are identical,
I contain most of the מכות,
He contains the greatest test.
I am second of the second,
He is fourth of the first.
Who am I? Who is he?

Need a hint?

¹ What is their source? Who performed it? What did they cause? How did the חרטמים respond?

² Calculate how many years there were from לידת יצחק until בני ישראל came down to מצרים.

Answers

- 1) They were from water 2) They were done by אהרן 3) They both caused a bad smell.
(ובאש היאר, ותבאש הארץ) 4) The חרטומין were able to replicate the both מכות
5) They both had a warning (however most מכות had this similarity)
2. ובמשארותיך
3. והנה לא שמעת עד כה פרשה it says in this week's פרשה (ב,יב) פרשה it says in last week's פרשה
כה אמר ה' (ז, טז-יז)
4. a) 210 b) The simplest calculation would seem to be: יוכבד was born when בני ישראל came to מצרים, she had משה when she was 130 and משה was 80 when they left מצרים.
However, this חשבון is a mistake because the תורה doesn't say she was 130 when she gave birth. Only once we know the Yidden were in מצרים for 210 years do we minus משה's age of 80 from 210 to get the number 130.
The calculation is as follows; the 400 years of גלות started from when יצחק was born. יצחק was 60 when he had יעקב. יעקב came to מצרים at 130. Thus when בני ישראל came to מצרים, 190 years had already passed. This means there was only 210 years left to the גלות.
אברהם, שרה, ישמעאל, יצחק, יעקב, יוסף, לוי, קהת, עמרם, משה, אהרן
b. 26 דורות from אדם until משה and אהרן.
6. לוי. He was the grandfather and great grandfather of משה and אהרן. This is because he was the grandfather of their father עמרם and the father of their mother יוכבד.
7. I am called by a name yet it is never mentioned in the תורה,
I was very important in the eyes of the מצריים, - an עבודה זרה and a source of water
I was very close to one of the שבטים especially after he died. - יוסף was put within my waters
I am referred to in this week's פרשה. - היאר
Who am I? - The נילוס – the Nile
8. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

- We have similar names, כהן און and כהן מדין -
We are both כהנים, משה originally imprisoned יתרו
We both imprisoned a future relative, יוסף and משה -
We both had a son-in-law that was a leader, פוטי פרע One of us had seven the other was known
We both have more than one name, יתרו (פוטיאל) and פוטיפר -
One of us is mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who are we?