

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ד

פרשת וירא

1. Which person, מפורש in the תורה, gave birth at the oldest age?
2. How old was יצחק by the עקידה? How do we know his age?
3. List the five מלאכים mentioned in this week's פרשה.
 - a. List 11 incidents with מלאכים mentioned in the תורה. (In two of the instances the פסוק says ה' but רש"י explains it to mean a מלאך.)¹
4. In what instance are each of the following numbers mentioned this week's פרשה? 2_(3x), 3_(3x), 7, 8, 45, 1000
5. Which person, referred to over 15 times in this week's פרשה, is never called by his name?
 - a. List three separate instances where he is referred to.
6. What was the name of לוט's two children? (Careful!)
7. I am a word with two meanings,
I am a sign of peace,
but I am also a weapon!
I am mentioned twice in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
8. I am mentioned in a ברכה
and in two קללות in ספר בראשית,
A מצוה is done with me,
A punishment was created with me,
I am mentioned in a comparison in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? (Based on submission by A Oberlander)

Need a hint?

¹ One in בראשית, two in לך לך, four were with יעקב, two were with משה, one was with כלל ישראל (although it wasn't in a מלאך form the פסוק refers to it as a מלאך), one in במדבר.

Answers

1. נח was 500 when he had his first child.
2. 37. יצחק was נפטר at 127 right after the עקידה. She was 90 when she gave birth to יצחק. This would make יצחק 37 by the עקידה. (It cannot be inferred from the fact that רבקה was born at the time of the עקידה and that she was three when she got married because, the only way we know she was three was from the fact that יצחק was 37 and he got married at 40. If at the עקידה he was 25 then רבקה would be 15 when she got married.)
3. 1) Three מלאכים came to visit אברהם and turn over סדום.
2) A מלאך guided הגר and ישמעאל
3) A מלאך stopped אברהם by the עקידה and benched him.
 - a. 1) גן עדן guarding כרובים
 - 2) A מלאך hit פרעה when he took שרה (It says ה' but רש"י explains that it was a מלאך)
 - 3) A מלאך (מלאכים) spoke to הגר when she was running away.
 - 4) מלאכים appeared on a ladder in יעקב's dream.
 - 5) A מלאך spoke to יעקב in a dream, while he watched לבן's sheep.
 - 6) יעקב met מלאכים on his way back from לבן and he sent them to עשיו
 - 7) מלאך fought with יעקב
 - 8) A מלאך appeared to משה in the סנה (originally it was a מלאך)
 - 9) משה was almost killed by a מלאך (It says ה' but רש"י explains that it was a מלאך)
 - 10) The עמוד ענן was a מלאך (יד, יט)
 - 11) A מלאך appeared to בלעם and almost killed him.
4. 2 – מלאכים, 2 בנות לוט, 2 נערים that נחור and the sons of יצחק - 8
traveled with אברהם צדיקים – 45
3 – מלאכים, 3 סאים, 3 days to הר המריה Silver coins – 1000
7 – Sheep by the ברית with אבימלך שרה gave to אבימלך
5. a) He prepared the meat for the מלאכים, he was sent away from אברהם's house and he escorted אברהם to the עקידה.
6. בן עמי and מואב was not the name of לוט's son but the name of בני עמי's nation.
7. Who am I? A קשת
8. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

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| I am where it all started, | - אדם's original location |
| I am hopefully where it all ends, | - after one is נפטר |
| Some may want to come earlier, | - by searching for it on this world |
| However, that which has the same name - | |
| of what is in the מקום קדוש, | - כרובים |
| and that which sustains עשו – prevent it. | - a sword |
| I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. | - כגן ה' (יג, ל) |
| Who am I? | - גן עדן |