

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ד

פרשת נצבים וילך

1. On which two occasions was פרשת וילך read last year (in תשפ"ג, not just as a מנהג)?
2. What is puzzling about the phrase "מחוטב עציך עד שאב מימך"?
 - a. Where else in the תורה is there a famous phrase with "עד" being used in the same way? ¹
3. Which יום טוב is mentioned in this week's פרשה?
4. On what date did פרשת וילך occur?
5. Which river is mentioned in this week's פרשה?
 - a. List five other rivers (even if unnamed) mentioned in the תורה. ²
 - b. List five נחלים (even if unnamed) mentioned in the תורה. ³
 - c. List four ימים mentioned in the תורה. ⁴
 - d. Where does the תורה mention waterfalls?
6. I am known as the second,
about me the least is known,
I am known for my strength of character and my dedication to service,
But I am most well-known for my ultimate sacrifice,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
7. We are a group of three,
One of us is of a person,
One of us is of an animal,
One of us is of the ground,
The three of us are mentioned in this week's פרשה,
Who are we?

Need a hint?

¹ After the מלכים די והי מלכים

² Five in בראשית and one in מקץ

³ One was crossed by one of the אבות one is a border of ארץ ישראל and two are borders to לירדן עבר

⁴ One was crossed on the way to איי, three are borders of ארץ ישראל

Answers

1. The תשפ"ג fell out twice in פרשת השבוע. It was read the first time on the שבת after ראש השנה in תשפ"ג and it was read a second time together with נצבים on the last שבת in תשפ"ג. (It comes out that וילך was read both together and separately in תשפ"ג)
2. עד means from one extreme to another; here they are similar in type.
 - a. After the מלחמת ד' וה' מלכים it says נעל שרוד.
3. The פרשה discusses the מצוה of הקהל סוכות.
4. משה says he is 120 years old today. רש"י explains he actually turned 120 on that day. This would mean it was ז' אדר – the day he was born and נפטר.
5. The ירדן
 - a. 1) The נהר היוצא מעדן (2-5) The four rivers that flow from the נהר היוצא מעדן (והנה עמד / The Nile is also mentioned) נהר פרת and חידקל, גיחון, פישון (רש"י ב, יא see פישון as the same river as the נהר היוצא מעדן, but it is the same river as the נהר היוצא מעדן, א)
 - b. 1) נחל יבק, the river where יעקב fought the מלאך and a border of עמון.
2) נחל זרד (דברים ב, יד); one of the נחלים that בני ישראל crossed while passing מואב
3) נחל ארנון (דברים ב, כד); the border between מואב and ארץ אמורי
4) נחל היורד מההר (דברים ט, כא) 5) נחל מצרים (במדבר לד, ה); in תורה the עקב mentions a river that flowed from סיני
c. 1) The ים המלח 2) The ים סוף 3) ים הגדול (במדבר לד, ו) / The Mediterranean Sea
4) ים גמ' (does the תורה doesn't call it a ים although the תורה does) (במדבר לד, יא)
d. 15) הרבות מואב (דברים ג, יז); the waterfalls that bordered מואב
6. Who am I? יצחק
7. Next week....

Last week's Riddle:

From me he was taken,	- to be created
With me he was named,	- אדם is based on the word אדמה
With me he was told to work,	- לעבדה ולשמרה
To me he was eventually returned.	- ואל עפר תשוב
Because of him I was cursed,	- as a punishment for his חטא
Even so, I am used as the name of a ברכה.	- ברכת האדמה
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.	
Who am I?	- האדמה

לרפואה שלמה אביגדור ששון מאיר בן רחל לאה, יונתן בן איטא
לע"נ שאול בן אברהם ז"ל, ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב ע"ה, יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל
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