

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ג

פרשת מטות מסעי

1. In what instance in this week's פרשה is the word החרש (quiet) used?
 - a. When else in the תורה is "החרש" used? ¹
 - b. In what famous instance in ני"ך is החרש used? ²
 - c. In what instance in the תורה is תחרשון used? ³
 - d. In what instance in the תורה is מחריש used? ⁴
2. What in this week's פרשה is 2000?
 - a. Where else in the תורה do we find the number 2000?
 - b. By which הלכה do we find the number 2000?
3. Which person in this week's פרשה took over the position of his great nephew?
 - a. How is he his great nephew?
4. To me, two people ran – but at different times,
Both ran from the same king,⁵
Over me there were five.
Left over from me were very few.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
5. The two In a previous פרשה we are a group of four titles,
We are used for judgment,
In this week's פרשה two of us are mentioned,
and we are used for war.
Who are we? (Submitted by R' M. Cohen)

Need a Hint?

¹ פרשת וישלח

² In one of the מגילות

³ פרשת בשלח חו

⁴ פרשת חיי שרה חו

⁵ פרעה

Answers

1. וְהַחֲרִישׁ לָהּ אֲבִיהָ (ל,ה)
- When יעקב hears that דינה was captured the פסוק says (לד,ה) "והחריש יעקב עד באם".
 - (ד,יד). "אם החרש תחרישי" - אסתר tells מרדכי
 - "ה' ילחם לכם ואתם תחישון" - בני ישראל tells משה - קריעת ים סוף
 - יצחק quietly waits to see if רבקה is the right שידוך for רבקה. (כד,כא) והאיש משתאה לה מחריש לדעת
2. The מגרש around the ערי הלויים were 2000 אמות
- . נצר חסד לאלפים (עי רשי"י וז"ל לשני אלפים דורות)
 - תחום שבת
3. took over as נשיא from נחשון his great nephew. כלב
- רש"י לך לך טו,טו. See (מגילת רות as seen at the end of רות). רם בן חצרון was נחשון where he says כלב was בן חצרון. This is based on the 'גמ' in טו. תמורה דף טו. רם's father's name wasn't actually יפונה - it was חצרון as is seen in טו,ב. דברי הימים ב,טו. He was called רם because he was the brother of נחשון's grandfather רם. If so, כלב was the brother of רם's grandfather. Note: The גמ"א and the מלבי"ם say based on קשיות from דברי הימים ב,טו, that כלב בן חצרון and כלב בן חצרון were two different people. The גמ' doesn't actually mean they were the same person but that they had the same נפש תכונת נפש. According to them, there is no reason to assume כלב was נחשון's great uncle.
4. To me, two people ran – but at different times, - יתרו and משה -
Both ran from the same king, - פרעה -
Over me there were five. - kings -
Left over from me were very few. - people survived the war -
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. -
Who am I? - מדין -
5. Next Week....

Last week's riddle:

- The one before me is doubled, - חקת בלק -
The one after me is doubled, - מטות מסעי -
but I am not doubled.
However, this is only so in חוץ לארץ,
The reason for this difference
can be traced back to the טוב of יום טוב of שבועות. - On פרשה א"י one fell behind חוץ לארץ שבועות 6 -
Who am I? - פרשת פנחס -

לרפואה שלמה - אביגדור ששון מאיר בן רחל לאה,
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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⁶ The second day of שבועות this year fell out on שבת. Since it was יום טוב we didn't lain the פרשת השבועה but in ארץ ישראל where there was only one day שבועות - they lain the פרשת השבועה. As a result, א"י got ahead of חוץ לארץ one פרשה. In order to catch up, in חוץ לארץ we lain חוקת בלק and חוקת בלק together.