

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ג

פרשת וירא

1. How old was יצחק by the עקידה? How do we know his age?
2. 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
3. In what instance are each of the following numbers mentioned this week's פרשה? 2_(3x), 3_(3x), 7, 8, 45, 1000
4. 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.
5. I had two wives,
One of them was my niece,
My brother died before me,
With my descendants ה' has a special relationship,
None of my children were known to be a צדיק.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
6. I am a word only found four times in the תורה,
Three of the times are in this week's פרשה,
Once regarding שרה,
Once regarding the מלאכים,
Once regarding a שם.
I am also found in מוסף of קדושה.
Who am I?

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

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.)
- 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.
 - 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) עשיו met מלאכים on his way back from לבן and he sent them to יעקב.
 - 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) מלאך.
 - 11) A מלאך appeared to בלעם and almost killed him.
- 2 – מלאכים, 2 בנות לוט, 2 נערים that מילת יצחק - 8
traveled with אברהם צדיקים – 45
3 – מלאכים, 3 סאים, 3 days to המריה 1000 – Silver coins שרה gave to אבימלך
7 – Sheep by the ברית with אבימלך
- a) He prepared the meat for the מלאכים, he was sent away from אברהם's house and he escorted אברהם to the עקידה.
- I had two wives, ראומה and מלכה -
One of them was my niece, מלכה בת הרן -
My brother died before me, כבשן האש -
With my descendants 'ה has a special relationship, רבקה through -
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה בנים לנחור אחיך (כב, כ) -
Who am I? נחור -
- Next week....

Last week's riddle:

- I am found three times in ספר בראשית,
Once as an amount of money, מערת המכפלה - when purchasing the
Once as an amount of people, עשו - that came together with
In this week's פרשה I am an amount of years, גלות - years of the
Who am I? 400 -

לרפואה שלמה – אבגדור ששון מאיר בן רחל לאה,
לעיני שאול בן אברהם ז"ל, ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב ע"ה, יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל
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