

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ד

פרשת בראשית

1. List five instances where a נחש is mentioned in the תורה.¹
 - a. Bonus: Where in the תורה, instead of calling a נחש by its name, is it referred to as a "הולך על גחון"? Where is it referred to as "זחלי עפר"?
2. What זכר was made for הבל after he died?
3. Which three creations does the תורה call by its name even though the actual name wasn't given until later?
4. List six instances in this week's פרשה that the תורה tells us the reason that a name was given.
5. Where in the תורה do we have 8 generations that took place in less than 150 years?
6. I have a face,
I have a mouth,
I have one eye,²
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
7. I was a צדיק,
I didn't live as long as the others in my time,
I did something that after my time was אסור,
Although it seems the שבטים did it as well -
by them according to many it was different.
My name, although it isn't referring to me -
is one of the themes on סכות.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ One in בראשית, one in ויחי, one in שמות, one in וזאת and one in חוקת.

² I was cursed in this week's פרשה

Answers

- 1) The נחש of פרשת בראשית is נחש.
2) In ברכת יעקב דן – נחש is compared to a נחש. (ויחי מט, יז)
3) The נחש is used as an אות for משה to prove himself to ככל ישראל to (שמות ד, ג).
4) The נחש is used as an אות for משה to prove himself to פרעה. (Although the פסוק says "תנין", (וארא ז, ט). (נחש is a תנין רש"י)
5) The נחש is used as a punishment for ככל ישראל when they complained about the מן.
(חוקת כא, ו)
6) In המוליכך במדבר הגדל והנורא נחש it describes the מדבר as being a place with snakes; עקב ח, טו
[שָׂרָף]
a. 1) כל הולך על־גחון וגוי לא תאכלום כִּי־שָׁקַץ הִם (פרשת שמיני יא, מב)
2) וְשָׂרָף־בְּהֵמַת אֲשַׁלְחֶם עִם־חֲמַת זֹחֲלֵי עֶפְרָי (האזינו לב, כד)
2. הבל was named as a זכר for the loss of שת
3. 1-2) שמים וארץ. The פסוק says בראשית ברא אלקים את השמים ואת הארץ, yet they aren't named until day two and three. 3) חוה was called an אשה before אדם gave her the name.
4. 1) כי היא היתה אם כל חי – חוה 2) כי מאיש לקחה זאת – אשה
3) כי שת לי אלקים – שת 4) קניתי איש את ה' – קין
5) The city חנוך was named after קין's son 6) זה ינחמנו ממעשנו ומעצבון ידינו – נח
* בפירוש אדם presumably was given his name because he came from the אדמה, but the תורה doesn't say so
5. From אדם until קין טובל קין was eight generations but it was only 130 years. We see this because שת was born after קין טובל and אדם was 130 when שת was born.
6. I have a face, - כל פני האדמה (ב, ו)
I have a mouth, - האדמה אשר פצתה את פיה (ד, יא)
I have one eye, - ויכס עין הארץ (שמות י, טו)
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? - The ground
7. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

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| He and I are so far yet we are so close, | -we are at two ends of the תורה but read less than a week apart |
| We are both read on the same day, | - שמחת תורה ח |
| He contains ברכות for all, | - ויברך אותם פרו ורבו |
| I contain ברכות for a nation. | - אשר ברך משה איש אלקים את בני ישראל |
| We both have a connection to זמן שמחתנו | - We are both read on שמחת תורה |
| Who am I? Who is he? | - בראשית and וזאת הברכה |