

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ג

פרשת קרח

1. Where else in the תורה does it mention the פני הארץ?<sup>1</sup>
  - a. In which additional place does it say the "ground swallowed"?<sup>2</sup>
2. Aside from ארץ ישראל, what country is described as "ארץ זבת חלב דבש"? Where?<sup>3</sup>
3. List at least 323 people (not necessarily by name), in the תורה, that died by fire. (Not necessarily מפורש בתורה)<sup>4</sup>
  - a. List two people in the תורה who were saved from being killed by fire.
4. When, prior to פרשת קרח, are דתן ואבירם names mentioned?
5. What brought both life and death in this week's פרשה?
6. What are four incidents in the תורה that a person or a group of people are called רשעים / ארשע?<sup>5</sup>
7. I am from the seventy,  
I have three siblings,  
I have four children,  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?
8. I was someone's end,  
I am associated with a place of total destruction,  
A שאלה was asked regarding me,  
I have a place on the מזבח.  
In this week's פרשה I am used as an expression of "everlasting",  
Who am I?

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#### Need a hint?

<sup>1</sup> פרשת בראשית ח

<sup>2</sup> פרשת בשלח ח

<sup>3</sup> It is in this week's פרשה

<sup>4</sup> נח and שמיני, בהעלתך in פרשה

<sup>5</sup> One is in this week's פרשה, one was said by אברהם, one is in פרשת שמות, one is in פרשת וארא.

## Answers

- Regarding the blood of הבל it says "ארור אתה מן האדמה אשר פצתה את פיה (ד,יא)".
  - Regarding the bodies of the מצריים by סוף ים קריעת ים סוף it says:  
"נטית ימינך תבלעמו ארץ" ע' רש"י (טו,יב).
- המעט כי העליתנו מארץ זבת חלב ודבש (טז,יג) - מצרים
- תשֶׁתֶּרֶךְ (טז,יג) has the גמטריא of  $400+300+400+200+200=1500$
- 250 people from קרח (251 according to the דאמר מאן that קרח as well was burnt.)
  - 1) The fire by the מתאננים killed the 70 זקנים (טז,יא, טז).  
(ע' רש"י brings a שיטה that it was the רב ערב that were killed)
    - נדב ואביהוא
    - הרן
  - אברהם (at אור כשדים) and תמר (יהודה's daughter-in-law)
- Never. In previous incidents they were referred to אנשים נצים or נצבים, or ואחיו.
- קטורת
- 1) When משה refers to ועדתו - קרח ועדתו (טז,כו)
  - 2) When אברהם davens for the אנשי סדום (יח,כג) -אנשי סדום
  - 3) When משה tells דתן ואתנן not to fight (ב,יג)
  - 4) When פרעה admits he is a רשע (ט,כז) - רשע
- I am from the seventy, - מצרים  
I have three siblings, - יוכבד and מררי, גרשון  
I have four children, - עוזיאל and חברון, יצהר, עמרם  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I? - קהת
- Next week....

### Last week's riddle:

We are a group,

Our group is mentioned twice in the תורה,

The first time we were introduced,

The second time we were used to grant forgiveness for כלל ישראל,

Part of our group is mentioned in this week's פרשה,

Who are we?

- כי תשא in חטא העגל after

- after the חטא of the מרגלים

- only 6 are mentioned

- The י"ג מדות