

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ד

פרשת ויצא

1. What type of קרבן was brought in this week's פרשה?
 - a) How many people brought animals as a קרבן in ספר בראשית? Who are they?
2. List three dreams that occurred in this week's פרשה.
 - a) List seven other dreams that occurred in the תורה.¹
3. Which three "dead" people in this week's פרשה were actually alive?
4. What did both לבן and עשו do to יעקב?
5. What נס happened to both יעקב and אליעזר?
 - a) How was the נס different by יעקב?
 - b) List two other instances in the תורה where such a נס occurs.²
6. In which instances are each of these numbers mentioned in this week's פרשה? 2, 3, 3, 6, 7, 7, 7, 20
7. I reached great heights,
Even beyond what most would have dreamed,
I am only mentioned once in the תורה,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
8. We are relatives,
He was willing to die not to do it,
I died as a result of trying to stop another from doing it,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? Who is he? (Submitted by B. Schwartz)

Need a hint?

¹ One in וירא, four in וישב and two in מקץ.

² One is in ספר במדבר and one is hinted to in פרשת דברים

Answers

1. קרבן brought oil as a יעקב
a. אברהם and נח, הבל – 3
2. 1) יעקב dreamed of מלאכים on the סולם. 2) יעקב's dream in which ה' told him to return home.
3) יעקב's dream in which ה' warns him not to harm לבן.
a. 1) אבימלך's dream to return שרה. 2-3) יוסף's two dreams (beginning וישב).
4-5) The dreams of the האופים ושר (end וישב 6-7). 6-7) פרעה's dream(s)³
3. 1) יעקב was חשוב כמת when אליפז stole all his possessions were stolen. 2) פסוק יג on רשי"י explains the reason it says יצחק was because יצחק was a סומא and therefore he was חשוב כמת.
3) רחל said she was חשוב כמת because she didn't have children.
4. They both hugged (and kissed) him.
5. קפיצת הדרך.
a. By אליעזר it was the standard קפיצת הדרך while by יעקב – הר המוריה uprooted itself and came to (עי רשי"י ד"ה כי אם בית אלקים). יעקב
b. By מרגלים and when בני ישראל traveled from סיני to הר קדש ברנע
6. 2 – לבן had two daughters, each of the שפחות had a שני בן
3 – Three flocks of sheep by the well, three days distance between יעקב ולבן, on the third day לבן was told that יעקב ran away.
6 – Years יעקב worked for pay.
7 – Years יעקב worked to marry לאה, years he worked to marry רחל, and "days of travel" that לבן went in order to catch up to יעקב.
20 - Total years יעקב worked for לבן
7. Who am I? A סולם
8. Next week...

Last Week's Riddle:

I am a phrase,

I am best known from a quote on פסח ליל,

I am found many times in ספר בראשית,

I was used by ה' by the חטא of the הדעת,

I was used by פרעה to אברהם,

I was used by יעקב to לבן,

I was used by the שבטים when they returned from יוסף.

I am used in this week's פרשה.

Who am I?

- ארבע בנים

- נחש

- אברהם to שרה

- לאה gave him לבן

- At the inn on the way back

- מה זאות

לרפואה שלמה – אביגדור ששון מאיר בן רחל לאה,

לעיני שאול בן אברהם ז"ל, ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב עי"ה, יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל

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³ There are three additional times in ספר בראשית that a dream is implied but it is not explicitly stated: 1) In the middle of the בתרים it says a אברהם על נפלה after which תרדמה נפלה על אברהם ה' says גר יהיה זרעך. It is unclear if this was a dream or after he awoke. 2) In פרשת תולדות ה' appears מראת הלילה when coming down to מצרים. Additionally, there are the two נבואות of which על פי בלעם נבואה equal to משה's it must have been פה על פה. 3) In בלילה - יצחק would seem to be a dream but being that ה' ז"ל say בלעם נבואה equal to משה's it must have been פה על פה.