

# PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת וירא

1. What are the three times it says ויטע in the תורה? (B. Schwartz)
2. Which person, מפורש in the תורה, gave birth at the oldest age?
3. How old was יצחק by the עקידה? How do we know his age?
4. 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.)<sup>1</sup>
5. In what instance are each of the following numbers mentioned this week's פרשה?  $2_{(3x)}$ ,  $3_{(3x)}$ , 7, 8, 45, 1000
6. 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.
7. What was the name of לוט's two sons? (Careful!)
8. Life and death are in my hands,  
My name together with רע is very well known,  
However in this week's פרשה, I am טוב שבטוב.  
Who am I?
9. I was misused by a father,  
I was given graciously by his son,  
Through me was someone חוטא,  
One who is associated with me was returned to his former glory,  
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.  
Who am I?

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#### Need a hint?

<sup>1</sup> 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

1. ויטע (אברהם) אשל וגוי 3) ויחל נח איש האדמה ויטע כרם 2) ויטע ה' גן בעדן 1)
2. נח was 500 when he had his first child.
3. 37. שרה 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.)
4. 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.  
 a. 1) גן עדן guarding כרובים  
 2) A מלאך hit שרה when he took פרעה (It says ה' but רש"י explains that it was a מלאך).  
 3) A מלאך spoke to הגר when she was running away. (מלאכים)  
 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) יעקב met מלאכים on his way back from לבן and he sent them to עשוי.  
 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).  
 11) A מלאך appeared to בלעם and almost killed him.
5. 2 – מלאכים, 2 בנות לוט, 2 נערים that נחור and the sons of יצחק - 8  
 traveled with אברהם צדיקים - 45  
 3 – מלאכים, 3 סאים, 3 days to המריה הר אבימלך gave to שרה 1000 – Silver coins  
 7 – Sheep by the ברית with אבימלך
6. a) He prepared the meat for the מלאכים, he was sent away from אברהם's house and he escorted אברהם to the עקידה.
7. בן עמי was the name of the nation that came from עמון. מואב and בן עמי.
8. Life and death are in my hands, מות וחיים ביד ..... (משלי יח, כא) -  
 My name together with רע is very well known, לשון הרע -  
 However in this week's פרשה, I am טוב שבטוב. - the best meat was served to the מלאכים (18:7 see Rashi)  
 Who am I? - The לשון
9. Next week....

### Last week's riddle:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| I risked my life for another,                                 | - לט save to                          |
| With the birth of a child my opportunity for wealth was lost, | - I no longer would inherit my master |
| I did an act similar to יוסף הצדיק,                           | - שם נא ידך תחת יריכי                 |
| I was תפילה to have my זוכה answered,                         | - באר by the                          |
| I have the same name as someone else in the תורה,             | - the son of משה רבנו                 |
| I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.                           |                                       |
| Who am I?                                                     | - אליעזר                              |

לרפואה שלמה אביגדור ששון מאיר בן רחל לאה, יונתן בן איטא  
 לעיני שאל בן אברהם ז"ל, ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב ע"ה, יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל  
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