

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת בא

1. What did the ארבה and the בני ישראל have in common? ¹
2. Who says "חטאתי" in this week's פרשה?
 - a. Which three other people in the תורה says "חטאתי"?
 - b. Which two people said "מה חטאתי"?
 - c. Which other people in the תורה says "אשמים"?
3. When in this week's פרשה does משה become angry?
 - a. List five other instances in the תורה where משה got angry. ²
4. List six creatures mentioned in this week's פרשה.
5. יעקב wanted to be one of us,
In this week's פרשה, the מצריים did not,
We had a special privilege but it did not last,
However, even to this day a מצוה is still done with us.
We are mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who are we?
6. In the תורה I was used by many צדיקים,
I was even used by a רשע,
Once a tremendous נס happened with me,
There is sometimes a מצוה to help me,
There is another מצוה that if it isn't done to me -
my life can be at risk,
There is a לאו that involves me as well.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ What does it say about ארבה that it also says about the בני ישראל?

² One is found in each of the following פרשיות: 1) בשלח 2) כי תשא 3) שמייני 4) קרח 5) מטות

Answers

1. It says regarding both of them that they were "כסה עין הארץ". In this week's פרשה it says it about the ארבה and in פרשת בלק it says "עם יצא ממצרים הנה כסה את עין הארץ".
2. חטאתי לה' אלקיכם (י, טז) – פרעה.
 - a. 1) וחטאתי לאלקים (לט, ט) - יוסף 2) וחטאתי לאלקים (לט, ט) - יוסף 3) ויאמר בלעם אל מלאך ה' וגוי' (כב, לד) - בלעם
 - b. לבן to יעקב and אברהם to אבימלך
 - c. ויאמרו איש אל אחיו אבל אשמים וגוי' (מב, כא) - שבטים
3. After משה warns פרעה about בכורות it says "ויצא מעם פרעה בחרי אף".
 - a. 1) In פרשת בשלח, when דתן ואבירם leave over the מן.
 - 2) In פרשת כי תשא, when משה sees the Yidden serving the עגל.
 - 3) In פרשת שמייני, when the שער ראש חודש was burnt instead of being eaten.
 - 4) In פרשת קרח, when דתן ואבירם refuse to come to him when they were called.
 - 5) In פרשת מטות, when the army attacking מדין didn't kill the women (even though they were the ones who caused the חטא)
 - 6) It isn't בפירוש but the רמב"ם explains the חטא of the מריבה in פרשת חוקת was that משה רבינו got angry and said שמעו נא המורים.
4. 1) ארבה 2) כבש 3) The קרבן פסח can be a פטר חמור 4) The קרבן פסח can be an עז 5) כלב 6) פדיון פטר חמור
(עז and כבש are general categories which include עז and כבש. Therefore they can't be counted as additional animals since עז and כבש are already counted.)
5. יעקב wanted to be one of us,
In this week's פרשה, the מצריים did not,
We had a special privilege but it did not last, - To serve in the המקדש
However, even to this day a מצוה is still done with us. - פדיון הבן
We are mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who are we? - בכורים
6. Next week.....

Last week's Riddle

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| I am part of a group of five, | - grains |
| I am brought first - | - the first קרבן from the new year's crop (the עומר) |
| on the second, | - on the second day of פסח |
| I am also brought by one who is disgraced, | - סוטה |
| I am sometimes used as a measurement, | - טומא |
| I am the limit upon which other forces can control, | - upon items smaller than my size, שדים have no power |
| In this week's פרשה I was destroyed. | - מכת ברד |
| Who am I? | - Barley |

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