

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת קרח

1. Aside from פרשת קרח, list three other times that the תורה mentions the פי הארץ?¹
 - a. In which additional instance does it say the "ground swallowed"?²
2. Aside from ארץ ישראל, what country is described as "ארץ זבת חלב ודבש"? Where?³
3. List at least 323 people (not necessarily by name), in the תורה, that died by fire. (Not necessarily מפורש בתורה)⁴
 - 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. Three of us are the same in concept,
One of us was of land,
One of us was of water,
One of us was of an animal,
Our time was neither day nor night,
We are found in three consecutive פרשיות.
One is found in this week's פרשה,
Who are we?
7. My name begins with a "ק",
My name has three letters,
My father was a famous רשע,⁵
My name is found in this week's פרשה.⁶
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ Twice regarding the מעשה קרח and once in בראשית

² In פרשת בשלח

³ It is in this week's פרשה

⁴ In this weeks פרשה in בהעלתך, נח and שמיני.

⁵ His brother was a great צדיק,

⁶ Someone with my name is found in this week's פרשה

Answers

1. It mentions the מעשה קרח in (כו,י) פרשת פינחס and in (יא,ו) פרשת ואתחנן. It is also mentioned when קין was cursed - לקחת את פיה פצתה את פיה לקחת - "ארור אתה מן האדמה אשר פצתה את פיה לקחת".
את דמי אחיך (ד,יא)"
 - a. Regarding the bodies of the מצריים by סוף קריעת ים סוף it says:
"נטית ימינך תבלעמו ארץ" ע' רש"י (טו,יב).
2. המעט כי העליתנו מארץ זבת חלב ודבש (טז,יג) - מצרים
3. 250 people from קרח as well was burnt. (251 according to the דאמר מאן קרח)
 - a. 1) The fire by the מתאננים killed the 70 זקנים (טז,יא, טז).
(ע' רש"י י"א, טז) brings a שיטה that it was the ערב רב that were killed (א:)
2) נדב ואביהוא
3) הרן
 - b. תמר (יהודה's daughter-in-law) and (אור כשדים) אברהם (at)
4. Never. In previous incidents they were referred to אנשים נצים or נצבים, or ואחיו.
5. קטורת
6. The three of us are similar in concept,
One of us was of the land,
One of us was of water,
One of us was of an animal,
Our time was neither day nor night. - They were created בין השמשות
One of us is mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who are we? - פי הארץ, פי הבאר, פי האתון
7. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

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| I was used for הכנסת אורחים, | - the אשל אברהם |
| Upon me a מצרי was killed, | - the האופים |
| I brought salvation when there was thirst, | - I was thrown into the water in מרה |
| From me sometimes an עבודה זרה is made, | |
| In this week's פרשה I am used as a metaphor for a צדיק. | - היש בה עץ אם אין (יג,כ) ע' רש"י |
| I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. | |
| Who am I? | - עץ |

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