

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת בלק

1. List four instances in the תורה that ה' makes as if he doesn't know something.
 - a. List three instances where a מלאך makes as if he doesn't know something.
(Submitted by R' Y. Lichtenstein)
2. List three things that בלעם does that is reminiscent of אברהם.¹
 - a. What ברכה does בלעם give to כלל ישראל that was previously given to יעקב and אברהם?
3. Which שלש רגלים are mentioned in this week's פרשה?
4. What event in this week's פרשה is startlingly similar to an event that happened during the days of רבי עקיבא?
5. List four people in the תורה whose eyes were opened.
6. List seven מגפות mentioned in the תורה.²
7. For two I was a place of refuge,
For two I was a place of birth,
For five I was a place of their sovereignty,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
8. My two brothers were killed,
One accidentally, one on purpose,
My birth was a comfort to my parents,
I was one of the ten,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a Hint?

¹ All three are part of the same event.

² Three are in ספר שמות and four in ספר במדבר.

Answers

1. 1) "איכה וגו' מי הגיד לך וגו'" (ג,י) - עץ הדעת חטא of the asks after the ה' 2) "אי הבל אחיד" (ד,ט) – הבל kills קין asks after ה' 3) "ארדה נא ואראה" (יח,כא) – סדום says before destroying ה' 4) "מי האנשים האלא עמד" (כב,ט) – פרשה asks in this week's ה' a. When questioning הגר, when asking where שרה was, and when asking יעקב his name.
2. 1) Regarding both it says בבוקר (וישכם) ויקם 2) Both saddled their own donkey. 3) Both took two נערים as escorts. Bonus answer: They both fell while receiving נבועה because they were ערל לך לך in אברהם to ה' was given by ברכה almost identical. מברכך ברוך ואריך ארור (כד,ט) a) and ברכת יצחק by יעקב gave to יצחק.
3. The בלעם that שלש רגלים hit his donkey.
4. Both in this week's פרשה and בימי רבי עקיבא there was a מגפה in which 24,000 people died. (It is brought בשם the אר"ז that the עקיבא רבי תלמידי were גלגולים of the 24,000 people in this week's פרשה)
5. 1) Regarding בלעם it says (כב,לא) "ויגל ה' את עיני בלעם" 2) Regarding הגר it says (כא,יט) "ויפקח אלקים את עיניה" 3-4) Regarding אדם and חוה it says (ג,ז) "ותפקחנה עיני שניהם"
6. 1) דבר 2) מכת בכורות 3) By the העגל חטא 4) While eating שליו 5) By the המרגלים חטא 6) By the complainers after קר' death 7) By מואב ובעל פעור
7. **For two I was a place of refuge,** - משה and יתרו (ran to me rather than having to advise פרעה to enslave the Yidden.)
For two I was a place of birth, - גרשם ואליעזר
For five I was a place of their sovereignty, - אוי, רקס, צור, חור, רבע (לא,ח)
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? - מדין
8. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

- I was punished for the words I spoke, - חוה to
I was used to punish others for their words, - מן בני ישראל for speaking badly about the
Unfortunately, I was stopped by a lifeless traitor.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? - The copper snake