

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ה

פרשת פינחס

1. List three sets of brothers, mentioned in this week's פרשה, that died prematurely. (Submitted by M. Kagan)
2. Which שם ה' is hinted to 65 times in this week's פרשה?¹
3. What in this week's פרשה has a connection to שבעה עשר בתמוז?²
4. How did the destruction of סדום indirectly cause פינחס to get the כהונה?
5. Which of the בני יעקב had the most descendants in this week's פרשה?
6. What connection does this week's פרשה have with the fourth day of creation?
7. Whose future position was announced in this week's פרשה?
 - a. List two places where his position was previously hinted in the תורה.³
8. I am the name of a king,
I am also a description of ה',
If you move one dot, I become the name of a place.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? (Submitted by A. Wealcatch)
9. One of my parents was counted but not mentioned,
My oldest brother and I, were born from the first marriage,
My youngest brother was born from the second marriage,
With our names a נס did happen,
A נס identical to one by הר סיני.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a Hint?

¹ When counting כלל ישראל

² One of the five tragedies is connected to the פרשה

³ Once in בשלח and once in בהעלתך

Answers

1. דתן ואבירם, ער ואונן, נדב ואביהו
2. The families of ישראל were called הכרמי וכי. רש"י explains that ה' put his name at the beginning and end to give עדות on their יחוס.
3. The תמיד was no longer brought. - from שבעה עשר בתמוז - תמיד
4. 1) If סדום hadn't been destroyed, then מואב wouldn't have been born.
2) If מואב wouldn't have been born then בלעם wouldn't have been hired.
3) If בלעם wouldn't have been hired then he would never have advised the מדינים to be מזנה with the Yidden.
4) If they wouldn't have been מזנה then פינחס would not have killed זמרי.
5. 85,200 people while יהודה is only 76,500. (Note: This is a new development. By the counting in פרשת במדבר - פרשת יהודה had more descendants than אפרים ומנשה combined.)
6. On ראש חודש it says לה' חטאת. The מדרש explains that ה' says "bring a קרבן for me because I minimized the לבנה."
7. יהושע
 - a. בשלח יז, יד - שים באזני יהושע (ע' רש"י)
בהעלתך יא, כח - ויאמר אדני משה כלאם (ע' רש"י)
8. I am the name of a king, - מדין of
I am also a description of ה', - צור ישראל
If you move one dot, I become the name of a place. - חירם the country of צור
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I? - כזבי the father of צור
9. Next week.....

Last week's Riddle:

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| My two brothers were killed, | קין was killed purposely by הבל - |
| One accidentally, one on purpose, | למך was killed accidentally by קין - |
| My birth was a comfort to my parents, | כי שת לי אלקים בן אחר (ד, כה) - |
| I was one of the ten, | אברהם generations to - |
| I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. | |
| Who am I? | שת - |

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