

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ו

פרשת וירא

1. Which person, מפורש in the תורה, had a child at the oldest age?
2. List the five מלאכים mentioned in this week's פרשה.
 - a. List 11 incidents with מלאכים mentioned elsewhere the תורה. (In two of the instances the פסוק says ה' but רש"י explains it to mean a מלאך.)¹
3. In what instance are each of the following numbers mentioned this week's פרשה? $2_{(3x)}$, $3_{(3x)}$, 7, 8, 45, 1000
4. How many of לוט's children are mentioned in the תורה?
 - a. What were the names of לוט's two sons? (Careful!)
5. I am quite famous and revered,
By me a great act was performed,
By me a צדיק stayed,
By me is located a great שער,
It is I who is known as "the good".
Although I am not mentioned by name in this week's פרשה,
the place after which I was named is.
Who am I?
6. I am an action,
I appear three times in the תורה,
I was done by a host when inviting guests,
I was done to the host by the people of his city,
I was done by someone when giving his brother gifts.²
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ 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.

² עשו to יעקב

Answers

1. נח was 500 when he had his first child.
2. 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 פרעה when he took שרה (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 עשיו.
 - 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.
3. 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 הר המריה Silver coins אבימלך gave to שרה – 1000
 7 – Sheep by the ברית with אבימלך
4. Six. His two unmarried daughters, his (at minimum) two married daughters, and the two sons he had from living with his daughters.
 - a. מואב and בן עמי was not the name of his second son but rather the name of the nation that came from him.
5. I am quite famous and revered,
 By me a great act was performed, - The עקידה
 By me a צדיק stayed, - יעקב
 By me is located a great שער, - שער השמים
 It is I who is known as "the good". - ההר הטוב
 Although I am not mentioned by name in this week's פרשה,
 the place after which I was named is. - ארץ מוריה
 Who am I? - הר המוריה
6. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

- He and I are usually paired together,
 We are usually associated with the poor, - we are brought as thier קרבן
 In this weeks פרשה, he isn't called by his usual name, - He is called גוזל instead of יונה
 In this weeks פרשה, we are used to represent the בני ישראל, - ברית בן הבתרים
 Who am I? - תור