

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ו

פרשת וישב

1. Which person does the תורה say died (literally), but in a later פרשה it mentions him alive and active?
2. List 10 fathers mentioned in the תורה who had a child die (prematurely) in their life time.¹
3. List five official titles mentioned in this week's פרשה.
 - a. List three individuals in this week's פרשה that the תורה never discloses the individuals name nor title.²
4. Who in this week's פרשה has his name backwards and forwards in the same פסוק?³
 - a. Which famous person in פרשת בראשית has his name backwards and forwards in the same פסוק?⁴
 - b. How are these two instances amazingly similar?
5. I have a connection to both שמים וארץ,
I am as old as the fish of the sea,
In the days of נח, I brought hope,
In the days of יוסף, I was a sign of death,
In the days of משה, I foiled the plan of רשעים.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
6. My name reflects my first ambition,
In קבלת שבת I am synonymous with the גאולה שלמה,
The שורש of my name is used to describe the desecration of the יונים,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ Three in בראשית, one in נח, one in וירא, one in this weeks פרשה and one in ויקרא.

² One is man, one is a daughter and one is a wife.

³ His name has two letters

⁴ His name also is only two letters

Answers

1. יצחק. The פסוק says (לו, לה) and רש"י explains this is referring to יצחק.
2. (1) קין והבל lost אדם. (2) תובל קין accidentally killed his son למך. (3) חנוך was taken away at a young age which was long before his father ירד died. (4) הרן lost תרח. (5) לוט had two daughters that were killed in סדום. (6) ער ואונן lost יהודה. (7) פינחס was killed by כזבי's daughter צור. (8) נדב ואביהו lost אהרן. (9) son חור was killed. (10) מכות בכורות during פרעה's oldest son died.
(Most likely רחל died before לבן although it doesn't say so מפורש. According to בני עוזיאל that says לבן was בלעם, then she and לאה would have died before לבן. Additionally, the מדרש says that אברהם had a daughter בכל and she died in אברהם's lifetime.)
3. שר בית הסהר and the שר האופים, שר המשקים, שר הטבחים, פרעה.
a. וימצאהו איש (לו, טו), בת שוע, אשת פוטיפר.
4. ויהי ער בכור יהודה רע בעיני ה'.
a. ונח מצא חן בעיני ה'.
b. Both describe the individual's character בעיני ה'.
5. **I have a connection to both שמים וארץ,** - It lives on the ground but travels in the sky
I am as old as the fish of the sea, - They were created on the same day
In the days of נח, I brought hope, - the יונה brought a branch
In the days of יוסף, I was a sign of death, - It ate from the שר's האופים basket
In the days of משה, I foiled the plan of רשעים, - They ate the מן that דתן ואבירם put out
Who am I? - A bird
6. Next week...

Last Week's Riddle:

He disgraced me,

He gave me away willingly,

From his nephew I was taken away as a punishment,

Although I am not mentioned in this week's פרשה,

the cause of the nephew's punishment is.

Who am I? Who is he? Who is the nephew?

- for moving my fathers bed

- ראובן, עשו, בכורה The

לרפואה שלמה אביגדור ששון מאיר בן רחל לאה, יונתן בן איטא
לעיינן שאול בן אברהם ז"ל, ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב ע"ה, יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל
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