

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ו

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 דבש"? 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. My two siblings were punished in a similar fashion,
For my selflessness I was granted greatness,
I am famous for my words,
but perhaps my greatest moment was when I didn't use them,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
7. A שאלה was asked regarding him,
He has a connection to the מוֹבַח,
He can be used as an expression for "everlasting",
He can be used as a sign of total "destruction"
He was my death.
I am known as the wife of my husband.
He (not the husband) is mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ Twice regarding the קרח מעשה and once in הראשית בראשית

² פרשת בשלה

³ It is in this week's פרשה

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

Answers

1. It mentions the קרח in מעשה קרח (כו, י) and פרשת ואתחנן (יא, ו). It is also mentioned when קין was cursed - לקחת את פיה 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"י 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 that קרח as well was burnt.)
 - a. 1) The fire by the מתאננים killed the 70 זקנים (טז, יא, טז).
(ע"י 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 (אור כשדים) and אברהם (אור כשדים's daughter-in-law)
4. Never. In previous incidents they were referred to אנשים נצים or נצבים, or ואחיו איש.
5. קטורת
6. **My two siblings were punished in a similar fashion,
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Who am I?**
 - צרעת
 - I was happy for my brother
 - I was appointed to speak to פרעה
 - When my sons were killed
 - אהרן
7. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

From great heights we did plunge,

Because of our influence there was great destruction,

Through the grasp of a hand our legacy did survive,

Our very name hints to our origin and the effects of our deeds.

We are mentioned in this week's פרשה.

Who are we?

- From שמים (לב, יג, רש"י)

- During the דור המבול (ד, נח)

- עוג, their only surviving descendant,
survived by holding on to the תבה

- We fell and we made the world fall

- נפילים

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

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