

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ו

פרשת חקת בלק

1. What נס in this week's פרשה wasn't a miracle?
2. What name did משה call the בני ישראל in this week's פרשה?
 - b. Who in last week's פרשה calls them a similar name? When?
3. List three things that בלעם does that is reminiscent of אברהם.¹
 - b. What ברכה does בלעם give to כלל ישראל that previously given to יעקב and אברהם?
4. What in this week's פרשה is 42?
5. What event in this week's פרשה is startlingly similar to an event that happened during the days of רבי עקיבא?
6. List seven מגפות mentioned in the תורה.²
7. He and I are both cities with the same name,
We were both named for a similar reason,
However, he was named because of what happened to the בני ישראל,
I was named because of what happened to their enemies.
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.³
Who am I?
8. I bear the name of one who was never understood,
He bears the name of a רשע,
We are apart from each other,
When there is an ערוב we go together,⁴
But never in ארץ ישראל.
We are both in ספר במדבר.
Who are we? (N. Katzenstein)

Need a Hint?

¹ All three are part of the same event.

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

³ I am named in this week's פרשה (in פרשת חוקת).

⁴ שבעות on ערוב תבשלין **Need another hint?** ערוב תבשלין

Answers

1. The pole which the copper נחש was placed on was called a נס. (כא, ט) (The מדרש תנחומא asks why was it called a "נס" and it answers that it was a "נס" because it floated in mid-air)
2. (במדבר י"ז כה) בני מרי Yidden calls the קרח's rebellion b) המורים
3. 1) Regarding both it says בבוקר (וישכם) ויקם 2) Both saddled their own donkey.
3) Both took two נערים as escorts.
a) אברהם in ברכה was given by ה' to אברהם in מברכיך ברוך וארריך ארור (כד, ט) in ברכת יצחק gave to יעקב and יצחק לך
4. קרבנות 42 brought בלעם ובלק
5. Both in this week's פרשה and פרשה עקיבא there was a מגפה in which 24,000 people died.
6. 1) חטא המרגלים 2) By the חטא העגל 3) While eating שליו 4) By the complainers after קרח's death 5) בנות מואב ובעל פעור 6) By the cities with the same name, We were both named for a similar reason, - there was complete destruction at our location
However, he was named because of בני ישראל, - they were killed by the עמלקי (יד, מה)
I was named because of what happened to their enemies. - (כא, ג) מלך ערד to
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה. - (כא, ג) חזקוני see חרמה
Who am I?
8. Next week....

Last week's Riddle:

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| A was asked regarding him, | - יצחק to עשו by |
| He has a connection to the מזבח, | - he is brought with every קרבן |
| He can be used as an expression for "everlasting", | - ברית מלח עולם (יח, יט ע' רש"י) |
| He can be used as a sign of total "destruction" | - סדום by |
| He was my death. | - I died by turning into it |
| I am known as the wife of my husband. | - אשת פלוני I am called |
| He (not the husband) is mentioned in this week's פרשה. | - מלח |
| Who am I? | - אשת לוט |