

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ו

פרשת נצבים וילך

1. How is it possible that we lain וילך together with נצבים and separate in the same year?¹
2. What is puzzling about the phrase "מחוטב עציך עד שאב מימין"?
 - a. Where else in the תורה is there a famous phrase with "עד" being used in the same way? ²
3. On what date did פרשת וילך occur?
4. Which river is mentioned in this week's פרשה?
 - a. List five other rivers (even if unnamed) mentioned in the תורה.³
 - b. List five נחלים (even if unnamed) mentioned in the תורה.⁴
 - c. List four ימים mentioned in the תורה.⁵
 - d. Where does the תורה mention waterfalls?
5. I am part of a group of five,
Twice a צדיק came to our rescue,
When he was not trying to save us, he was successful,
When he was trying to save us, he was not,
Our group is mentioned in this week's פרשה but I am not.
Who am I?
6. He is a location,
He was where I originated,
I was there until a foreigner was victorious over its inhabitants,
Since I am no longer there he can't be used as an excuse.
Both he and I are mentioned in this week's פרשה.⁶
Who am I? What is he?

Need a hint?

¹ It was done in תשפ"ג

² After the מלחמת די ויהי מלכים

³ Five in בראשית and one in מקץ

⁴ One was crossed by one of the אבות one is a border of ארץ ישראל and two are borders to לירדן

⁵ One was crossed on the way to איי, three are borders of ארץ ישראל

⁶ I am mentioned three times, he is mentioned four times

Answers

1. תשפ"ג can fall out twice in the same year as it did in תשפ"ג. It was read the first time on the שבת after תשפ"ג in ראש השנה and it was read a second time together with נצבים on the last שבת in תשפ"ג.
2. עד means from one extreme to another; here they are similar in type.
 - a. מחוט עד שרוך נעל מלחמת ד והי מלכים After the
3. משה says he is 120 years old today. רש"י explains he actually turned 120 on that day. This would mean it was ז' אדר – the day he was born and נפטר.
4. The ירדן
 - a. 1) The נהר היוצא מעדן (2-5) The four rivers that flow from the נהר היוצא מעדן, גיחון, פישון - נהר היוצא מעדן (The נילוס / The Nile is also mentioned) נהר פרת and חידקל (והנה עמד על היאר, מקץ מא,א) (רש"י ב,יא see פישון as the same river but it is the same river as the פישון)
 - b. 1) נחל יבק, the river where יעקב fought the מלאך and a border of עמון.
 2) נחל זרד (דברים ב,יד); one of the נחלים that בני ישראל crossed while passing מואב
 3) נחל ארנון (דברים ב,כד); the border between מואב and ארץ אמורי
 4) נחל הירד מההר (דברים ט, כא) 5) נחל מצרים (במדבר לד,ה) in תורה mentions a river that flowed from סיני הר.
 6) נחל זרד (דברים ב,יד); one of the נחלים that בני ישראל crossed while passing מואב
 - c. 1) The ים המלח 2) The ים סוף 3) The ים הגדול (במדבר לד,ו) / The Mediterranean Sea
 4) ים כנרת (במדבר לד,יא) (although the תורה doesn't call it a ים the גמ' does)
 - d. 15) אשדת הפסגה (דברים ג,יז); the waterfalls that bordered מואב
5. I am part of a group of five, - cities
 Twice a צדיק came to our rescue, - אברהם
 When he was not trying to save us, he was successful, - when he fought the four kings to save לוט
 When he was trying to save us, he was not, - when he davened for them to be saved
 Our group is mentioned in this week's פרשה but I am not.
 Who am I? - צוער
6. Next week....

Last week's Riddle:

- I can be part of a hand, - ואתן את הכוס על כף פרעה (מ,יא) -
 I can be part of a thigh, - ותקע כף ירך יעקב (לב,כו) -
 I can be part of a foot, - מכף רגלך עד קדקדך (כי תבא כח,לה) -
 I can even be a כלי! - a spoon
 What they all have in common - is their shape.
 I am used in this week's פרשה to describe the extent of the קללות. - מכף רגלך עד קדקדך (כי תבא כח,לה) -
 Who am I? - כף A