

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תשפ"ז

פרשת בראשית

1. Which three people lived the shortest in this week's פרשה? (M. Strenger)
2. List five instances where a נחש is mentioned in the תורה.¹
 - a. Bonus: Where in the תורה, instead of calling a נחש by its name, is it referred to as a "הולך על גחון"? Where is it referred to as "זחלי עפר"?
3. What זכר was made for הבל after he died?
4. Which three creations does the תורה call by its name even though the actual name wasn't given until later?
5. List six instances in this week's פרשה that the תורה tells us the reason that a name was given.
6. Who in this week's פרשה married someone over 900 years older than him?
7. Where I was lacking my son surpassed,
I was like the days of the year,
I was given a privilege like that of אליהו הנביא,
Through my great grandson there was continuation,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?
8. I was used in creation,
I allude to the severity of this world,
I was given as a protection,
I was used to change the מזל of two,
In one instance in this week's פרשה I am different than usual.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ One in בראשית, one in ויחי, one in שמות, one in וארא and one in חוקת.

Answers

1. A) The הבל – states that he was 50 days old when he was killed. Additionally, it can be inferred that he died at a young age from the פסוקים themselves; אדם was 130 years old when שת was born, which was after הבל was killed.
 B) קין – He was killed by למך before שת was born. (שת was born year 130)
 C) תובל קין – He was killed by למך before שת was born.
2. 1) The נחש of בראשית is compared to a נחש (ויחי מט, יז).
 2) In ברכת יעקב – דן is compared to a נחש (שמות ד, ג). כלל ישראל to prove himself to משה.
 3) The נחש is used as an אות for משה to prove himself to ישראל.
 4) The נחש is used as an אות for משה to prove himself to פרעה. (Although the פסוק says "תנין", רש"י says תנין is a נחש.)
 5) The נחש is used as a punishment for כלל ישראל when they complained about the מן.
 6) In חנוך it describes the מדבר as being a place with snakes; נחש עקב ח, טו.
 a. 1) כל הולך על גחון וגוי לא תאכלום פישקץ הם (פרשת שמייני יא, מב)
 2) וְשָׂרָהָם אֲשֶׁלֶּחֶם עִם־חַמֹּת זֶהְלִי עֶפֶר (האזינו לב, כד)
3. הבל was named as a זכר for the loss of שת
4. 1-2) The שמים וארץ פסוק says הארץ ואת השמים ואת, yet they aren't named until day two and three. 3) חוה was called an אשה even before אדם gave her the name of "אשה".
5. 1) אשה – כי מאיש לקחה זאת
 2) חוה – כי היא היתה אם כל חי
 3) קניתי איש את ה' – קין
 4) שת לי אלקים – שת
 5) The city חנוך was named after קין's son
 6) זה ינחמנו ממעשנו ומעצבון ידינו – נח
 בפירושו אדם presumably was given his name because he came from the אדמה, but it doesn't say so.
6. נח was born 926 after שת and he married נעמה בת מלך who was born before שת.
7. Where I was lacking my son surpassed, - I lived a short life while my son lived the longest
 I was like the days of the year, - I lived 365 years
 I was given a privilege like that of אליהו הנביא, - I went up to שמים alive
 Through my great grandson there was continuation, - נח
 I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
 Who am I? - חנוך
8. Next week....

Last week's riddle:

I had a hand in his formation,	- אדם
I was where an eternal sign was placed,	- קשת
I marked the spot of a destination,	- עקידה
I took the lead for a generation,	- המדבר
I added awe and mystery to a great moment,	- מעמד הר סיני
My presence denied others entry,	- into the משכן
My embrace is remembered until this day,	- ענני הכבוד
According to some I have a connection to סוכות,	- There is a מחלוקת if it is a זכר for the ענני הכבוד or ממש
Who am I?	- ענן

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 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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