

פרשת וירא תשפ"ז

1. Which three people in the תורה looked alike? (M. Klinger)
2. List five incidents that the שורש - "צחק" is used in this week's פרשה.
3. Which person, מפורש in the תורה, had a child at the oldest age?
4. List the five מלאכים mentioned in this week's פרשה.
   a. List 11 incidents with מלאכים mentioned elsewhere the תורה. (In two of the instances the פסוק says ה' but רש"י explains it to mean a מלאך.) [1]
5. In what instance are each of the following numbers mentioned this week's פרשה? $2_{(3x)}$, $3_{(3x)}$, 7, 8, 45, 1000
6. How many of לוט's children are mentioned in the תורה?
   a. What were the names of לוט's two sons? (Careful!)
7. I was the second to do it,
   As a result, I was punished,
   My punishment indirectly brought about a great ישעה,
   I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
   Who am I?
8. I am a word only found four times in the תורה,
   Three of the times are in this week's פרשה,
   Once regarding שרה,
   Once regarding the מלאכים,
   Once regarding a שה.
   I am also found in קדושה of מוסף.
   Who am I?

Need a hint?

[1] One in בראשית, two in לך לך, four were with יעקב, two were with משה, one was with כלל ישראל (although it wasn't in a מלאך form the פסוק refers to it as a מלאך), one in ספר במדבר.

Answers

1. אברהם ,לוט and יצחק. (יג,ח) רש״י ד״ה אנשים אחים אנחנו says אברהם and לוט looked alike and רש״י ד״ה looked alike. (Note: The מדרש לקח טוב בראשית מ״ז:ח a fourth look alike – יעקב!. The מדרש רבה נט,ח brings yet another – אליעזר! However neither of them does it use the strong לשון of דומין בקלסתר פנים. By אליעזר it say זיו קלסתר and by יעקב it say דומה) אברהם הוליד את יצחק (כה,יט) says אברהם and יצחק

2. 1) וידבר (לוט) אל חתניו וגו׳ ויהי כמצחק בעיני חתניו (יט,יד) 2) ותצחק שרה (יח,יב)
   3) The name יצחק 4) ותאמר שרה צחק עשה לי וגו׳ (כא,ו) 5) ותרא שרה את בן הגר וגו׳ מצחק (כא,ט)

3. נח. He was 500 when he had his first child and 502 when he had שם. (According to those מפרשים that חם was the youngest then he was even older)

4. 1) Three מלאכים came to visit אברהם and turn over סדום.
   2) A מלאך guided הגר and ישמעאל
   3) A מלאך stopped אברהם by the עקידה and benchted him.
      a. 1) כרובים guarding גן עדן.
         2) A מלאך hit פרעה when he took שרה (It says ה׳ but רש״י explains that it was a מאלך).
         3) A (מלאכים) מלאך spoke to הגר when she was running away.
         4) מלאכים appeared on a ladder in יעקב's dream.
         5) A מלאך spoke to יעקב in a dream, while he watched לבן's sheep.
         6) יעקב met מלאכים on his way back from לבן and he sent them to עשיו.
         7) יעקב fought with a מלאך.
         8) A מלאך appeared to משה in the סנה (originally it was a מלאך).
         9) משה was almost killed by a מלאך (It says ה׳ but רש״י explains that it was a מאלך).
         10) The עמוד ענן was a מלאך (יד,יט).
         11) A מלאך appeared to בלעם and almost killed him.

5. 2 – מלאכים, 2 בנות לוט , 2 נערים that traveled with אברהם
   3 – מלאכים, 3 סאים, 3 days to הר המריה
   7 – Sheep by the ברית with אבימלך
   8 - מילת יצחק and the sons of נחור
   45 – צדיקים
   1000 – Silver coins אבימלך gave to שרה

6. Six. His two unmarried daughters, his (at minimum) two married daughters, and the two sons he had from living with his daughters.
   a. בן עמי and מואב. עמון was not the name of his second son but rather the name of the nation that came from him.

7. I was the second to do it, - abduct שרה
   As a result, I was punished,
   My punishment indirectly ……. - אברהם was מתפאלל and as a result שרה was נפקד (ע׳ רש״י כא,א)
   I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
   Who am I? - אבימלך

8. Next week….

Last week's riddle:

I was overused by a father, - נח
I was given graciously by his son, - מלכי צדק who was שם
Through me two nations came into being, - מואב and עמון
One who is associated with me was returned to his former glory, - the שר המשקין
Who am I? - יין

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