

PARSHA CHALLENGE

תש"פ

פרשת וישב

1. In what instance are each of the following numbers mentioned in this week's פרשה? 3, 3, 3, 11, 17, 20
2. List 7 people mentioned in the תורה who lost a child in their lifetime.¹
3. How many years was it from when יוסף was sold until he became king? Prove it from the פסוקים.
4. List three individuals in this week's פרשה that the תורה gives neither a name nor an official title.²
5. Who in this week's פרשה has his name backwards and forwards in the same פסוק?
 - a. Which very well-known person in ספר בראשית has his name backwards and forwards in the same פסוק?³
 - b. How are these two instances amazingly similar?
6. It happened to יהודה,
It happened to אהרן,
I was willing to risk it happening to me,
Who am I?
7. My name reflects my ambition,
In קבלת שבת I am synonymous with the גאולה שלמה,
The שורש of my name is used to describe the desecration of the יוניים,
I am mentioned in this week's פרשה.
Who am I?

Need a hint?

¹ Three in בראשית, one in נח, one in וירא, one in this weeks פרשה and one in ויקרא.

² One is man, one is a daughter and one is a wife.

³ His name also in only two letters

Answers

- 3 - Months until it was noticeable that תמר was expecting, branches in the שר המשקים's dream and baskets in the שר האופים's dream.
11 - Stars
17 - Age of יוסף
20 - Coins for which the brothers sold יוסף
- (1) קין והבל lost אדם (2) תובל קין accidentally killed his son למך (3) חנוך was taken away at a young age which was long before his father ירד died. (4) הרן lost תרח.
(5) ער ועונן lost יהודה (6) סדום had two daughters that were killed in לוט (7) נדב ואביהו lost אהרן.
(Most likely רחל died before לבן although it doesn't say so מפורש. However, according to תרגום לבן was בלעם, then she as well as לאה died before לבן)
Other instances that are not stated explicitly but can be calculated: מתושלח died before למך, מתישאל died before שם, ארפכשד died before פלג, עבר before שרוג, נחור before שרוג. According to the מאן דאמר the שבטים had twins; they died before coming down to מצרים, which would mean they died before יעקב.)
13. He was 17 when he was sold and he was 30 when he was made king.
- וימצאהו איש (לו, טו), בת שוע, אשת פוטיפר
- ויהי ער בכור יהודה רע בעיני ה'
 - ונח מצא חן בעיני ה'
 - Both describe the individual's character בעיני ה'.
- ראובן. I was willing to risk losing two of my sons as יהודה and אהרן did.
- Next week...

Last Week's Riddle:

The two of us are brothers,

We are both known for our strength,

Many years into the future there will be another group of brothers, - חשמונאים

They will also be known for their strength,

Through them there will be a great salvation,

Two of them will have the same name as ours,

Although, we are mentioned in this week's פרשה,

They are not mentioned in the תורה.

Who are we? Who are they?

- שמעון and יהודה

לרפואה שלמה - שאול בן פאיזע ליבע,
שרה יוכבד בת חנה מאשא
לעייני ברכה בילה בת דוד יעקב עייה,
יצחק דוד בן אלימלך הכהן ז"ל

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