



Riddles and questions פרשת בראשית

Who said the three quotes below, and to whom?

1. לאִמּוֹת תִּמְתּוּן
2. הַמִּזְבֵּחַ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִיךָ לְבַלְתִּי אֶכְלֶמֶנּוּ אֶכְלֶתָּ?
3. הַשֹּׁמֵר אֶחָי אֶנְכִּי?
4. How many times does the word בראשית come in daily davening?
5. Several people in פרשת בראשית where the reason for their name is given in the תורה.
6. 2 different people with the same name.
7. Which letter in the Torah hints to a set of ספרים? [Clue: said on ליל שבת]
8. What was the name of the father of all mankind? [Three possible answers to this, two of which from this week's פרשה!]
9. What was the name of the mother of all mankind? [Two possible answers to this, both from this week's פרשה!]
10. Who was the first person to be born in the Torah?
11. Who is the first person about whom it says he died [a natural death]?
12. About whom does the Torah tell us he died in the פרשה without saying the word 'he died'? [2 possible answers]
13. Which word in the פרשה is the same letters as the name of one of the five מגילות?
14. Which word in the פרשה is the same letters as the name of someone who tried to destroy בני ישראל?
15. Which word in the פרשה is the same גמטריא as the name of one of the greatest people ever [and the years this person lived is mentioned there]?
16. Which word in the פרשה is the same letters [apart from the first letter] as אברהם?
17. Who became a father at 1 day old?
18. 5 consecutive 2 letter words in the פרשה please.
19. Which פסוק in the הפטרה is said every weekday in שחרית and on שבת at מנחה and also on שבת מוצאי שבת?
20. What is the connection between this פסוק and the fins of fish?
21. Which פסוק in the הפטרה causes רבי ישמעאל בן אלישע to be saved from captivity by the Romans?
22. True or false: פרשת בראשית covers more time than the rest of the תורה covers.
23. True or false: פרשת בראשית covers more time than the rest of תנ"ך covers.
24. Where will you find the phrase גן עדן in the סידור?

פרשת בראשית Answers

1. חוה to נחש
2. אדם to ה'
3. ה' to קין
4. 8: In ברוך שאמר חוה; 2 in שמע דרבנן; ברכת קריאת שמע; 3 times in twice daily, מודים דרבנן; 2 in שמע דרבנן; ברכת קריאת שמע; 3 times in עלינו
5. חוה קין שת נח
6. נח a descendent of קין, and the other the father of למך
7. ה' יום הששי ה' חומשי תורה
8. אדם שת נח
9. חוה נעמה[אשת נח]
10. קין
11. אדם
12. הבל חנוך
13. איכה
14. המן העץ
15. בשגם = משה
16. אלה תולדות השמים..... בהבראם = ב אברהם [מדרש]
17. אדם
18. נח את שם את חם
19. ובא לציון which is said at the end of חפץ למען צדקו
20. Since all fish which have scales also have fins, it would seem unnecessary for the תורה to mention fins as a sign of כשרות. It does so because תורה ויאדיר יגדיל
21. רבי יהושע בן חנניה relates how גיטין נח. in גמרא. The first part of this פסוק and when the child captive in the prison answered with the second half of the פסוק, he decided to redeem him at all costs. מי נתן למשיסה יעקב.....
22. True. פרשת בראשית ends 120 years before the מבול, covering 1536 years. The rest of the תורה covers 952 years, ending in 2488.
23. False. Another 1536 years on from the end of בראשית takes you to the year 3072, whereas תנ"ך finishes in 3448 with the death of עזרא and נחמיה.
24. In טלית before putting on a טלית; in קל מלא רחמים; שבע ברכות; in ובשת פנים לגן עדן פרקי אבות ה.א.



פרשת נח RIDDLES AND QUESTIONS

1. True or false? נח is the only person in the תורה described as a צדיק.
2. Who walked 'before' and who walked 'with'?
3. Who was blessed with beauty?
4. Who was called a 'man of the land'?
5. Who went backwards?
6. Who was a mighty hunter?
7. Who wanted to make a name for themselves?
8. Who died because of his father in this week's פרשה?
9. Which of the sons of נח was the grandfather of נמרוד?
10. And where does this person get a mention in מעריב in ברכת קריאת שמע?
11. From a linguistic point of view, what was the most confusing thing that ever happened in the whole of history?
12. What is the connection between the פרשה and the words 'Hebrew' and 'anti-semite'?
13. What was the biggest sign-post in the world?
14. Who had all the water called after him and why?
15. רבי עקיבא tells us that there is something which 'ה' lets mankind know in this week's פרשה which shows His love for mankind. What is that thing?
16. You make a ברכה on me, but you can never touch me. What am I?
17. Name two women mentioned in פרשת בראשית who were both the mother of all mankind. [From פרשת בראשית but partially connected to this week's פרשה]
18. Where do we find a person referred to by 2 names in the same פסוק?
19. Find a man and his grandson with the same name.
20. Which event from the end of the פרשה is mentioned towards the end of שירה a bit before the פסוקי דזמרה?
21. Which זמר sang by day on שבת starts with four words taken from an event in this week's פרשה?
22. Every ליל שבת we say something telling us to read a word from the הפטרה not with a קמץ but with a חולם. What is the word?
23. Can you find 2 names of people mentioned in the פרשה who we mention every day in davening?
24. What does the following phrase mean? "אברהם היה בן נח כשמת נח"

Answers נח פרשת נח:

1. True
2. אלקים walked before אברהם; אלקים walked with נח
3. יפת
4. נח
5. שם ויפת
6. נמרד
7. מגדל בבל The people who built the
8. נמרד to אברהם reported תרח who went into the furnace after his father הרן
9. חם
10. אותות ומופתים באדמת בני חם
11. מגדל בבל – בלה ה' שפתם
12. 'Hebrew' comes from עברי which is because אברהם is descended from עבר, see עזרא י כ"א. 'Anti-semite' is someone who is against the descendants of שם.
13. מגדל בבל
14. נח כי לא התפלל עליהם because he did not daven enough for his generation.
15. [אבות ג יח] צלם אלקים That we are created in the
16. A rainbow.
17. חוה נעמה
18. שרי יסכה
19. נחור
20. אשר בחרת באברהם, והוצאתו מאור כשדים - אור כשדים.
21. יונה מצאה בו מנוח
22. מוסף after "נרב שלום בניך" – אל תקרי בניך אלא בוניך
23. חם and אברם.
24. [ר' בחיי] נח died. [נח] was 58 years old when אברהם



QUESTIONS AND RIDDLES לך לך

1. Who had power to bless others?
2. How do you 'make' נפשות?
3. What פרשה דרך ארץ which guests need to know is learnt from the פרשה?
4. Who was 'boxed'?
5. Put in the missing word to make sense of this phrase. [clue: it is to do with the event in the previous question]. [Not an exact quote from the פסוק.]
ראו שרי את שרה
6. Where in the early part of פסוקי דזמרה do we make a reference to one of the events in the פרשה?
7. How many times do we say "אברהם" in a regular weekday שחרית? [Not including the עקידה] A]3 B] 5 C] 7 D]8?
8. What's the opposite of זצ"ל?
9. 'No speech as long as he was there.' What is this referring to?
10. What different name is used for נמרד in the פרשה according to the מדרש?
11. What different name is used for שם in the פרשה according to the מדרש?
12. Who encouraged אברהם to do something good but for his own selfish motives?
13. Who was like 318?
14. Who was called the עברי and what does this mean?
15. Find a phrase which starts one of the זמירות של שבת from this week's פרשה [near חמישי].
16. Find a phrase which gives us the end of the first ברכה in the עשרה [from a few פסוקים after חמישי].
17. Which event in the פרשה is referred to at the end of the פסח סדר [1st night]?
18. Two people who were given their names before they were born.
19. Which two-word phrase from the פרשה appears on most pages of גמרא?
20. Which of the הפטרה ברכות השחר comes from this week's הפטרה?

Answers לך לך פרשת:

1. והיה ברכה: אברהם
2. *By bringing them to 'זאת הנפש אשר עשו בחרן' אמונה בה*
3. *Not to change your lodgings; learnt from אברהם who returned to the same lodgings on his return from מצרים.*
4. שרה *on the way to מצרים*
5. The officers of Paroah saw Sarah ראו שרי פרעה את שרה
6. שרה *when he took פרעה about ויתהלכו מגוי אל גויויוכח עליהם מלכים*
7. *7 times, [8 on Mondays and Thursdays]. There is one in עמך; two in אבל אנחנו עמך; two in פסוקי דזמרה and two in שמנה עשרה and two in קדושה דסדרה. There is one in תחנון for Monday and Thursday.*
8. *אנשי סדום which is the 2nd 1/2 of that פסוק. In connection with שם רשעים ירקב.*
9. *The presence of לוט meant 'ה did not speak to אברהם.*
10. אמרפל
11. מלכיצדק
12. עוג
13. *אברהם took whose גמטריא = 318 and is referred to in the 318 people אליעזר with to war.*
14. *אברהם. Means מעבר הנהר. Also symbolises his ability to stand on other side, i.e. against the whole world.*
15. ברוך קל עליון
16. *'מגן אברהם' gives us 'אנכי מגן לך'*
17. *The war against the 4 kings 'ויחלק עליהם לילה' is mentioned in 'אז רוב ניסים' in the phrase 'גר צדק נצחתו כנחלק לו לילה'.*
18. *יצחק and ישמעאל.*
19. עין משפט
20. *'נותן ליעף כח' from the phrase 'הנותן ליעף כח'*



פרשת וירא Riddles and questions

1. The name of this week's פרשה has the same שורש as two other פרשיות in the תורה. Which ones?
2. Which condiment [sauce] gets a mention in the רש"י on this week's פרשה?
3. Who became blind in this פרשה? [Two possible answers if you include a medrash.]
4. Who were forced to admit that they couldn't do anything without permission from 'ה?
5. One of 4 chains
6. Who became sodium chloride?
7. Two גימטריות in the רש"י on this week's פרשה
8. Which drink occurs in 3 פרשיות in a row and where?
9. There is a dream in this פרשה? What is it?
10. There are a total of ten dreams in ספר בראשית. What are they?
11. Which פסוק in the פרשה is often said together with putting money in a box צדקה?
12. Which town gets its name explained both in this week's פרשה and in תולדות?
13. We quote from this week's פרשה on three days running, once in special תפילות which are said on that day, and then on the next two days in the קריאת התורה. What are these days?
14. What is the connection between the 2nd ברכה of the עשרה and this week's הפטרה?
15. What have the wealth of the wife of עובדיה and [להבדיל] the prince of Qatar in common?
16. Five women who are mentioned by name in the פרשה. {note: three of them are in מפטיר.}

פרשת וירא Answers

1. וארא ראה
2. Mustard, which was served to the מלאכים.
3. The men of סדום; יצחק, from the tears of the מלאכים at the עקידה.
4. The מלאכים in סדום.
5. The ויתמהמה note on the word שלשלת.
6. The wife of לוט.
7. י' ט כ נא = 51 כ' א ז מלל = 100
8. Wine: נח drank wine; אברהם brought wine to daughters of לוט; daughters of לוט gave wine to their father.
9. נח had a dream in which ה' warned him he would die if he did not release שרה.
10. The one above. Two of יוסף. One of לבן. Two of יעקב [ladder and sheep]. שר המשקים ושר האופים. Two of פרעה.
11. The segula for retrieving a lost object of giving צדקה and saying "ויפקח"
אֶלְקִים אֶת עֵינָיָה וְתָרָא בְּאֵר מַיִם וְתִלְךָ וְתַמְלֵא אֶת הַחֲמַת׃
12. באר שבע
13. In the סליחות of ראש השנה ערב ראש השנה : חֲלָלָה לְךָ מַעֲשֵׂת פְּדָבָר הַזֶּה לְהַמִּית צְדִיק עִם עָרֵב רֵאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה וְרָשָׁע וְרָשָׁע and then the קריאת התורה on both days of ראש השנה are from the פרשה.
14. Both deal with תחית המתים.
15. Both became rich through oil.
16. שרה הגר מלכה רבקה ראומה