Parsha Q.A



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Parshas Ki Seitzei

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Parsha Questions

- 1. Why does the Torah command that when a man wishes to marry a heathen woman who he captured in war, that we force her to cut her hair and grow her nails long?
- 2. From which property of the father does the first born receive a double portion?
- 3. How do sons divide loans that were owed to their father and are due: a) before his death; b) after his death?
- 4. What is the wayward behavior that requires execution of a *ben sorer umoreh* (wayward and rebellious son)?
- 5. What will become of a *ben sorer umoreh* if his parents don't bring him to court?
- 6. Why is it a degradation to Hashem to hang a criminal's body on the gallows overnight?
- 7. Why does the Torah forbid wearing the clothing of the opposite gender?
- 8. What may one extrapolate from the reward for sending away the mother-bird?
- 9. Why does the Torah adjoin sending away the mother-bird with the *mitzvah* of making a parapet?
- 10. When is a mixture of wool and linen in a garment permitted?

- 11. Although the Egyptians enslaved the Jewish People, the Torah allows marriage with their third-generation converts. Why?
- 12. Why is it worse to cause somebody to sin than to kill him?
- 13. If a person lends money to his fellow Jew and takes interest, how many commandments has he transgressed?
- 14. If a person builds a new house, but has not yet dedicated it, what are his obligations during a non-obligatory war?
- 15. What is the groom's obligation to his bride during their first year of marriage?
- 16. What type of object may one *not* take as security for a loan?
- 17. When is a kidnapper guilty of a capital offense?
- 18. In verse 24:9, the Torah commands, "Remember what Hashem did to Miriam." To which event does the Torah refer?
- 19. Who is primarily obligated to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *yibum* (to marry the widow of one's brother)?
- 20. Which of the Jewish People were subject to attack by Amalek?



In this week's *Parsha*, the Torah writes an entire section delineating the laws of the *ben sorer umoreh*. What message are we supposed to learn from the *ben sorer umoreh*?

I Did Not Know That!

"You shall put away the evil from the midst of you, and all Yisrael will hear and fear" (21:21)

If you eliminate all evil from you own character, others will listen to you.

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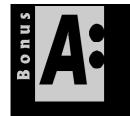
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Ramban		Sefer Hachinuch	
21:18	Gluttony and Rebellion	In this Parsha there are	
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Answers to this Week's Questions

All references are to the verses and Rashi's commentary, unless otherwise stated

- 1. 21:12 So that she will become repulsive to him.
- 2. 21:17 From those properties that are in the possession of the father at the time of his death.
- 3. 21:17 a) The firstborn takes a double portion. b) They divide equally.
- 4. 21:18 Stealing, and eating and drinking meat and wine gluttonously.
- 5. 21:22 He will eventually commit capital crimes.
- 6. 21:23 Because man is made in Hashem's image; and because the Jewish People are His children.
- 7. 22:5 It leads to licentiousness.
- 8. 22:7 Since this is the easiest *mitzvah*, involving no monetary loss, certainly all other *mitzvos* merit at least the same reward.
- 9. 22:8 To teach that one *mitzvah* leads to another.
- 10. 22:12 Wool tzitzis on a linen garment.

- 11. 23:8 Because they were host to Yaakov and his family during a time of famine.
- 12. 23:9 Murder removes the victim from *this* world, whereas leading another person to sin causes the victim to lose his share in the World-to-Come.
- 13. 23:21 Three, two negative commandments and a positive commandment.
- 14. 24:5 He must supply water and food for the troops and repair the roads.
- 15. 24:5 He must make her happy.
- 16. 24:6 Any utensil used in food preparation.
- 17. 24:7 When he uses the victim as a slave.
- 18. 24:9 To when Hashem punished Miriam with *tzara'as* for speaking *lashon harah*.
- 19. 25:6 The eldest brother.
- 20. 25:18 Those who lost the protection of the *ananei kavod* due to their sins.



The Torah is teaching that a bad beginning can have an adverse influence on the entire future. Therefore, we must be careful to guard are conduct during the period immediately following *Bar Mitzvah*, *Rosh Hashanah*, and even during the first few hours of every day.

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