

Parsha Q&A



Parshas Shlach

For the week ending 21 Sivan 5756 (28 Sivan 5756)*
7 & 8 June 1996 (14 & 15 June 1996)*
*Week ending dates for locations outside of Israel

Parsha Questions

1. Why is the portion about the spies written immediately after the portion about Miriam's having *tzara'as*?
2. Which Tribe did not send a spy?
3. Which fruit did the *meraglim* bring back from *Eretz Yisrael*?
4. How many men were needed to carry the cluster of grapes?
5. Which of the *meraglim* returned empty handed?
6. Why did Hashem shorten the journey of the *meraglim*?
7. With which true statement did the *meraglim* begin their evil report?
8. How did Calev quiet the people?
9. Why did the Land appear like a "land that eats its inhabitants" (13:32)?
10. On which date did the Bnei Yisrael cry because of the report of the *meraglim*? How did this affect the future of the Jewish Nation?
11. "Don't fear the people of the land... their defense is departed" (14:9). Who was one of their "defenders"?
12. Calev and Yehoshua praised *Eretz Canaan* and tried to reassure the Jewish People that they could be victorious. How did the Jewish People respond?
13. Which portion of *Eretz Canaan* did Calev receive?
14. "How long shall I bear this evil congregation (14:27)?" Hashem is referring to the ten *meraglim* who slandered the Land. What important concept do we learn from this verse?
15. Which two locations were named for events which occurred in *Parshas Shlach*?
16. How is the *mitzvah* of *Challah* different from other *mitzvos* that are associated with *Eretz Yisrael*?
17. What is the minimum measurement of *Challah* that must be given to a *Kohen* according to Torah Law? Rabbinical Law?
18. How does the prohibition against worshipping idols differ from all other prohibitions in the Torah?
19. How many times did the Jewish People keep Shabbos before someone violated it by gathering wood?
20. From what is "*techeles*" derived?



Since Hashem knew that the Jewish People would sin through sending the *meraglim*, why did He allow the Jewish People to send them?

I Did Not Know That!

The *mitzvah* of *Challah*, taking the first portion of the dough, acts as a reminder that everything man has is a gift from Hashem.

Avnei Ezel

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Recommended Reading List

Ramban

13:4	Order of the <i>Meraglim</i>
13:27,32 &	
14:1,3	Tactics of the <i>Meraglim</i>
14:17	Moshe Rabbeinu's Prayer
15:2	Order of the Chapters

Sefer Hachinuch

385	<i>Challah</i>
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387	Avoiding Intellectual and Physical Temptations

Answers to this Week's Questions

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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 13:2 - To show the evil of the <i>meraglim</i> (spies), that they saw Miriam punished for speaking <i>lashon hara</i> (slander) and didn't learn a lesson from that. 2. 13:4-15 - Levi. 3. 13:23 - A cluster of grapes, a pomegranate and a fig. 4. 13:23 - Eight. 5. 13:23 - Yehoshua and Calev. 6. 13:25 - Hashem knew that the Jewish People would sin on account of the <i>meraglim</i> and would spend a year in the <i>midbar</i> for every day of the mission. Therefore, Hashem shortened the journey to soften the decree against the Jewish People. 7. 13:27 - That <i>Eretz Canaan</i> is a land flowing with milk and honey. 8. 13:30 - He fooled them by shouting, "Is this all that Moshe did to us?" The people quieted themselves to hear what further disparagement Calev wished to add. 9. 13:32 - Hashem caused many deaths among the Canaanites so that they would be preoccupied with burying their dead and not notice the <i>meraglim</i>. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. 14:1 - On Tisha B'Av. Therefore, the Temples were destructed on this date. 11. 14:9 - Iyov. 12. 14:10 - The Jewish People wanted to stone them. 13. 14:24 - Hebron. 14. 14:27 - That ten men are considered a congregation. 15. 13:24, 14:45 - <i>Nachal Eshkol</i>, because of the cluster of grapes taken there. <i>Chormah</i>, because of the destruction that occurred there. 16. 15:18 - The obligation to observe other <i>mitzvos</i> associated with <i>Eretz Yisrael</i> begins only after the possession and division of the Land. The obligation to observe the <i>mitzvah</i> of <i>Challah</i> starts immediately upon entering the Land. 17. 15:20 - No fixed amount is stated in the Torah. Rabbinical Law requires a household to give 1/24, and a baker to give 1/48. 18. 15:31 - Hashem gave this commandment directly to the Jewish People. 19. 15:32 - Just one. 20. 15:39 - From the blood of the <i>chilazon</i>. |
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BONUS

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Rebuke is only appropriate when it will be accepted. If the individual will not understand from the reproof the error that he is making, rebuke will cause more harm than good. Hashem understood that the Jewish People could not be dissuaded from sending the *meraglim*, and that to prevent the mission would have had consequences far more devastating than allowing it.

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