



Parshas Va'eschanan

For the week ending 16 Av 5758 7 & 8 August 1998

Parsha Questions

- 1. "And I prayed to Hashem at that time..." Why 'at that time?"
- 2. What is Ha'Levanon?
- 3. Part of Moshe's request was granted. Which part?
- 4. What did Hashem tell Yehoshua after the battle of Ai?
- 5. When do the nations view the Jews as a wise people?
- 6. How did the decree that Moshe not enter the Land affect him even in death?
- 7. What is hinted by the word *V*'noshantem?
- 8. "You'll serve man-made gods..." Is this literal?
- 9. Why is East called *Mizrach*?
- 10. How often is Mitzraim mentioned in the 10 commandments?
- 11. "Keep the Shabbos day as I have commanded you." When did Hashem command us to keep Shabbos.

- 12. What is meant by 'Hashem, our G-d, Hashem is One?'
- 13. What are two meanings of loving Hashem 'with all your might?'
- 14. How well-versed must one be in Torah?
- 15. 'And teach them to your children...' Your children refers to whom?
- 16. Where does the word *Totafos* come from?
- 17. Who is fit to swear in Hashem's name?
- 18. What does it mean that the Jews are the "smallest nation."
- 19. When someone serves Hashem with love, how many generations receive reward?
- 20. Why are evil-doers rewarded in this world?



Moshe thought perhaps the vow against his entering the Land had been annulled (see question#1 and answer).

If so, why did he need to *pray* to enter the Land?

I Did Not Know That!

"And you will be careful to do (the mitzvos) ... a land flowing with milk and honey." (6:3) If we carefully observe the mitzvos, then it is a land flowing with milk and honey. If not, it is transformed into a barren wasteland. *Moznaim LaTorah*

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Answers to this Week's Questions

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

- 3:23 Defeating Sichon and Og, whose lands were part 1. of Eretz Canaan, Moshe thought perhaps Hashem had annulled the vow against his entering the Land.
- 2. 3:25 - Ha'Levanon means the Beis Hamikdash, which 'whitens' (lavan), i.e., atones for, the Jewish People.
- 3. 3:27 Moshe was allowed to see the Land.

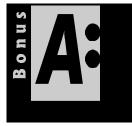
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- 4. 3:28 Joshua must lead the army into battle.
- 5. 4:6 When we study Torah and do mitzvos.
- 6. 4:22 Even his bones weren't buried in the Land.
- 7. 4:25 The gematria of V'noshantem, 852, hints at the number of years until the first exile.
- 4:28 No. It means you'll serve others who serve idols. 8.
- 4:41 It's the direction from which the sun shines. 9. (*Mizrach* means shining.)
- 10. 5:6, 5:15 Twice.

4:39

6:4

- 11. 5:13 Before Matan Torah, at Marah. (Shmos 15:25) 12. 6:4 - Hashem, who is now our G-d, but not [accepted as]
- G-d of the other nations, will eventually be [accepted as] the one and only G-d.
- 13. 6:5 1) With everything you own. 2) Whether Hashem treats you with kindness or harshness.
- 14. 6:7 If asked a Torah question, one should be able to reply quickly and clearly.
- 15. 6:7 Your students
- 16. 6:8 Tot means two in Caspi. Fos means two in Afriki. Together they allude to the four sections of tefillin.
- 17. 6:13 One who serves Hashem and reveres His name.
- 18. 7:7 The B'nei Yisrael are the humblest nation.
- 19. 7:9 2.000
- 20. 7:10 So that they get no reward in the next world.



There were two separate aspects: (1) Hashem's *Decree* that he not enter, and (2) Hashem's *Vow* that he not enter. Only after Moshe thought the *Vow* had been annulled was he able to pray for the rescinding of the Decree.

In the name of Rabbi Yitzchak Ze'ev Solevetchik

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