

Parsha QA



Parshat Vayishlach

For the week ending 18 Kislev 5760
26 & 27 November 1999

Parsha Questions

1. What sort of messengers did Yaakov send to Esav?
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3. In what three ways did Yaakov prepare for his encounter with Esav?
4. Where did Dina hide and why?
5. After helping his family across the river, Yaakov remained alone on the other side. Why?
6. What was the angel forced to do before Yaakov agreed to release him?
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8. Why did Esav embrace Yaakov?
9. Why did Yosef stand between Esav and Rachel?
10. *nisa* in
verse 33:12.
11. What happened to the 400 men who accompanied Esav?
12. Why does the Torah refer to Dina as the
13. Whom should Shimon and Levi have consulted concerning their plan to kill the people of Shechem?
14. Who was born along with Binyamin?
15. What does the name *Binyamin* mean? Why did Yaakov call him that?
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17. How old was Yaakov when Yosef was sold?
18. Why?
19. Which three categories of people have their sins pardoned?
20. What is the connection between the Egyptian decision to leave the land of Canaan?

Kasha!

How would you answer this question on the Parsha?

NameWithheld@vjmail.com from California asked: Why, even after the angel tells Jacob that he is to be called Israel (*Genesis 32:28*) does he continue to be referred to as Jacob? (*Genesis 33:1*)

Answer: The name Israel is an additional name, not a

Ibn Ezra, Ramban

I Did Not Know That!

Yaakov call Parsha. Because of this, Esav merited to have eight kings emerge from his descendants before any king emerged from

Chizkuni

Recommended Reading List

Ramban

Sign for the Future	32:19
The <i>Gid Hanashe</i>	32:25
The Journey to <i>Seir</i>	32:26
Dina	32:33
	33:4
	34:27
	35:10
	35:23

Sforno

Strategy of the Gifts
The Wrestling Match
The <i>Gid Hanashe</i>
Surviving Esav
The Guilt of Shechem
The Power of Repentance

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1. 32:4 - Angels.
2. 32:8 - He was afraid he would be killed. He was distressed that he would have to kill.
3. 32:9 - He sent gifts, he prayed, and he prepared for war.
4. 32:23 -
5. 32:25 - He went back to get some small containers he had forgotten.
6. 32:27 - Admit that the blessings given by Yitzchak rightfully belong to Yaakov.
7. 32:32 - The shining of the sun.
8. 33:4 - His pity was aroused when he saw Yaakov bowing to him so many times.
9. 33:7 - To stop Esav from gazing at her.
10. 33:12 - *nun*

11. 33:16 - They slipped away one by one.
12. 34:1 - Because she was outgoing like her mother, Leah.
13. 34:25 - Their father, Yaakov.
14. 35:17 - His two twin sisters.
15. 35:18 - *Ben-Yemin*
south of Aram Naharaim.
16. 35:22 - To stress that all of them, including Reuven, were righteous.
17. 35:29 - One hundred and eight.
18. 36:2 - To fool Yitzchak into thinking that she had abandoned idolatry.
19. 36:3 - One who converts to Judaism, one who is elevated to a position of leadership, and one who marries.
20. 36:6 - Esav knew that the privilege of living in the Land of Israel was accompanied by the prophecy that