

Parsha QA



Parshat Shmot

For the week ending 25 Tevet 5760 / 31 December 1999 - 1 January 2000

Parsha Questions

1. Why did Pharaoh specifically choose water as the means of killing the Jewish boys? (Two reasons.)
2. Which Hebrew men were fighting each other?
3. Why did Moshe lose as a result of this anger?
4. About which plague was Pharaoh warned first?
5. Which tribe did not work as slaves?
6. Who were the: a) *nogsim* b) *shotrim*?
7. How were the *shotrim* rewarded for accepting the beatings on behalf of their fellow Jews?
8. What lesson was Moshe to learn from the fact that the burning bush was not consumed?
9. What merit did the Jewish People have that of the Jewish People?
10. Which expression of redemption would assure the people that Moshe was the true redeemer?
11. For how long did Moshe refuse to be the redeemer

Emilio Kohn from Montevideo, Uruguay
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him (2:10

gave him? I would like to know why, when we read the Torah we always find the name Moshe and not the other one?

Dear Emilio Kohn,

The Midrash relates that Moshe had 10 names. His father called him Chever, his mother called him Yekutiel, his sister Miriam called him Yered, etc. Yet the

d. The Torah never refers to him by any name other than Moshe. Why?

him and cared for him as her very own son. Therefore, she

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I Did Not Know That!

Shemot 3:5)

glove (in Biblical Hebrew), as in the glove that Boaz gave when purchasing a field (*Ruth 4:7*). Therefore, the verse

upon your feet?

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Rather, the word for shoe, , can also mean

Recommended Reading List

| Ramban | | Sforno | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1:10 | Politics of Genocide | | |
| 2:2 | | 2:10 | |
| 3:5 | The Burning Bush | 2:11,13,17 | Reactions to Injustice |
| 3:8 | Qualities of <i>Eretz Yisrael</i> | | |
| 3:12 | | | Kli Yakar |
| 3:18 | The Code Word for Redemption | 2:2 | Light and Three Months |
| 4:10 | | 2:7 | Prophecy of Miriam |
| 4:13 | | 2:13 | Striking Words |
| 4:19 | | | |

1. 1:5 - This verse adds that despite being in Egypt as a ruler, Yosef maintained his righteousness.
2. 1:10,22 - He hoped to escape Divine retribution, as Hashem promised never to flood the entire world.
3. 2:2 - When he was born, the house was filled with light.
4. 2:13 - Datan and Aviram.
5. 2:17 - Because a ban had been placed on Yitro for abandoning idol worship.
6. 2:20 - The well water rose towards Moshe.
7. 3:12 - Just as the bush was not consumed, so too Moshe would be protected by Hashem.
8. 3:12 - The merit that they were destined to receive the Torah.
9. 3:16,18 - *pakod pakadeti*
10. 4:3 -
the original snake sinned through speech.
11. 4:10 - Seven days.
12. 4:10 -
13. 4:14 - Moshe lost the privilege of being a *kohen*.
14. 4:18 - Seven.
15. 4:20 - It was used by Avraham for *akeidat* Yitzchak and will be used in the future by *mashiach*.
16. 4:23 - Death of the firstborn.
17. 5:1 - The elders were accompanying Moshe and Aharon, but they were afraid and one by one they
18. 5:5 - The tribe of Levi.
19. 5:6 - a) Egyptian taskmasters; b) Jewish officers.
20. 5:14 - They were chosen to be on the Sanhedrin.