

# Parsha QA



For the week ending 1 Shevat 5760 / 7 -8 January 2000

## Parsha Questions

- 1.
2. What cause did the forefathers have to question Hashem?
3. How was Moshe commanded to act towards Pharaoh?
4. How long did Levi live?
5. Who was her brother?
6. *Putiel*
- 7.
8. Why did Pharaoh go to the Nile every morning?
9. Give two reasons why the blood was chosen as the first plague.
10. How long did the plague of blood last?
- 11.
12. What did Moshe mean when he told Pharaoh that
13. *chamarim*
14. plague of lice?
15. Why were the Egyptian sorcerers unable to bring about lice?
16. What were the Egyptians likely to do if they saw the Jews slaughtering lambs?
- 17.
18. The *dever* boils afflicted their cattle. How can this be?
19. Why did Moshe pray only after leaving the city?
20. What was miraculous about the way the hail stopped falling?

## Kasha!

How would you answer this question on the Parsha?

Answer:

*un*-do them. Only Moshe was able to turn the blood *back* into water and to make the frogs go away.

Name@Withheld wrote:

*I always thought the plagues were supposed to prove that Moshe was sent by G-d, because only G-d had the power to make such plagues. If so, what was the purpose of the first two plagues, blood and frogs, were able to duplicate? If they could also do it, what did it prove?*

## I Did Not Know That!

G-d commanded Moshe to enter Pharaoh's palace without even asking permission. Despite the armed guards, lions and guard dogs that protected Pharaoh's palace, Moshe was able to enter unhindered, and this itself was a great miracle.

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## Recommended Reading List

### Ramban

- 6:2 Subtle and Sensational Miracles
- 6:6 Four Dimensions of Redemption
- 6:9 Why Moshe was Ignored
- 6:10
- 7:3 The Free Will of Pharaoh  
(also see *Sifsei Chachamim* on Rashi)
- 8:6
- 8:18,25 Uniqueness of Fourth Plague
- 9:3 The Cattle in the Field

### Sforno

- 7:3
- 8:12 Structure of the Plagues.
- 9:14 Effects of the Plagues

### Kli Yakar

- 6:26-27 Aharon and Moshe
- 7:17 Three Sets of Plagues
- 8:27 *Mesiras Nefesh*

1. 6:9 - Yes.
2. 6:9 Although Hashem swore to give them the land, they never actually had control over it.
3. 6:13 - With the respect due a king.
4. 6:16 - 137 years.
5. 6:23 - Elisheva, daughter of Aminadav, sister of Nachshon.
6. 6:25 - Yitro fattened (*pitpet*) cows for idol worship. Yosef scoffed (*pitpet*) at his evil inclination.
7. 7:3 - After the sixth plague *shechin*.
8. 7:15 - To relieve himself. Pharaoh pretended to be a god who did not need to attend to his bodily functions. Therefore, he secretly used the Nile for this purpose.
9. 7:17 - a) Because the Nile was an Egyptian god.
10. 8:17 -
11. 7:25 - Seven days.
12. 7:28 - Pharaoh himself advised the enslavement of the Jewish People.
13. 7:29 - He warned that the frogs would enter their intestines and croak.
14. 8:10 Piles.
15. 8:12 - Because the dust protected Moshe by hiding the body of the Egyptian that Moshe killed.
16. 8:14 -
17. 8:22 - Stone the Jews.
18. 8:27 - So the Egyptians would not benefit from their hides.
19. 9:10 - In the plague of *dever* only the cattle *in the fields* died. The plague of *shechin* affected the surviving cattle.
20. 9:29 - Because the city was full of idols.
21. 9:33 - The hailstones stopped in mid- the ground.

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