

# Parsha Q&A



## Parshas Eikev

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### Parsha Questions

1. What must the Jewish People do to ensure that Hashem will fulfill His promise to do good for us?
2. What were the: a) 'wonders'; b) 'strong hand'; c) 'outstretched arm' — that the Jewish People witnessed in Egypt?
3. When a mitzvah is performed by a group of people whose name is attached to it?
4. How did the Jewish People do their laundry while in the *Midbar*?
5. How did the Jewish People obtain clothing for their growing children while they lived in the *Midbar*?
6. How many days did Moshe spend on Mt. Sinai altogether?
7. On what day did Moshe come down from Mt. Sinai having received complete forgiveness for the Jewish People?
8. Hashem was angry at Aaron because of his role in the sin of the golden calf. How was Aaron punished?
9. Who made the *Aron* in which Moshe placed the second set of *Luchos* when he came down from Mt. Sinai? What special function did it later serve?
10. Which sin committed by the Jewish People was prompted by the death of Aaron?
11. Why were the *Levi'im* selected by Hashem from among the Jewish People?
12. Why do the *Levi'im* have no portion in the land?
13. All aspects of man's life are in Hashem's 'hands' except one. What is this?
14. What is the "added benefit" of observing the *mitzvos*?
15. What is meant by circumcising one's heart?
16. What are the sources of water for the fields of Egypt and Eretz Yisrael?
17. What path does the Torah prescribe for gaining new knowledge?
18. Which activity is 'serving Hashem with the heart'?
19. When the Jewish People sin, why are they considered worse than the generation of the flood?
20. How does one 'cleave to Hashem'?



In verses 7:25-26, Hashem commands the Jewish People to destroy the idols of the Canaanites. The Torah commands immediately after this to observe all of the commandments (8:1). Why this juxtaposition?

### *I Did Not Know That!*

A certain man leading the prayers said, "The great G-d, the Mighty, the Awesome, the Powerful, the Valiant..." Rabbi Chanina said to him, "Have you exhausted the praises of Hashem? Even the three praises that we say, if they were not written by Moshe in the Torah and established in our prayer service by the *Anshei Knesses Hagdola*, then these too we would not be permitted to voice."

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## Recommended Reading List

### Ramban

8:2	Lesson of the <i>Midbar</i>
8:9	Resources of the Land
8:10	Blessing After the Meal
8:18	Source of Power
9:8	Responsibility
9:28	In defense of the Jewish People
10:12	For Our Sake
11:10	Better Than Egypt
11:13	Individual and Community

### Sforno

7:12	Hashem's Direct Influence
7:24	Royal Adversaries
8:1	Advantage of Observance

### Sefer Hachinuch

430	Blessing After the Meal
431	Loving the Convert
432	Fear of Hashem
433	Prayer
434	Cleaving to the Wise

## Answers to this Week's Questions

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

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| 1. 7:12 - Guard even the 'light' commandments.   | 11. 10:8 - Because they did not participate in the sin of the golden calf.  |
| 2. 7:19 - The: a) Plagues; b) Pestilence; c) Slaying of the firstborn.   | 12. 10:9 - They were chosen to serve for the service of the <i>Mizbeach</i> (altar) and thus were not free to work the land.  |
| 3. 8:1 - The person who finishes it.   | 13. 10:12 - Fear of Heaven is dependent upon the person.  |
| 4. 8:4 - The <i>Ananei Kavod</i> (Clouds of Glory) would clean and bleach their clothing.  | 14. 10:13 - There is reward.  |
| 5. 8:4 - As their children grew, their clothing grew with them.  | 15. 10:16 - To remove those things that block the words of Torah from entering.   |
| 6. 9:18 - 120 days.  | 16. 11:10 - Egypt is irrigated by manually carrying water up from the Nile. <i>Eretz Yisrael</i> is supplied by rainwater requiring no work on the part of its inhabitants. |
| 7. 9:18 - The tenth of <i>Tishrei</i> , <i>Yom Kippur</i> .  | 17. 11:13 - By repeatedly reviewing what one knows, one more easily acquires new knowledge.   |
| 8. 9:20 - His two sons died.   | 18. 11:13 - Prayer.   |
| 9. 10:1 - Moshe made the <i>Aron</i> while he was on Mt. Sinai. This became the <i>Aron</i> that would accompany the Jewish People into battle.  | 19. 11:17 - Because the generation of the flood had no one from whom to learn.  |
| 10. 10:6-7 - When Aaron died the <i>Ananei Kavod</i> disappeared. The Jewish People fearing war with the King of Arad appointed a leader and retreated toward Egypt eight stations. The <i>Levi'im</i> fought with them and forced them to return. | 20. 11:22 - Attaching oneself to Torah scholars.  |

**Bonus**

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The purpose of idol worship was to obtain success in three areas; long life, children, and money. The Torah promises that one will receive everything via fulfillment of the *mitzvos*. "That you may live" — the Torah is promising *long life* in this world; "And multiply" — i.e., *many children*; "And come to possess" — attainment of *riches* through inheritance of the Land.

*Sforno*