

# Parsha Q&A



## Parshas Va'eschanan

For the week ending 13 Av 5757  
15 & 16 August 1997

### 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?

BONUS

Q:

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.

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## Recommended Reading List

### Ramban

4:2	Adding or Subtracting
4:9	Mt. Sinai
4:27	Dispersion
6:5	Love and Fear
6:18	Spirit of the Law
6:20	Significance of the <i>Mitzvos</i>
7:6	Hashem's People

### Sforno

4:3	Baal-Peor
4:9	Philosophy
4:39	Aleinu
6:4	Shema Yisrael

### Sefer Hachinuch

416	Coveting Property
418	Loving Hashem
419	Learning Torah
420	Reading the <i>Shema</i>
421	Tefillin of the Hand
422	Tefillin of the Head
423	<i>Mezuzah</i>
427	Intermarriage

## Answers to this Week's Questions

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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3:23 - Defeating Sichon and Og, whose lands were part of Eretz Canaan, Moshe thought perhaps Hashem had annulled the vow against his entering the Land.</li> <li>2. 3:25 - Ha'Levanon means the Beis Hamikdash, which 'whitens' (<i>lavan</i>), i.e., atones for, the Jewish People.</li> <li>3. 3:27 - Moshe was allowed to see the Land.</li> <li>4. 3:28 - Joshua must lead the army into battle.</li> <li>5. 4:6 - When we study Torah and do <i>mitzvos</i>.</li> <li>6. 4:22 - Even his bones weren't buried in the Land.</li> <li>7. 4:25 - The gematria of <i>V'noshantem</i>, 852, hints at the number of years until the first exile.</li> <li>8. 4:28 - No. It means you'll serve <b>others</b> who serve idols.</li> <li>9. 4:41 - It's the direction from which the sun shines. (<i>Mizrach</i> means shining.)</li> <li>10. 5:6, 5:15 - Twice.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. 5:13 - Before Matan Torah, at Marah. (Shmos 15:25)</li> <li>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.</li> <li>13. 6:5 - 1) With everything you own. 2) Whether Hashem treats you with kindness or harshness.</li> <li>14. 6:7 - If asked a Torah question, one should be able to reply quickly and clearly.</li> <li>15. 6:7 - Your students</li> <li>16. 6:8 - <i>Tot</i> means two in <i>Caspi</i>. <i>Fos</i> means two in <i>Afriki</i>. Together they allude to the four sections of <i>tefillin</i>.</li> <li>17. 6:13 - One who serves Hashem and reveres His name.</li> <li>18. 7:7 - The <i>B'nei Yisrael</i> are the humblest nation.</li> <li>19. 7:9 - 2,000</li> <li>20. 7:10 - So that they get no reward in the next world.</li> </ol> |
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**Bonus**

A:

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*