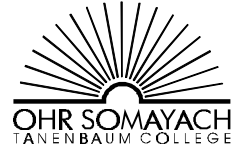


Parsha Q&A



Parshas Shmos

For the week ending 25 Teves 5757
3 & 4 January 1997

Parsha Questions

1. Why did the Egyptians specifically chose water as the means of killing the Jewish children? Give two reasons.
2. "...And they will go up out of the land." Who said this and what did he mean?
3. Why was Yocheved called 'Shifrah?' Why was Miriam called 'Puah?'
4. How did Hashem reward the midwives?
5. Who was Yocheved's father?
6. "She saw that he was good" What was 'good' about Moshe that distinguished him from other babies?
7. Moshe killed an Egyptian who was striking a Jew. Who was the Jewish man's wife?
8. Who were the two Hebrew men who were fighting with each other?
9. Why did the Midianites drive Yisro's daughters away from the well?
10. How did Yisro know that Moshe was a descendant of Yaakov?
11. Why did Moshe go far away to pasture Yisro's sheep?
12. What lesson was Moshe to learn from the fact that the burning bush was not consumed?
13. What merit did the Jewish People have that warranted Hashem's promise to take them out of Egypt?
14. What was symbolized by the staff turning into a snake?
15. How long did Hashem try to persuade Moshe to go to redeem the Jewish People?
16. Why was Moshe reluctant to assume the role of leader of the Jewish people?
17. "And Hashem was angry with Moshe..." What did Moshe lose as a result of this anger?
18. Concerning which plague was Pharaoh warned first?
19. Who were the: a) *nogsim*; b) *shotrim*?
20. Why were the *shotrim* beaten?

Bonus

Q:

Why did Moshe risk the spiritual and physical dangers involved in bringing his wife and children to Egypt?

I Did Not Know That!

When Yisro learned that Moshe had killed an Egyptian, Yisro threw him into a pit. For ten years Tzipora sustained Moshe by bringing him food, until such time as Yisro realized Moshe's righteousness.

Targum Yonasan

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Recommended Reading List

Ramban

1:10	Politics of Genocide
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3:8	Qualities of <i>Eretz Yisrael</i>
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3:18	The Code Word for Redemption
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2:2	Light and Three Months
2:7	Prophecy of Miriam
2:13	Striking Words

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"> 1. 1:10 & 22 - Since Hashem promised Noah never to flood the entire world, the Egyptians chose water, hoping to thereby escape Divine retribution. Also, Pharaoh's astrologers saw that the Jewish redeemer's downfall would be through water. 2. 1:10 - Pharaoh said it, meaning that the Egyptians would be forced to leave Egypt. 3. 1:15 - <i>Shifrah</i> means she beautified the newborn. <i>Puah</i> means she would coo at the newborn. 4. 1:21 - Their descendants were <i>Kohanim, Levi'im</i> and royalty. 5. 2:1 - Levi. 6. 2:2 - When he was born the house was filled with light. 7. 2:11 - Shelomis bas Divri. 8. 2:13 - Dasan and Aviram. 9. 2:17 - Because a ban had been placed upon Yisro for abandoning idol worship. 10. 2:20 - Because the water of the well rose up to Moshe. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. 3:1 - So that the sheep wouldn't graze in privately owned fields. 12. 3:12 - Just as the bush was not consumed, so too Moshe would be protected by Hashem if he did as Hashem requested. 13. 3:12 - The merit that they were destined to receive the Torah. 14. 4:3 - Moshe spoke ill of the Jewish people by saying that they would not listen to him, just as original snake sinned through speech. 15. 4: 10 - Seven days. 16. 4:10 - He did not want to take a position that would be superior to that of his elder brother, Aaron. 17. 4:14 - Moshe lost the privilege of being a <i>Kohen</i>. This privilege was transferred to Aharon. 18. 4:23 - Death of the firstborn. 19. 5:6 - a) the Egyptian taskmasters; b) the Jewish officers. 20. 5:14 - They refused to pressure the Jewish People to work harder. |
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BONUS

A:

Moshe wanted to give hope and encouragement to the Jewish People. By bringing his wife and children, he showed them his confidence that Hashem was going to redeem the Jewish People very soon.

Meshech Chochma