

Parsha Q&A



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Parshas Ki Savo

Parsha Questions

1. When did the obligation to bring *bikkurim* (first fruits) begin?
2. From which crops must one bring *bikkurim*?
3. The Torah praises *Eretz Yisrael* as "a land flowing with milk and honey (26:9)." To what type of honey does the Torah refer?
4. How is a person supposed to designate his *bikkurim*?
5. Who waves the basket containing the *bikkurim*?
6. The person bringing the *bikkurim* begins reciting, "An Aramean tried to destroy my forefather." Who was that Aramean?
7. The "Syrian" mentioned in verse 26:5, didn't destroy the Jewish People, he merely tried to destroy them. Why does the Torah record the event as if it had actually occurred?
8. When a person brings *bikkurim*, during which part of the year is he required to "recite" from the Torah the special verses?
9. How does Hashem bless a person who brought *bikkurim* as proscribed by the Torah?
10. How many stones were the Jewish People commanded to set up?
11. The Jewish People were commanded to explain the Torah *heiteiv* (clearly) on the stones that they set up. How?
12. Who recited the blessing and curses?
13. Who "causes the blind go astray?"
14. How does one "strike another secretly?"
15. How is the manner of expressing the curses in *Parshas Bechukosai* more severe than in this week's *Parsha*?
16. What is meant by "the Jewish People will become a proverb?"
17. Why did all the curses expressed in 48:16-44 befall the Jewish People?
18. "In the morning you shall say, 'If only it were (last) evening' and in the evening you will say, 'If only it were (this) morning' (28:67)." Why?
19. To which tribe did Moshe give the Torah first?
20. How long does it take to understand the depth of one's teacher's wisdom?

BONUS

Q:

"You shall take from the first of all the fruit... which Hashem, your God, gives you" (26:2).

Why does the Torah say that a person who is offering his *bikkurim* is "taking" rather than "giving"?

I Did Not Know That!

"And it shall be when you come into the Land... that you shall take the first fruit of the ground (26:1-2)".

"Fulfill this commandment because it is as a reward for this that you shall enter the Land."

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Ramban

26:3	The <i>Kohen</i> of Your Day
27:3	The Stones
27:26	Upholding the Torah
28:42	The Fourth Exile

Sefer Hachinuch

606-7	Power of Speech
611	Emulating Hashem

Sforno

26:17	Exalting Hashem
26:18	The Exalted Jewish People
27:15	The Curses
28:2	The Blessings
28:14	Punishment

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226:11	Rejoicing with Hashem and the Torah
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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. 26:1 - After the Land was conquered and divided. 2. 26:2 - The seven species for which <i>Eretz Yisrael</i> is praised. 3. 26:2 - Date honey. 4. 26:2 - When he sees the first fruit that has ripened on a tree, he should bind a piece of straw around it to mark it as a first fruit. 5. 26:4 - The <i>kohen</i> places his hands under the hands of the one bringing it, and they wave the basket together. 6. 26:5 - Lavan. 7. 26:5 - Because when judging the non-Jewish nations, Hashem accounts their evil intentions as actual deeds. 8. 26:11 - From Shavuot until Succot. 9. 26:16 - "You brought <i>bikkurim</i> today, so too will you be privileged to bring them next year." 10. 27:2 - A total of 36: 12 along the Jordan River; 12 in Gilgal; and 12 on Mt. Eval. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. 27:8 - By writing the Torah in 70 languages. 12. 27:12 - The <i>Levi'im</i>. 13. 27:18 - Any person who intentionally gives bad advice. 14. 27:24 - By slandering him. 15. 28:23 - In <i>Bechukosai</i>, the Torah teaches in the plural, whereas, in this <i>Parsha</i>, the curses are taught in the singular. 16. 28:37 - Whenever someone wants to express the idea of extraordinary suffering they will use the Jewish People as an example. 17. 28:47 - Because they did not serve Hashem with gladness when everything was abundant. 18. 28:67 - Because the curse of each hour will be greater than that of the previous hour. 19. 29:3 - To the Tribe of Levi. 20. 29:8 - 40 years |
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