

Parsha QA



Parshat Vayeshev

For the week ending 25 Kislev 5760 / 3 & 4 December 1999

Parsha Questions

1. These are the offspring of Yaakov:

Yosef

2. What was praiseworthy about the fact that

friendly manner?

3.

the sun, moon and stars that all dreams contain some untrue element?

4. Who brought Yosef down to Egypt?

5. Where was Reuven when Yosef was sold?

6. In addition to the brothers, who else knew that Yosef was alive?

7.

Yaakov that Yosef was alive?

8. For how long did Yaakov mourn the loss of Yosef?

9.

whom does this refer?

10.

?

11. In what merit did Tamar deserve to have

kings as her descendants?

12. *hand*

times in connection to the birth of Zerach?

13. Why does the Torah relate the incident

incident of Yehuda and Tamar?

14.

with Yosef?

15.

sick?

16. Why were the butler and the baker imprisoned?

17. For how long were the butler and the baker in prison?

18. How did the baker know that Yosef had correctly int

19. What prompted the butler and baker to tell

Yosef their dreams?

20. How was Yosef punished for asking the butler for help?

Kasha!

How would you answer this question on the Parsha?

Yosef, a Hebrew slave on the lowest rung of Egyptian society, was accused of a capital crime against the wife of a royal minister, yet he was not put to death. On the contrary, he was given special privileges, and he was placed in the special jail with the royal prisoners. Why?

Answer:

Potiphar knew Yosef was righteous and he strongly suspected that his wife was lying. Publicly, however, he needed to pretend that he supported her.

Therefore he punished Yosef, but he chose the most lenient punishment possible under the circumstances.

Ramban

I Did Not Know That!

(Reuven said this) in order to save him from them and bring him back to his -2)

When a person does a *mitzvah*, he should do it with a full heart and with joy; for had Reuven known that his good intentions would be eternally inscribed in the Torah, Reuven would have hoisted Yosef upon his shoulders and carried him home to his father.

Ruth Rabba 5, Tanchuma Vayikra 25:665

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Recommended Reading List

Ramban
37:2 The Evil Report
37:10 The Moon
38:24

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37:2 The Evil Report
37:3
37:18 The Brot
38:1
39:19 Why Yosef was Imprisoned

1. 37:2 - (b) Yosef looked like Yaakov. (c) All that befell Yaakov befell Yosef.
2. 37:4 - They did not act hypocritically.
3. 37:10 - The moon represented Rachel. Since she had already died, it was impossible for that element of the dream to come true.
4. 37:28 - A caravan of Midianites.
5. 37:29 - He was attending to Yaakov.
6. 37:33 - Yitzchak.
7. 37:33 - Because the brothers had issued a ban against revealing the truth to Yaakov, and Hashem, so to speak, abided by their ban.
8. 37:34 - Twenty-two years.
9. 37:35 -
10. 38:24 - Shem.
11. 38:26 - In the merit of her modesty.
12. 38:30 - To allude to his descendent, Achan, who sinned with his hand by taking four things from the spoils of Jericho.
13. 39:1 - To teach us that just as Tamar acted with pure moti
14. 39:3 -
15. 39:11 -
16. 40:1 -

17. 40:4 - Twelve months.
18. 40:5 -
19. 40:6 - Yosef asked them why they looked troubled.
20. 40:23 - He remained in prison an additional two years.

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