

# Parsha QA



**Parshat Bo**

For the week ending 8 Shevat 5760 /  
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## Parsha Questions

1. Jewish children?
2. How did the locusts in the time of Moshe differ from those in the days of Yoel?
3. How did the first three days of darkness differ from the last three?
4. When the Jews asked the Egyptians for gold and silver vessels, the Egyptians were unable to deny ownership of such vessels. Why?
5. *Makat bechorot* took place at *exactly* midnight. Why did Moshe say it would take place at *approximately* midnight?
6. Why did the firstborn of the animals die?
7. How did Moshe show respect to Pharaoh when he warned him about the aftermath of the plague of the firstborn?
8. . What three wonders was Hashem referring to?
9. Why did Hashem command the *mitzvah* of *Rosh Chodesh* to Aharon, and not only to Moshe?
10. Up to what age is an animal fit to be a *Pesach* offering?
11. Prior to the Exodus from Egypt, what two *mitzvot* involving blood did Hashem give to the Jewish People?
12. Which parts of the *Pesach* offering (as distinguished from other offerings) were the Jewish People forbidden to eat?
13. Why were the Jews told to stay indoors during *makat bechorot*?
14. What was Pharaoh screaming as he ran from door to door the night of *makat bechorot*?
15. Why did Pharaoh ask Moshe to bless him?
16. Why did the Jewish People carry their *matzah* on their shoulders rather than have their animals carry it?
17. Who comprised the *erev rav* (mixed multitude)?
18. What three historical events occurred on the 15th of Nissan, prior to the event of the Exodus from Egypt?
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*Eretz Yisrael?*

20. The only non-kosher animal whose firstborn is redeemed is the donkey. What did the donkeys do to his distinction?

## Kasha!

**How would you answer this question on the Parsha?**

*Kasha:*

**and they borrowed from the Egyptians vessels of**

**12:35)**

How could the Israelites borrow from the Egyptians, *knowing*

**Answer:**

The Talmud notes that the Egyptians owed the Jews wages for centuries of unjust slavery, and that the Jews took only what was rightly theirs as partial payment. This money also partially compensated them for their lands and homes in Egypt which the Egyptians confiscated.

Sources: *Rashbam, Tractate Sanhedrn 91, Genesis 47:27*

## I Did Not Know That!

**11:14)**

Jerusalem time. The plague of the first-born took place at exactly midnight, Jerusalem time. But because Egypt is west of Jerusalem, midnight there occurs

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## Recommended Reading List

	<b>Ramban</b>		<b>Sefer Hachinuch</b>
10:14	Locusts and Crocodiles	7, 16	Eating Like Kings
10:23	A Different Darkness	18	
12:2	Jewish Months	21	The Significance of the Exodus
12:3	Symbolism of the <i>Korban Pesach</i>		
12:31,51	Timetable of the Exodus		
13:5	Five and Two Seven Canaanite Nations		

1. 10:11 -
2. 10:14 - The plague brought by Moshe was composed of one species of locust, whereas the plague in the days of Yoel was composed of many species.
3. 10:22 - During the first three
4. 10:22 -
5. 11:4 - If Moshe said the plague would begin exactly at midnight, the Egyptians might miscalculate and accuse Moshe of being a fake.
6. 11:5 - Because the Egyptians worshiped them as gods, and when Hashem punishes a nation He also punishes its gods.
7. 11:8 - when, in fact, it was Pharaoh himself  
who actually came running to Moshe.
8. 11:9 - The plague of the firstborn, the splitting of the sea, the drowning of the Egyptian soldiers.
9. 12:1 - As reward for his efforts in bringing about the plagues.
10. 12:5 - One year.
11. 12:6 - Circumcision and *Korban Pesach*.
12. 12:8 - The bones and the sinews.
13. 12:22 - Since it was a night of destruction, it was not safe for anyone to leave the protected premises of their homes.
14. 12:31 -
15. 12:32 -
16. 12:34 - Because the commandment of *matzah* was dear to them.
17. 12:38 - People from other nations who became converts.
18. 12:41 -
19. 13:5 - Goat milk, date and fig honey.
20. 13:13 - They helped the Jews by carrying silver and gold out of Egypt.