

# *“Torahific” Parsha Questions & Riddles*

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- 1) How do we know that boys are Bar Mitzva at the age of 13?
- 2) How many angels disguised as powerful soldiers and cavalry, did Yaakov send to Esav and his 400 soldiers?
- 3) Which day of the year did that angel attack Yaakov Abinu?
- 4) What did Yaakov wish he would have learned from Laban his father-in-law?
- 5) Why didn't Esav's angel want to reveal to Yaakov his name?
- 6) Why did Shimon and Levi massacre the city of Shechem?
- 7) What does the name "Yisroel" (Yaakov's name and ours) mean?
- 8) Why was Yaakov afraid of Esav's army if Hashem promised to protect him? Don't we have a mitzva to trust Hashem (Bitachon)?
- 9) Yaakov told Esav that Hashem blessed him because he kept all 613 Mitzvot. But, how could he have done all the Mitzvot if he didn't live in Israel during the days of the Bet Hamikdash?
- 10) Which parts of a kosher animal or beast can't we eat?
- 11) What happened to the staff that Yaakov used to split the Yarden River when he was escaping from Esav?
- 12) What type of house did Yaakov build?
- 13) What was Yaakov worried about during Esav's threatening approach?
- 14) Which blessing did Esav's angel give Yaakov?
- 15) Yaakov's sheep were great in quantity and quality. How much would people offer to get even one of his 200,000 flocks?
- 16) Why is it ironic that Dinah is buried next to the Tanna Rabbi Nitai H'arbeli?
- 17) Why is it improper to watch a non-Jewish parade?
- 18) What's the good thing about Anti-Semitism?
- 19) Why didn't the Avot Hakedoshim accept Princess Timna as a convert?
- 20) How long was Dinah kidnapped for?
- 21) Which Mitzva did Yaakov do as soon as he got to Shechem?
- 22) Why did Yaakov's sons confiscate the money of the city of Shechem, do we want the non-Jews to call us robbers & thieves?
- 23) Yosef was missing for 22 sad years, as a punishment to Yaakov Abinu for not fulfilling the Mitzva of Kibud Av V'em 22 years (from the age of 77 to 99). Why was it Yaakov's fault, he had to leave his parents to get married and build the family?
- 24) Which pesukim in this weeks Parasha are appropriate to read before traveling to merit a successful trip?

- 25) Why can't we eat the "gid hanashe" (sinew on the upper joint of the thigh)?
- 26) When did Esav get kefitsat haderech (express traveling by miracle)?
- 27) What happened when Esav tried to bite his brother Yaakov?
- 28) How was Yaakov punished for flattering the rasha Esav calling him "my master" 8 times?
- 29) What did Yaakov's sons do before burying the avoda zara of Shechem?
- 30) Why is it better that Jews are dispersed throughout the lands and not residing together?
- 31) Why did Rachel Imanu have to pass away during childbirth?
- 32) What did Mordechai tell Haman from this week's Parsha?
- 33) How can the mitzva -not to eat the gid hanashe -encourage us in this long exile?
- 34) Why was Yaakov punished with Dinah's abuse-for not giving her as a wife to Esav - even her mother Leah cried her eyes out not to marry him?
- 35) Why was the Kodesh Kodeshim built in Benyomin's territory?
- 36) How many Rabbis do we know of, that had the privilege of learning privately with angels?
- 37) What was so important about the containers that Yaakov went back over the river for?
- 38) Why did Shimon and Levi tell Shechem the rasha to do Milah?
- 39) Who are the "peleitah" (remnants) of Yaakov's family left today?
- 40) Why do many Jews wrap a red string around Kever Rachel as a segulah?
- 41) How were the 400 soldiers of Esav rewarded for running away and not battling Yaakov?
- 42) How do we see that "curiosity" can be a bad habit?
- 43) Why was Shechem's father called "Hamor" (donkey)?
- 44) How do you see the names of the Avot and Emahot in the word "Yisroel"?
- 45) What does it mean that Yaakov was "shaleim" (complete)?
- 46) How old was Yaakov when he made returned to Israel? (υρυσσω ρσξ)
- 47) Why did Dinah marry Iyob?
- 48) What was Reuven's "sin"? (υηπκ, αρσνθ :ωβ,χα)
- 49) Who was stronger: Yaakov or Esav?
- 50) Why did an evil angel attack Yaakov and not Avrohom or Yitzchok?
- 51) Why did the righteous general Avner insist that Shaul and Ish Boshet should be kings before Dovid Hamelech?
- 52) Which grandson(s) of Esav tried to kill all of the Jews?
- 53) When did hate turn into love temporarily?
- 54) From where do we see you should patronize your country?

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