

TTtriddles

Previous (B'haalot'cha) TTriddles:

[1] FPTL: to your scales

Maybe this TTriddle should have read, 'in your scales'. That would be a more literal translation of the Hebrew, but not the correct way of rendering it into English based on context.

B'KAS-K'SO-TECHA is a word that is appears twice in Yechezkel 29:4.

But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your streams to stick **to your scales**, and I will bring you up from the midst of your streams, and all the fish of your streams shall stick to your scales.

The navi is comparing the par'o of Egypt to a great crocodile and prophesies the defeat of Egypt because of its failure to help Israel against Bavel, as it had promised. The gimatriya of that word is $2+100+300+100+300+400+10+20 = 1232$, the TT number of last week's B'haalot'cha issue.

[2] B'haalot'cha & T'ruma @4, Vayakhel & P'kudei @3

The word HAM'NORA (the Menorah) occurs four times each in B'haalot'cha and T'ruma, and thrice each in Vayakhel and P'kudei.

[3] 1035 Take out; 1036 Put back

Bamidbar 10:35 is the pasuk we say when we take out the Torah(s) - VAYHI BINSO'A HAARON... 10:36 is the pasuk we say when we put the Torah(s) back - UVNUCHO YOMAR...

[4] The 25-500-25 points sedra

If you share this memory or anything like it, please let me know. tt@ou.org

Brooklyn, late 50s. Popular shul game. CHUMASH. Usually played with large shul-size Hebrew Publishing Chumash. Two or more players. On your turn, you open the Chumash at random. Look the pages over and state the number of pages you will flip and in what direction. If you get to a page which will give you points (and that is the goal), you add them to your total and go again. If not, the turn goes to the next player.

PEI-PEI-PEI at the end of a sedra scores 25 points. SAMACH-SAMACH-SAMACH gets you 50. CHAZAK scores 100. The UPSIDE DOWN NUNS are 500 points, and M'OD at the end of Vayigash was 1000 points.

This makes B'haalot'cha a 25-500-25 point sedra, since it is flanked by two PEI-PEI-PEIs and contains the NUNS.

By the way, in a Torah, the NUNS are written backwards. In the old printed Chumashim, they were upside-down - because it was easy to rotate a piece of type with a NUN on it, 180°, and more difficult and expensive to create a backwards NUN only to use it twice.

[5] Between Keinan and Yered, All of a sudden

In the progression of the first ten generations of the world (from Adam to No'ach), Keinan's son and Yered's father was MAHALAL'EIL. Gimatriya: $40+5+30+30+1+30 = 136$, the number of p'sukim in B'haalot'cha. All of a sudden is PIT-OM, $80+400+1+40 = 521$, the gimatriya of B'haalot'cha.