

TTriddles

Previous (Balak) TTriddles:

[1] FPTL: his thoughts

Come behind the scenes, if you will. I have two computer programs that I use for Gimatriya searches: Gematrion by Yochanan Spielberg a"h) and Bible Gematria by Torah Education Software. One thing you can do with either program is type in a number and get all words, p'sukim, and phrases whose gimatriya equals that number. So for the FPTL TTriddle, I input the issue number (last week that was 1236) and see what comes up. Single words are getting rarer as the numbers increase. All the numbers from 3 to 968 result in single words (besides p'sukim and phrases, if). With the 100 numbers from 1200-1299, there are only 34 numbers that find a single word match. So when a single word came up for 1236, I decided to use it. Not really happy with this one, since MACHSH'VOTAV is not the correct answer, but was the starting point for 'his thoughts'. The word you were looking for (so to speak) is ESH-T'NO-TAV ($70+300+400+50+400+10+6=1236$) from T'hilim 146:4. In different translations, the word is rendered 'his thoughts' or 'his plans'.

[2] Vaani Kinchalim

MA TOVU OHALECHA YISRAEL... This pasuk in the Siddur is followed by the word VAANI, as in VAANI B'ROV CHAS-D'CHA AVO VEITECHA... In the Torah, the pasuk is followed by KINCHALIM NITAYU... Here's a little TBD&TR piece hiding in the TTriddles Report. The

word for streams is N'CHALIM. The NUN is voweled with a SH'VA NA and is sounded with a very short vowel sound, which we represent with an apostrophe - as we do in B'RACHA, M'VORCHIM, and so on. When the word N'CHALIM is prefixed by the KAF, the word becomes KINCHALIM. The apostrophe is gone because the SH'VA under the NUN becomes NACH and does not contribute even a short vowel sound. Similarly, SH'VAT but TU BISHVAT.

[3] Love mitzvot in the sedra

There are no mitzvot in Balak. And love means zero in tennis. Kol HaKavod to MM/Bklyn for getting this one and several others - and not just this week. Conclusion: his mind is warped with the same (or similar) configuration as that of the one who makes these TTriddles.

[4] ACCEPT: BALAK TO CURSE ALOUD

ACCEPT = KABEIL. BALAK is BALAK. TO CURSE = LAKOV. ALOUD = B'KOL. These four words are anagrams of BET, LAMED, and KUF.

[5] Yaakov, Moshe, Bil'am, Balak

VAYICHA AF... and he got angry. The phrase occurs 26 times in Tanach, majority of which refer to G-d getting angry. The people in the Torah (there are others in NACH) whose names also follow VAYICHA AF are the four named in this TTriddle; the latter two are from Parshat Balak.

[6] Jenny's Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot

Just as ATON is a female donkey in Hebrew, so too a Jenny is a female donkey in English. Bil'am's donkey made reference to the SHALOSH R'GALIM

(that Bil'am had struk her) - Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot.

[7] Grapes of • bricks • Onions of • his horse • Status

Grapes of = INVEI = $70+50+2+10 = 132$.

bricks = L'VEINIM = $30+2+50+10+40 = 132$.

Onions of = B'TZALEI = $2+90+30+10 = 132$.

his horse = SUSO = $60+6+60+6 = 132$.

Status = MATZAV = $40+90+2 = 132$.

And so is BALAK = $2+30+100 = 132$.