

TTTriddles

Previous (SH'MOT) TTriddles:

[1] FPTL: First of two consecutive 3-word p'sukim

In some siddurim, one can find a list of three-word p'sukim in the Torah among the various passages to say on Motza'ei Shabbat. It seems that there is a tradition based in Kabbala that reciting those p'sukim (and a few other lists with different characteristics) is a segula for something. There are 14 three-word p'sukim in the Torah. One of them is from Parshat Sh'mot - Yissachar, Zevulun, and Binyamin. This gives a connection to the sedra for this FPTL TTriddle. The FPTL TTriddle is mostly connected to the issue number of the week's Torah Tidbits, but an additional connection to the sedra is a nice bonus. Among the 14 3-word p'sukim in the Torah are two consecutive p'sukim in Parshat M'tzora. The first is 14:55 - ULTZARAAT HA-BEGED V'LABAYIT. Not the most pleasant topic, so we'll leave it untranslated. Gimatriya: $6+30+90+200+70+400$ (796) + $5+2+3+4$ (14) + $6+30+2+10+400$ (448) = 1258.

[2] Census takers, A's sons, G's sons, Y's sons, original settlers, Tz's daughters, scouts, L's sons, E's Alufim

Kind of an easy Ttriddle, if you know how TTriddles work. The opening words of Sh'mot (the Book and the Sedra) occur 9 other times in the Torah. V'EILEH SH'MOT... And these are the

names...

At the beginning of Bamidbar, Moshe (and Aharon) are commanded to take a count of the people... AND WITH YOU, ISH ISH LAMATEH... a man from each sheivet. V'EILEH SH'MOT HAANASHIM... Those are the census takers. Then, B'nei Aharon, B'nei Gei-r'shom, B'nei Yishmael, then (from Parshat Sh'mot), the original (Jewish) settlers in Egypt - Yaakov and his sons, etc. Tz'lofchad's daughters (twice), the Meraglim (in Sh'lach), B'nei Levi, and Eisav's Alufim.

[3] Moshe grew, no king, P'lishtim gathered

VAYHI BAYAMIM HAHEIM... Moshe grew up and went out to see what was happening with his people. The phrase occurs only this once in Torah, and twice in NACH - in Shoftim and Shmuel Alef.

[4] Yaakov (twice), Moshe, David, the whole nation

VAYIRA MOSHE... And Moshe feared (when his killing the Egyptian was mentioned by Datan & Aviram. We find the word with Yaakov twice, once with Moshe, once with David, and - in its singular form VAYIRA CHOL HAAM, the people feared HaShem and Shmuel. (As VAYIR-U, it occurs many more times.)

[5] No'ach, Avraham, Rachel, and His covenant

VAYIZKOR ELOKIM... And G-d remembered... The word VAYIZKOR occurs 5 times in the Torah, four times followed by ELOKIM. No'ach, Avraham, Rachel, and B'RITO, His covenant. The only other VAYIZKOR is Yosef, his dreams.