

PARSHAS VA'EIRA

PARSHAH OVERVIEW



Hashem speaks to Moshe about redemption. Moshe and Aharon are appointed as the redeemers. Aharon performs miracle in front of Pharaoh. Plagues begin: Blood, frogs, lice, wild animals, death of cattle, boils, and hail. Hashem hardens the heart of Pharaoh.

PARSHAH STATS

Pesukim - 121

Words - 1,748

Letters - 6,701

Mitzvos - 0



GEMATRIA



The gematria of שבת קודש is 1,112. There is only one passuk in the Torah with this gematria: תמים תהיה עם ה' אלקיך - you shall be wholehearted with Hashem, your G-d.

THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

Likutei Moharan teaches that the meaning of מקצר רוח ומעבדה קשה is referring to their being of little faith, and ergo, need avoda kasha, difficult devotions, fasting, etc. When there is "smallness" and blemished faith, one has to perform difficult work.



DID YOU KNOW



The Makkos were meant to HIT the Egyptians; but more importantly, they were meant to HIT us, the Jewish people. They hit us with a message of G-d's love for the Jewish people



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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"To build a society of freedom, you have to let go of hate."

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt"l

QUICK VORT

We can learn a valuable lesson from the passage in the Torah that tells us the Jewish people experienced קצר רוח ועבדה קשה - shortness of breath and hard labor.

On some level, perhaps the phrase קצר רוח ועבדה קשה can be understood as an if-you-do-this-then-this can happen.

The Jewish people are successful when their spiritual intake and focus is up to G-d's par, so-to-speak.

When we are experiencing קצר רוח - a shortness, a limitation, a reduction of רוח, i.e., spirituality, then that is a recipe for a life of עבדה קשה, great hardship and toiling, ch'v.

The more spiritually focused we are in life, the leasier our "work" is going to be, because the more we include Hashem in our lives, the more He helps us along the way.

Have a holy Shabbos!