



תקת

1. Look at the first פסוקים of the פָרָשָׁה:

א וַיֹּאמֶר הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֶל־אַהֲרֹן לֵאמֹר:

בָּזֶאת תִּקְרֹת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה הָאֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר דִּבֶּר | אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּקְרֹב אֲלֵיכֶם פָּרָה אֲדָמָה תְּמִימָה אֲשֶׁר אַיִלְבָּה מָוֶם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־עָלָה עֲלָה עַל:

אֲלֵיכֶם פָּרָה אֲדָמָה תְּמִימָה אֲשֶׁר אַיִלְבָּה מָוֶם אֲשֶׁר לֹא־עָלָה עֲלָה עַל: spoke to and saying:

בָּ This is the decree of the תּוֹרָה, which has commanded, saying: Speak to the בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, and they shall take to you a completely red cow, which is without blemish and upon which a yoke has not come."

What does the תּוֹרָה mean by the words "תקת הַתּוֹרָה"?

2. Does a חֻקָּה have no reason?

3. What is the strangest part of the laws of the פָרָה אֲדָמָה?

4. After מֹרִים died the people complained that there was no water for them. What was the connection between מֹרִים's death and the lack of water?

5. Look at this פָסָיק:

בְּמַדְבֵּר כָּי וַיֹּאמֶר הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֶל־אַהֲרֹן יְעַזֵּן לְאַהֲרֹן וְאַמְנַצֵּן בְּיַד־קְדֹשָׁתְךָ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְכֹן לֹא תְבִיאוּ אֶת־מְקַדֵּשׁ הַזֶּה אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִתְּנָתָנִי לְךָ:

" said to and, "Because you did not believe in Me, to sanctify Me in the eyes of בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, therefore you will not bring this congregation to the land that I have given them."

What happened just before this?

6. What did הָאֱלֹהִים send to punish the people when they complained again, that אין לְחֵם וְאֵין מִים - 'there is no food and no water'?

7. How did the copper snake on the pole cure the people?

Answers:

1. A law which human beings can not understand.

2. No, it does have a reason, but the reason is only known by הָאֱלֹהִים.

3. The ashes of the פָרָה אֲדָמָה purify someone who had become מַטָּה, yet the people who prepare the ashes to be sprinkled become מַטָּה.

4. teaches us that while מֹרִים was alive there was a well which followed בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל around the מִזְבֵּחַ - it dried up when she died.

5. מֹשֶׁה hit the rock, twice, instead of speaking to it.

6. Fiery snakes, which bit the people.

7. When they looked upwards at it their thoughts turned to הָאֱלֹהִים and they did תִשְׁעַבָּה. Then הָאֱלֹהִים would remove the sickness.