

Va-Era Literacy Test Answers

- 1) 7
- 2) Yod-Hay-Vav-Hay (The tetragrammaton)
- 3) Kohath lived for 133 years and had four sons: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel (Ex. 6:18). The information about his descendants is more detailed, since the Kohathites were among the most important Levitical clans. Their story is interwoven with four periods in biblical history – the Wilderness Wanderings, the Settlement, the Monarchy, and the Return to Zion. In the census taken in the wilderness the Kohathites numbered 8,600 males (LXX, 8,300) aged above one month, including 2,750 males between 30 and 50 years old (Num. 3:28; 4:1–3, 34–37).
- 4) Hebron
- 5) 80 years old (Ex. 7:7)
- 6) 83
- 7) A reptile (Tanin in Hebrew, which is different from Nachash – snake) – also see the note on p.373 from the haftarah, Ezekiel 29:3 where the same animal is mentioned regarding the Nile.
- 8) Aaron
- 9) Bloody waters
- 10) P. 360. 7:21 – the water stank so much it became foul (fowl). Sorry.
- 11) Fourth plague was “arov.” See note on p. 362 – the word only occurs here, so we don’t know exactly what this plague was. Most commonly assumed to be swarms of wild animals or insects.
- 12) P. 367 – Hail didn’t fall in Goshen, where the Israelites lived.
- 13) Haftarah is from Ezekiel.