

Parshat Balak - Question & Answer Sheet

- 5 What is the name of last week's parsha?
Chukas
חֻקַּת
- 3 What is the name of this week's parsha?
Balak
בַּלַק
- 9 How did the people of Moab feel about the Jews?
22:3 "very frightened of the people ... Moab was disgusted in the face of the Children of Israel."
וַיִּגְרַם מוֹאָב מִפְּנֵי הָעָם מְאֹד וַיִּקְצַץ מוֹאָב מִפְּנֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
- 19 What reason did Balak give to Balaam for cursing the Jews?
22:6 "...perhaps I will be able to strike it and drive it away from the land."
אוּלַי אוֹכַל נִכְהֶ־בוּ וַאֲגַרְשְׁנוּ מִן־הָאָרֶץ
- 22 What did Hashem tell Balaam in his first night time prophecy regarding Balak's request?
22:12 "You shall not curse the people, for it is blessed!"
לֹא תִאָר אֶת־הָעָם כִּי בְרוּךְ הוּא
- 13 What did Balaam say to the officers of Balak to show he could not do anything against God's wish?
22:18 "If Balak will give me his household of silver and gold, I cannot transgress the word of God."
אִם־יִתֶּן־לִי בָלַק מִלֹּא בֵיתוֹ כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב לֹא אוֹכַל לַעֲבֹר אֶת־פִּי ה'
- 10 When higher officers returned to Balaam what did Hashem command Balaam?
22:20 "...but only the thing that I shall speak to you that shall you do."
וְאֵךְ אֶת־הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר־אֲדַבֵּר אֵלֶיךָ אַתָּה תַעֲשֶׂה
- 14 Balaam went on his donkey to go with the officers of Moab. What did Hashem send to block him?
22:23 "...the angel of God standing on the road with his sword drawn in his hand."
אֶת־מַלְאָךְ ה' נָצַב בַּדֶּרֶךְ וַחֲרָבוֹ שְׁלוּפָה בְּיָדוֹ
- 1 When the she-donkey went off the path and tried to hide, what did Balaam do?
22:27 "Balaam's anger flared up and he struck the she-donkey..."
וַיִּחַר־אַף בַּלְעָם וַיִּךְ אֶת־הָאִתּוֹן בַּמַּקֵּל
- 23 What did the angel say to Balaam to explain why it blocked Balaam's path?
22:32 "I went to impede, for you hastened on a road to oppose me..."
הִנֵּה אֲנִי יֹצְאֵתִי לְשַׁטֵּן כִּי־יָרַט הַדֶּרֶךְ לְנִגְדִי
- 15 What does Balaam tell Balak to prepare before he tries to curse?
23:1 "Build for me here 7 altars and prepare for me here 7 bulls and 7 rams."
בְּנֵה־לִי בְזֶה שִׁבְעָה מִזְבְּחֹת וְהֵכֵן לִי בְזֶה שִׁבְעָה פְּרִים וְשִׁבְעָה אֵילִים
- 2 What reason does Balaam tell Balak why he blessed the Jews instead of cursing them?
23:8 "How can I curse? God has not cursed. How can I anger? Hashem is not angry."
מִה אֶקְבַּל לֹא קִבְּהָ אֶל־וּמָה אֶזְעַם לֹא זָעַם ה'
- 18 Balak tries again to curse the Jews through Balaam. What does Balak try different?
23:13 "Go now with me to a different place from which you will see them..."
לֶךְ־נָא אִתִּי אֶל־מְקוֹם אַחֵר אֲשֶׁר תִּרְאֶנּוּ מִשָּׁם

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- 7 What does Balaam say about the Jews when he tries cursing them the second time?
23:21 "He perceived no iniquity in Jacob...Hashem his God is with him..."
לֹא־הִבִּיט אֹן בִּיעֶקֶב וְלֹא־רָאָה עֵמֶל בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל ה' אֵל־הוּא עִמּוֹ וְתַרְוַעַת מִלְךָ בּוֹ
- 11 According to Balaam's blessing, what else did Hashem say about the Jews?
23:23 "...for there is no divination in Jacob and no sorcery in Israel."
כִּי לֹא־נַחֵשׁ בִּיעֶקֶב וְלֹא־קִסָּם בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל
- 17 What did Balaam say about the Jewish encampment in his 3rd attempt to curse?
24:5 "How goodly are your tents, O Jacob..."
מֵה־טֹבוֹ אֶהְלִיךְ יַעֲקֹב מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל
- 20 How did Balaam describe the beauty of Jacob's dwelling places?
24:6 "...stretching out like brooks, like gardens by a river..."
כְּנַחְלִים נְטִיּוֹ כְּגִנַּת עֵלְי נְהַר כְּאֶהְלִים נְטַע ה' כְּאַרְזִים עַל־מַיִם
- 8 What did Balaam say the Jews will do to their enemies in future?
24:8 "...crush their bones, and his arrows shall pierce them."
וְעֲצָמֹתֵיהֶם יִגְרֹם וְחֲצִיּוֹ יִמְחָץ
- 6 How did Balak respond to Balaam after failing to curse the third time?
24:10 "Balak's anger flared against Balaam and he clapped his hands..."
וַיַּחַר־אַף בַּלַּק אֶל־בַּלְעָם וַיִּסְפַּק אֶת־כַּפָּיו
- 12 Balaam reminds Balak that he cannot transgress the word of God even if Balak does what?
24:13 "If Balak were to give me his household of silver and gold..."
אִם־יִתֶּן־לִי בַלַּק מְלֵא בֵיתוֹ כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב
- 24 According to Balaam's blessing, what will the Jews do to Balak's people in future?
24:17 "...a scepter-bearer has risen from Israel...and he shall pierce the nobles of Moab..."
וְקָם שֹׁבֵט מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל וּמַחֵץ פְּאֵתֵי מוֹאָב
- 4 According to Balaam's blessing, how will Israel fare against Edom in future?
24:18 "...Edom will be an inheritance and Israel will attain success."
הִיָּה אֶדוֹם יְרֵשָׁה וַיִּשְׂרָאֵל עֲשֵׂה חֵיל
- 21 According to Balaam's blessing, how will Amalek do in future times?
24:20 "Amalek is the first among nations, but its end will be eternal destruction."
רֵאשִׁית גּוֹיִם עָמְלֵק וְאַחֲרֵיתוֹ עַד־יִאָּבֵד
- 16 Why did the wrath of Hashem flare against the Jews at the end of the parshat Balak?
25:3 "Israel became attached to Baal-Peor ..."
וַיִּצְמַד יִשְׂרָאֵל לְבַעַל פְּעוֹר
- 25 Who pierced a Jewish man and a Midianite woman together when they rebelled openly against Hashem?
25:7 "Phinehas son of Elazar son of Aaron the Kohan ..."
פִּינְחָס בֶּן־אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן־אֶהֲרֹן הִכָּהוּ