

Portion: Balaq
Bemidbar (Numbers 22:2-34)

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2 And Balaq son of Tsiyyor saw all that Yisra'el had done to the Amorites.

3 And Mo'ab was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and Mo'ab was in dread because of the children of Yisra'el.

4 And Mo'ab said to the elders of Midyan, "Now this company is licking up all that is around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." Now Balaq son of Tsiyyor was sovereign of the Mo'abites at that time,

5 and he sent messengers to Bil'am son of Be'or at Pethor, which is near the River in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, "See, a people has come from Mitsrayim. See, they have covered the surface of the land, and are settling next to me!

6 And now, please come at once, curse this people for me, for they are too strong for me. It might be that I strike them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.

7 And the elders of Mo'ab and the elders of Midyan left with the fees for divination in their hand, and they came to Bil'am and spoke the words of Balaq to him.

8 And he said to them, "Spend the night here, and I shall bring back word to you, as יהוה speaks to me." So the heads of Mo'ab stayed with Bil'am.

9 And Elohim came to Bil'am and said, "Who are these men with you?"

10 And Bil'am said to Elohim, "Balaq, son of Tsiyyor, sovereign of Mo'ab, has sent to me, saying,

11 See, a people has come out of Mitsrayim and cover the surface of the land. Come now, curse them for me. It might be that I am able to fight against them and drive them out."

12 And Elohim said to Bil'am, "Do not go with them. You do not curse the people, for they are blessed."

13 And Bil'am rose in the morning and said to the heads of Balaq, "Go back to your land, for יהוה has refused to allow me to go with you."

14 And the heads of Mo'ab arose and went to Balaq, and said, "Bil'am refuses to come with us."

15 Then Balaq again sent heads, more numerous and more esteemed than they.

16 And they came to Bil'am and said to him, "This is what Balaq son of Tsiyyor said: 'Do not be withheld from coming to me, please,

17 for I esteem you very greatly, and whatever you say to me, I do. Therefore please come, curse this people for me.' "

18 And Bil'am answered and said to the servants of Balaq, "Though Balaq were to give me his house filled with silver and gold, I am unable to go beyond the word of יהוה my Elohim, to do less or more.

19 And now, please, you also stay here tonight, and let me find out what more יהוה says to me.

20 And Elohim came to Bil'am at night and said to him, "If the men come to call you, rise and go with them, but only the word which I speak to you that you do."

21 And Bil'am rose in the morning and saddled his donkey, and went with the heads of Mo'ab.

22 But the displeasure of Elohim burned because he went, and the Messenger of יהוה stationed Himself in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

23 And the donkey saw the Messenger of יהוה standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Bil'am struck the donkey to turn her back onto the way.

24 Then the Messenger of יהוה stood in a narrow passage between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side.

25 And when the donkey saw the Messenger of יהוה, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Bil'am's foot against the wall, so he struck her again.

26 And the Messenger of יהוה went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn aside, right or left.

27 And when the donkey saw the Messenger of יהוה, she lay down under Bil'am. So Bil'am's displeasure burned, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

28 Then יהוה opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Bil'am, "What have I done to you, that you have stricken me these three times?"

29 And Bil'am said to the donkey, "Because you have mocked me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for I would have killed you by now!"

30 And the donkey said to Bil'am, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever known to do so to you?" And he said, "No."

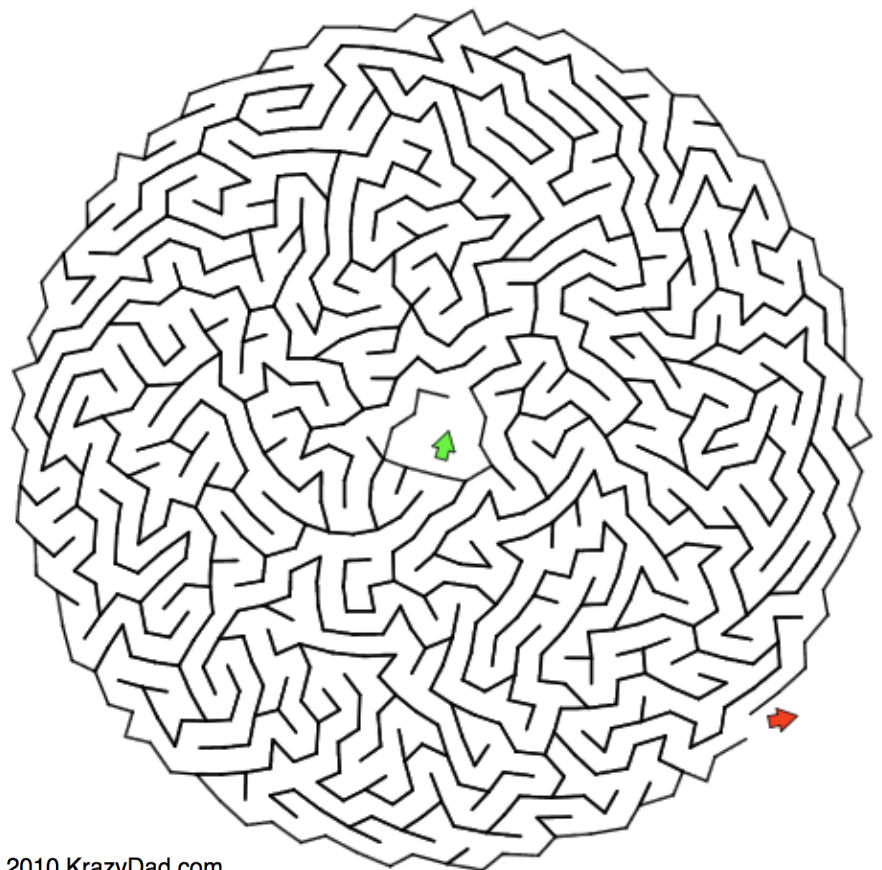
31 Then יהוה opened Bil'am's eyes, and he saw the Messenger of יהוה standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand.

And he bowed his head and fell on his face.

32 And the Messenger of יהוה said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? See, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is reckless before Me.

33 And the donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, I certainly would have killed you by now, and let her live.

34 And Bil'am said to the Messenger of יהוה, "I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. And now, if evil is in Your eyes, let me turn back."



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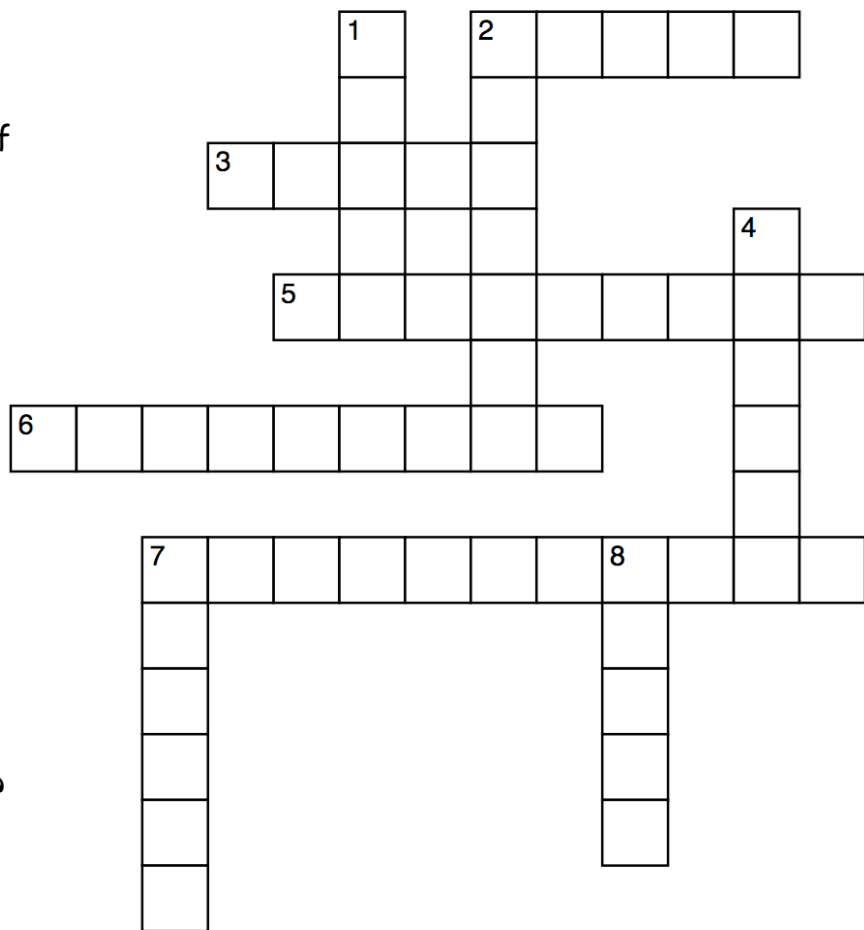
- 1) Mo'ab was exceedingly _____ of the people because they were many, and Mo'ab was in _____ because of the children of Yisra'el.
- 2) A people has come out of _____ and cover the _____ of the land.
- 3) Because you have _____ me. I wish there were a _____ in my hand, for I would have killed you by now!
- 4) The _____ of יהוה said to him, "Why have you _____ your donkey these three times?"
- 5) Then יהוה opened the _____ of the donkey, and she said to Bil'am, "What have I done to you, that you have _____ me these three times?"
- 6) Spend the night here, and I shall bring back _____ to you, as יהוה _____ to me.
- 7) When the donkey saw the _____ of יהוה, she _____ down under Bil'am.
- 8) The elders of _____ and the elders of _____ left with the fees for divination in their hand, and they came to Bil'am and spoke the words of Balaq to him.
- 9) He sent messengers to _____ son of _____ at _____, which is near the River in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, "See, a people has come from Mitsrayim.
- 10) Go back to your _____, for יהוה has _____ to allow me to go with you.

True Or False

- 1) Tsippor was sovereign of the Mo'abites. True/False
- 2) Balaq was commanded by יהוה to do only what יהוה told him. True/False
- 3) יהוה sent a messenger, because he was angry that Bil'am went with the Mo'abites. True/False

Across

2. Who is the son of Tsippor?
3. Balaq wanted Bil'am to _____ the children of Yisra'el.
5. יהוה sent a _____ to confront Bil'am.
6. The narrow passage was between what?
7. The _____ of Elohim burned because Bil'am went with the heads of Mo'ab.



Down

1. Bil'am struck his donkey how many times?
2. יהוה told Bil'am not curse the people, for they are _____.
4. Bil'am lived in the city of what?
7. Bil'am rode a what?
8. What did the Messenger have in his hands?

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