

Portion: Balaq
Bemidbar (Numbers 22:35-23:30)

Numbers 22:35-41

35 And the Messenger of יהוה said to Bil'am, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you speak." Bil'am then went with the heads of Balaq.

36 And when Balaq heard that Bil'am was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of Mo'ab, which is on the border at the Arnon, which was in the extremity of the border.

37 And Balaq said to Bil'am, "Did I not urgently send to you, calling for you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to esteem you?"

38 And Bil'am said to Balaq, "See, I have come to you! Now, am I at all able to say somewhat? The word that Elohim puts in my mouth, that I speak."

39 And Bil'am went with Balaq, and they came to Qiryath Hutsoth.

40 And Balaq slaughtered cattle and sheep, and he sent some to Bil'am and to the heads who were with him.

41 And it came to be in the morning, that Balaq took Bil'am and brought him up to the high places of Ba'al, and from there he saw the extremity of the camp.

Numbers 23:1-30

1 And Bil'am said to Balaq, "Build seven slaughter-places for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

2 And Balaq did as Bil'am had spoken, and Balaq and Bil'am offered a bull and a ram on each slaughter-place.

3 Bil'am then said to Balaq, "Stand by your ascending offering, and let me go on. It might be that יהוה does come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I shall declare to you." And he went to a bare height.

4 And Elohim came to Bil'am, and he said to Him, "I have prepared the seven slaughter-places, and I have offered on each slaughter-place a bull and a ram."

5 And יהוה put a word in the mouth of Bil'am, and said, "Return to Balaq, and this is what you say."

6 And he returned to him and saw him standing by his ascending offering, he and all the heads of Mo'ab.

7 And he took up his proverb and said, "Balaq the sovereign of Mo'ab has brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east. 'Come, curse Ya'aqob for me, and come, rage at Yisra'el!'

8 "How do I curse whom Ēl has not cursed? And how do I rage at whom יהוה has not raged?"

9 "For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I observe him. Look, a people dwelling alone, not reckoning itself among the nations.

10 Who shall count the dust of Ya'aqob, and the number of one-fourth of Yisra'el? Let me die the death of the upright, and let my end be like his!

11 And Balaq said to Bil'am, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have kept on blessing!"

12 And he answered and said, "Should I not take heed to speak what יהוה has put in my mouth?"

13 And Balaq said to him, "Please come with me to another place from where you see them. You only see the extremity but not all of them. Curse them for me from there."

14 And he took him to the field of Tsophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven slaughter-places, and offered a bull and a ram on each slaughter-place.

15 And he said to Balaq, "Stand here by your ascending offering while I meet over there."

16 And יהוה came to Bil'am, and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back to Balaq, and say this."

17 So he went to him and saw him standing by his ascending offering, and the heads of Mo'ab with him. And Balaq asked him, "What did יהוה say?"

18 And he took up his proverb and said, "Rise up, Balaq, and hear! Listen to me, son of Tsippor!

19 "Ĕl is not a man, to lie; nor a son of man, to repent! Has He said, and would He not do it; or spoken, and would not confirm it?

20 "See, I have received, to bless. And He has blessed, and I do not reverse it.

21 "He has not looked upon wickedness in Ya'aqob, nor has He seen trouble in Yisra'el. יהוה his Elohim is with him, and the shout of a Sovereign is in him.

22 "Ĕl who brought them out of Mitsrayim, is for them like the horns of a wild ox.

23 "For there is no sorcery against Ya'aqob, nor is there any divination against Yisra'el. Now it is said to Ya'aqob and to Yisra'el, 'What has Ĕl done!'

24 "Look, a people rises like a lioness, and lifts itself up like a lion; it lies not down until it devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain."

25 And Balaq said to Bil'am, "Do not curse them at all, nor bless them at all!"

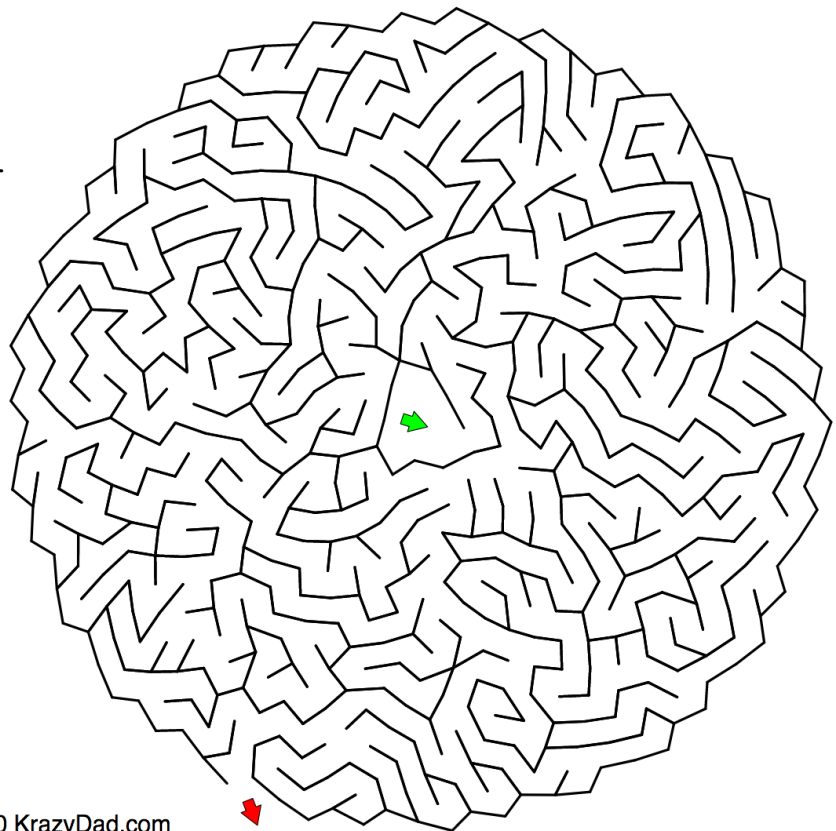
26 And Bil'am answered and said to Balaq, "Have I not spoken to you, saying, 'All that יהוה speaks, that I do?'"

27 And Balaq said to Bil'am, "Please come, let me take you to another place. It might be right in the eyes of Elohim that you curse them for me from there."

28 And Balaq took Bil'am to the top of Pe'or, that overlooks the wasteland.

29 And Bil'am said to Balaq, "Build seven slaughter-places for me here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me here."

30 And Balaq did as Bil'am had said, and offered a bull and a ram on each slaughter-place.



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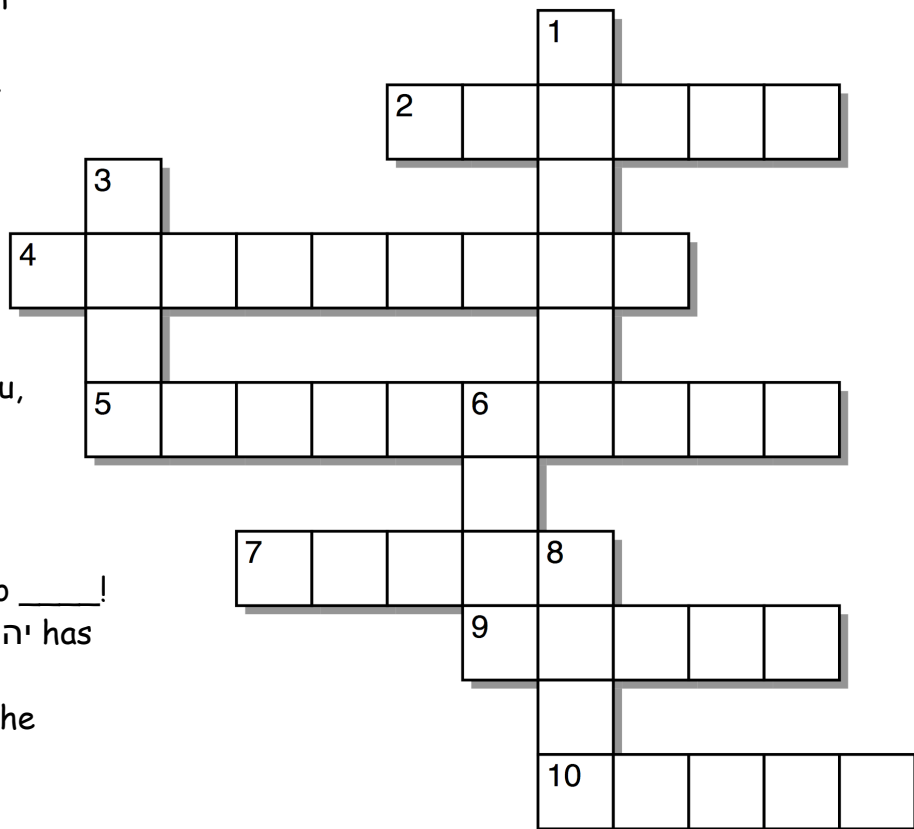
- 1) And when Balaq heard that Bil'am was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of _____, which is on the border at the Arnon, which was in the _____ of the border.
- 2) And Balaq _____ cattle and _____, and he sent some to Bil'am and to the heads who were with him.
- 3) "How do I curse whom Ėl has not _____? And how do I rage at whom יהוה has not _____?"
- 4) And Balaq said to Bil'am, "What have you done to me? I took you to _____ my enemies, and look, you have kept on _____!"
- 5) And Bil'am said to Balaq, "Build _____ slaughter-places for me here, and prepare _____ bulls and seven rams for me here."
- 6) And he took up his _____ and said, "Rise up, Balaq, and hear! Listen to me, son of _____!"
- 7) And he answered and said, "Should I not take _____ to speak what יהוה has put in my _____?"
- 8) For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I _____ him. Look, a people dwelling alone, not _____ itself among the nations.
- 9) Bil'am then said to Balaq, "Stand by your _____ offering, and let me go on. It might be that יהוה does come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I shall _____ to you."
- 10) And יהוה put a word in the _____ of Bil'am, and said, "Return to _____, and this is what you say."

True Or False

- 1) Balaq was the son of Tsippor. True/False
- 2) Balaq built seven slaughter-places and offered a bull and ram on each. True/False
- 3) And Balaq took Bil'am to the top of Qiryath, that overlooks the wasteland. True/False

Across

- 2. Have I not spoken to you, saying, 'All that יהוה' _____, that I do'?
- 4. Who said, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you speak."?
- 5. For there is no sorcery against Ya'aqob, nor is there any _____ against Yisra'el.
- 7. The man that wanted Yisra'el cursed?
- 9. The word that Elohim puts in my _____, that I speak.
- 10. Who said, "Did I not urgently send to you, calling for you?"?



Down

- 1. El is not a man, to lie; nor a son of man, to _____!
- 3. Should I not take _____ to speak what יהוה' has put in my mouth?
- 6. Balaq has brought me from _____, from the mountains of the east.
- 8. Balaq was the sovereign of what area?

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