

Portion: Balaq
Bemidbar (Numbers 24:1-25:9)

Numbers 24:1-25

1 And when Bil'am saw that it pleased יהוה to bless Yisra'el, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

2 And Bil'am lifted up his eyes and saw Yisra'el encamped according to their tribes. And the Spirit of Elohim came upon him.

3 And he took up his proverb and said, "The saying of Bil'am, son of Be'or, and the saying of the man whose eyes are opened,

4 the saying of him who hears the words of El, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes opened wide:

5 "How good are your tents, O Ya'aqob, your dwellings, O Yisra'el!

6 "Like wadis that stretch out, like gardens by a river, like aloes planted by יהוה, like cedars beside waters.

7 "He makes water flow from his buckets, and his seed is in many waters. His sovereign is higher than Aqog, and his reign is exalted.

8 "El who brought him out of Mitsrayim is for them like the horns of a wild ox; he devours nations, his enemies; and he breaks their bones, and with his arrows he smites.

9 He bowed down, he lay down like a lion. And, like a lion, who would rouse him? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.

10 Then the displeasure of Balaq burned against Bil'am, and he struck his hands together. Balaq then said to Bil'am, "I summoned you to curse my enemies, and see, you have kept on blessing, these three times!

11 And now flee to your place. I said I would greatly esteem you, and see, יהוה has kept you back from esteem.

12 And Bil'am said to Balaq, "Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying,

13 If Balaq should give me his house filled with silver and gold, I am unable to go beyond the word of יהוה, to do either good or evil of my own heart. What יהוה speaks, that I speak'?"

14 And now, see, I am going to my people. Come, let me advise you what this people is going to do to your people in the latter days.

15 And he took up his proverb and said, "The saying of Bil'am, son of Be'or, and the saying of the man whose eyes are opened,

16 the saying of him who hears the words of El, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes opened wide:

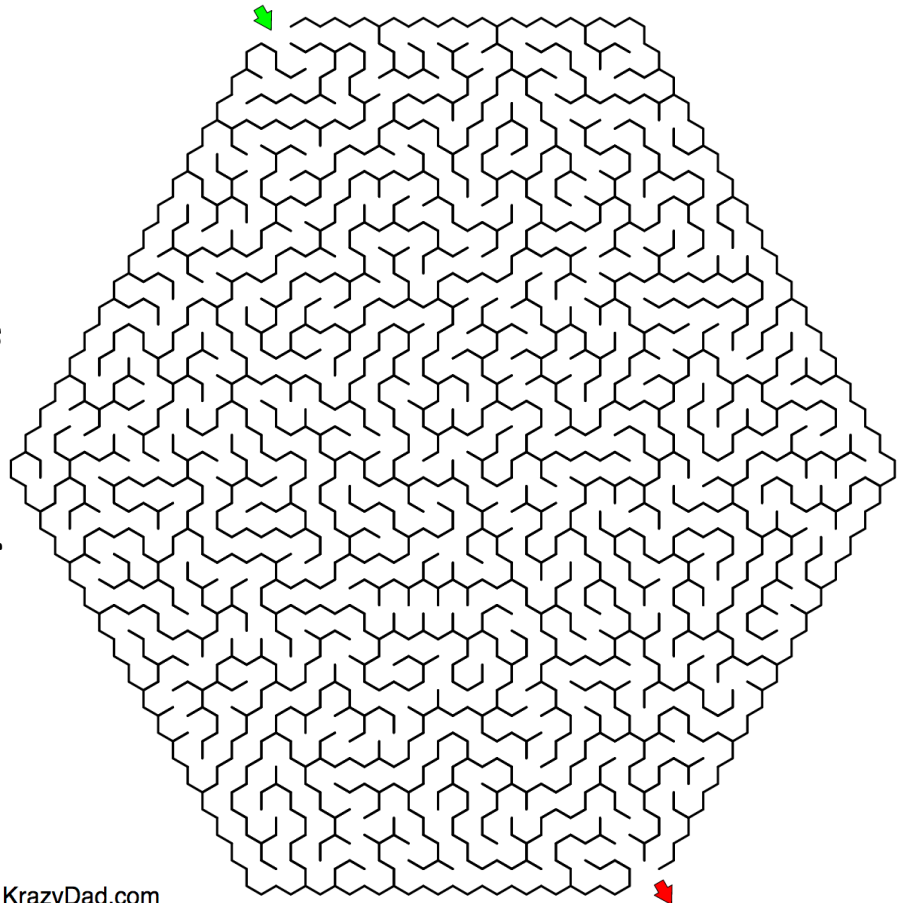
17 I see Him, but not now; I observe Him, but not near. A Star shall come out of Ya'aqob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Yisra'el, and shall smite the corners of Mo'ab, and shall destroy all the sons of Sheth.

18 "And Edom shall be a possession; and Se'ir shall be a possession - enemies - and Yisra'el is doing mightily.

19 "And out of Ya'aqob One shall rule and destroy the remnant from Ar."
20 He then looked on Amalëq, and he took up his proverb and said, "Amalëq was first among the nations, but his latter end is to perish forever."
21 He then looked on the Qëynites, and he took up his proverb and said, "Firm is your dwelling place, and your nest is set in the rock,
22 but Qayin is to be burned. Till when does Asshur keep you captive?"
23 And he took up his proverb and said, "Oh, who does live when Ĕl does this?
24 And ships shall come from the coast of Kittim, and they shall afflict Asshur and afflict Ĕber, and so shall Amalëq, and he also perishes."
25 And Bil'am arose and left, and returned to his place. And Balaq also went his way.

Numbers 25:1-9

1 And Yisra'ël dwelt in Shittim, and the people began to whore with the daughters of Mo'ab,
2 and they invited the people to the slaughterings of their mighty ones, and the people ate and bowed down to their mighty ones.
3 Thus Yisra'ël was joined to Ba'al Pe'or, and the displeasure of יהוה burned against Yisra'ël.
4 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Take all the leaders of the people and hang them up before יהוה, before the sun, so that the burning displeasure of יהוה turns away from Yisra'ël."
5 And Mosheh said to the judges of Yisra'ël, "Each one of you kill his men who were joined to Ba'al Pe'or."
6 And see, one of the children of Yisra'ël came and brought to his brothers a Midyanite woman before the eyes of Mosheh and before the eyes of all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ël, who were weeping at the door of the Tent of Appointment.
7 And when Pinehas, son of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation and took a spear in his hand,
8 and he went after the man of Yisra'ël into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Yisra'ël, and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague among the children of Yisra'ël came to a stop.
9 And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.



Fill In The Blank

- 1) And when Bil'am saw that it _____ יהוה to bless Yisra'el, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the _____.
- 2) Then the _____ of Balaq burned against Bil'am, and he struck his hands together. Balaq then said to Bil'am, "I summoned you to _____ my enemies, and see, you have kept on blessing, these three times!
- 3) If Balaq should give me his _____ filled with silver and gold, I am unable to go beyond the word of יהוה, to do either good or evil of my own _____. What יהוה speaks, that I speak'?
- 4) He then looked on the Qeynites, and he took up his _____ and said, "Firm is your dwelling place, and your nest is set in the rock, but Qayin is to be _____. Till when does Asshur keep you captive?
- 5) "El who brought him out of Mitsrayim is for them like the _____ of a wild ox; he devours nations, his enemies; and he breaks their bones, and with his arrows he _____.
- 6) And ships shall come from the coast of _____, and they shall afflict Asshur and afflict Eber, and so shall _____, and he also perishes.
- 7) "And Edom shall be a _____; and Se'ir shall be a possession - enemies - and Yisra'el is doing _____.
- 8) He bowed down, he lay down like a _____. And, like a lion, who would _____ him? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.
- 9) And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Take all the _____ of the people and hang them up before יהוה, before the sun, so that the burning _____ of יהוה turns away from Yisra'el.

True Or False

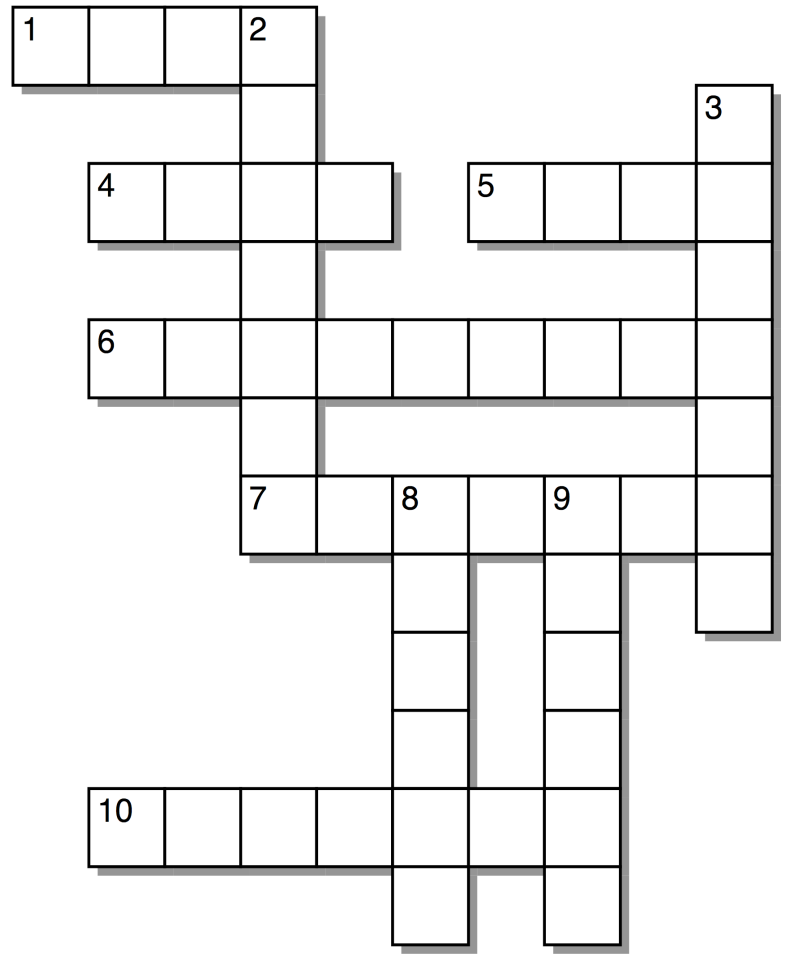
- 1) The plague against Yisra'el didn't stop till the leaders of the people were hung before יהוה. True/False
- 2) Balaq was the son of Be'or, and was asked to curse Yisra'el. True/False

Across

1. The people began to whore with the daughters of _____.
4. Firm is your dwelling place, and your nest is set in the _____.
5. Each one of you kill his men who were joined to _____ Pe'or.
6. How good are your tents, O Ya'aqob, your _____, O Yisra'el!
7. A Star shall come out of Ya'aqob, and a _____ shall rise out of Yisra'el.
10. And out of Ya'aqob One shall rule and destroy the _____ from Ar.

Down

2. He makes water flow from his _____, and his seed is in many waters.
3. _____ is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.
8. Pinehas was the son of whom?
9. And those who died in the plague were _____-four thousand.



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