

Parashah 40 Tidbit
Balak בְּלַק, To Destroy, To Waste
Numbers 22:2-25:9
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Numbers 22:1 – 25:9

Balak, בְּלַק

The name Balak, בְּלַק, means *to destroy, to lay waste*. What is it that Balak wasted and or destroyed? He wasted all his energy and time, going up against the people of Yisrael and in a sense, fighting against Yahweh's purposes, in order to gain fame and riches, by destroying the people of Yisrael. In doing so, instead of recognizing that Elohim was the One and only true Elohim, who controls and orchestrates all things, he destroyed his own people, by purposely turning away from the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, even though, the person that he hired to curse Yisrael, known as Balaam, clearly stated he could **NOT** curse Yisrael, because Yahweh had blessed them.

I believe that there are a lot of things that Yahweh wants us to learn from these *verses*, and the reason why I believe that, is because there are three stand-alone Aleph Tav's in the first six *verses*.

*Verse 2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw **Aleph Tav** all that Yisrael had done to the Amorites.*

This is telling us that Balak the son of Zippor **SAW** all that the **Aleph Tav** (the Words of the Written Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh) of Yisrael, had done to the Amorites.

*Verse 4 Now shall this company lick up all that are around us, as the ox, the **Aleph Tav**, (the strength of Yisrael) licks up the **grass** of the field (grass is an allusion to Esau who is hairy, and we know that Esau is Edom)*

This tells me that Balak, recognized that Yahweh Elohim is the One and only true Elohim who controls all things, and that it is futile to go against Him by himself, therefore he solicits the help of Balaam to come and curse the people of Yisrael, whom he believes are protected by Yahweh Elohim.

*Verse 6 Come now therefore, I pray you, curse this people for me; **FOR THEY ARE TOO MIGHTY FOR ME**: peradventure I shall prevail, that we **MAY SMITE THEM**, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I know that **Aleph Tav**, he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.*

Here we see that Balak believed that Balaam had the power to **CURSE** the people of Yisrael, even though Balaam told him that **he could not curse what Yahweh had blessed**.

In *John 8:36* it says, *If the Son therefore shall make you **FREE**, you shall be **FREE** indeed*. So we can see, that by the placement of the **Aleph Tav** in *verse 4*, that when the **Aleph Tav**, the Son of the Living Elohim, our Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, blesses a person or a group of people, they are indeed truly blessed.

The second character we meet in this Parashah, is Balaam. In Hebrew his name is Bilam, בִּלְעָם, and his name is a composite word, made up of the words Bal, בַּל, meaning *failure, lacking, deficient* and or *became worn out* or simply *nothing, worthless* and the word Am אֵם, means *people*, therefore this man who spoke with Yahweh, **BUT** was not at all surrendered in total obedience to the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, was a **failure, lacking** the courage to truly surrender his heart in total loving surrendered obedience to Yahweh and His Ways. And, we can see, that even though he had the privilege of speaking directly with Yahweh, he did **NOT** understand, that apart from Yahweh, his life, meant **NOTHING**. Therefore, because of his attitude towards Yahweh and His Words, Balaam's whole life became worthless. **WE**, you and I, have to understand, that that is exactly what will happen to all people who choose to **separate** themselves from, and or reject the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, to follow their own path, rather than Yahweh's Path of Righteousness, and in their daily lives they will experience, **failure, emptiness, worthlessness**, and many other **negative feelings**. Yahweh has quite clearly laid down His plan, for all of mankind to see, and that is, that **ALL** the people who choose **NOT** to follow and obey the Words of His Torah, will be **failures**, and any and all people who choose to follow in the footsteps of these **failures**, and their false man made doctrinal teachings, will also suffer the same fate, they too will **fail** and **be lost forever**.

Let me ask you a question. In this story of Balaam and Balak, the king of Moab; **who and or what do you think Balaam represents?** One thing we know for sure, is that he was not a Hebrew, **BUT** he was a prophet that spoke to or with Elohim, and to whom Elohim spoke with also. In *verse 17*, Balak, said to Balaam, through his envoys, **I WILL promote you unto very great honour, and I WILL do whatsoever you say unto me: come therefore, I pray you, and CURSE this people for me.** And Balaam answered Balak's envoys and said, in *verse 18*, **If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the Word of Yahweh, MY Elohim, to do less or more.**

As you can see, Balaam calls the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov, **MY ELOHIM**. What are we to make of that statement? Let me tell you what I think; I believe **THAT BALAAM IS A SHADOW PICTURE OF THE BODY OF MESSIAH**, with all its warts, scars and blemishes, the body of Messiah that sometimes listens to the Voice and Words of our heavenly Father, **BUT** who, more often than **NOT**, walk on their own path, follow their own man made doctrines, their own man made theologies and celebrate their own man made feasts, and they believe that they are praising and worshipping Yahweh with those abominations, and as we read on, I am sure that you will agree with my conclusion that Balaam, is indeed a shadow picture of the body of Messiah today.

The story begins with Balak calling for Balaam to come and help him. Balak says to Balaam, through his envoys, **I will promote you unto very great honour, and I will do whatever you ask me; come therefore, I pray you and curse for me this Aleph Tav people.** We have to understand that satan speaks in many voices, my friends, and when he does, he always offers something of great material value to entice the hearer to do what he wants them to do, to obey his words. When satan tempted Messiah, he offered Messiah all the kingdoms of the Earth, **IF** Messiah would just willingly bow down before him and worship him. Beware of people and circumstances that promise you riches that you have not somehow earned or worked for.

To rid himself of the people of Yisrael, whom he perceived as his enemy, Balak sends envoys to Balaam with the promise of prestige and riches, but Balaam does not seem to be impressed or swayed by the first offer. Balaam goes to Elohim, and Elohim tells Balaam **NOT** to go with them to

curse the people of Yisrael, and Balaam obeys. Today in certain things and certain areas, the body of Messiah does indeed obey what the Father has told them to do (for example they obey the Commandment not to murder, not to steal, etc).

As we continue through the story, we see that Balaam sends the envoys away and they report back to Balak, that Balaam has refused his offer. Undaunted, Balak sends more envoys, but this time, they are much more important people, and they not only bring promises of **great wealth**, but also the promise of **great honour** and **fame**. Balaam (who I believe is a shadow picture of the body of Messiah) listens to their offer and like most, if not all people, his judgment is **CLOUDED by the potential financial benefits, and or fame**, and he decides to go back and ask Elohim, once **AGAIN**, **IF** he can go with them, even though Elohim made it **quite clear the first time** that Balaam asked Him, that he was **NOT** to go with them. Nevertheless Balaam comes to Elohim again and asks a second time for permission to go with these people that were sent by Balak the second time.

Now from this point on, Balaam no longer refers to Elohim as **MY ELOHIM** but simply refers to Him as **Elohim or Elohim of Yisrael**. Balaam makes his second plea to Elohim to let him go with Balak's envoys, and in *verse 20* Elohim does indeed give him permission to go. Balaam is therefore quite pleased with himself, because **HE THINKS**, he has somehow manipulated Elohim into changing His mind. **Isn't that what the body of Messiah has done and continues to do on a regular basis**, by adding to, and or taking things away from the Words of the Torah of Elohim, and then believing that they have somehow **manipulated** Elohim into changing the Day upon which He wants us to **Rest** in Him, on Shabbat, and or His Feast Days, and many other such things that are in Yahweh's Word, His Torah and believing that because, they, as the body of Messiah profess to love Him, Yahweh will change His Ways, His Commandments, to suit **THEM**, because after all, in their own minds. they believe that they are doing these things because they **LOVE** Yahweh Elohim? However, whether they realize it or not, they have completely overlooked what our heavenly Father and His Son have said and that is **IF YOU LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, NOT YOUR OWN**.

The next scene is one of the most known stories in the Bible and that is the story of the **ASS that spoke**, but what is the focus of the story? Before we go into this story, I want to show you something that will support what I am going to tell you later, about who the **ASS** represents. The word **ASS** that is used here in *Numbers 22*, is only used in one other place in the entire Scriptures, which I will show you in a moment, for the word **ASS** is more often than not translated from the Hebrew word Chamor, חֲמֹר. However the English word **ASS** that is used here in the Book of Numbers, is translated from the Hebrew word Aton, אֲתוֹן, and this Hebrew word, Aton, אֲתוֹן, is **NOT** used again in Scripture to describe an **ASS** until we come to the book of Zechariah, where Zechariah prophesies in *verse 9:29* and says: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Tzion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, your King comes unto you: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ASS, חֲמֹר, Chamor, and upon a colt, the foal of an ASS, Aton, אֲתוֹן.*

You might ask, why is this important? It is important because of the letters that Yahweh chose to spell this word Aton, אֲתוֹן. If we look at the Hebrew letters of this word Aton, אֲתוֹן, we see that the first two letters of this word, are the letters Aleph and Tav, which are the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and they represent our Messiah, the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and then, these two letters are followed by the letter Vav,

נ, which in Hebrew, has a pictographic meaning of a **nail, which is, something that connects or fastens things together**, and is usually translated as the English word, **and**, in our bibles, and this word, **and**, is just like a nail that joins pieces of wood together, or connects words together. Then we have the final letter of the word Aton, the letter Nun, נ, and the pictographic meaning of this letter, represents **Life**. In the Hebrew understanding, this letter Nun, represents, the quickening of life. Now if we put all of these letter definitions together, we can see that this Hebrew word Aton, אָתוֹן, translated as an **ASS** in our English bibles can easily be understood to mean, that it is speaking of the Aleph Tav, the First and the Last, the Alpha and Omega, Messiah, **WHO IS NAILED TO A CROSS IN ORDER TO BRING US LIFE**. Furthermore in *Bamidbar (Numbers) 22*, the word Aton is used **fourteen** times, and the number **fourteen**, in Scripture, represents the fourteenth of Aviv, when the Passover Lamb is sacrificed, which is yet, another hint, that points us to the fact that this Ass, this Aton, represents Messiah. Now, when I also realized, that this Hebrew word, Aton, אָתוֹן, translated as an **ASS** is **ONLY** used once more time in Scripture, outside of the story of Balaam, and that it is only used to describe the foal of an **ASS** that our Messiah Himself sat on, when He triumphantly entered into Jerusalem, **it further solidified** for me, what I believe the Scripture is telling us. I believe that this confirms, what I am about to tell you, about what the role of this **ASS** is, in the story of Balaam.

In *verse 20* Elohim gives permission to Balaam to go with the men of Moab, but in *verse 22* it says that Elohim's **ANGER** was kindled **BECAUSE** Balaam went with them. Wow, what is the matter with our Elohim, can't He make up His own mind? First Yahweh gives Balaam permission to go with these men, and then, the very next day, Yahweh has His Messenger stand in the way of Balaam to slay him.

What changed?

I believe, that the answer to this conundrum, **IS**, that Elohim knows all things, therefore He recompenses every thought of the mind and heart of every man, whether or not the deed has been brought to fruition yet or not. So what do you think happened here? As you know, Elohim never judges on appearances, but He always judges men by their heart condition. What was Balaam's heart like, after he thought, he had manipulated Elohim into changing His mind? What is the heart condition of the body of Messiah when they do things their own way and then have the understanding in their hearts that they have somehow convinced Yahweh to change the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His everlasting Ways, His Word, in order that Elohim would **NOW**, in their minds, consent to do things **man's way**?

The answer is found in *verse 32* and it is very sobering and prophetic of what has, and continues to happen in, and to, the body of Messiah today. It says in *verse 32* *Your way is* **PERVERSE** (יָרָשׁ, Yarat, rash, perverse) *before Me*.

That is a very, very sad, damning and scary statement as to the condition of the heart of Balaam who, as I said, is a shadow picture of the body of Messiah. The *verse* that came to mind as I read *verse 32* of *Bamidbar, (Numbers) 22* is *Matthew 7:22* *Many will say to me in that day Adonai, Adonai, have we NOT prophesied in Your Name, and in Your Name have rebuked devils, and in Your Name have done many wonderful works? And then I, Messiah will profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from Me you workers of iniquity, you lawless ones, you Torah transgressors, you perverse people.*

The body of Messiah, has to learn to **re-focus on the UNCHANGING and EVERLASTING Word of Elohim** and discard **ALL** of their man made commandments, all of their man made doctrines, theologies and all of their man made feasts, **AND**, for their own well being, **AND** eternal salvation, **BEGIN** again, to show our heavenly Father that we **LOVE HIM**, by doing what He Commanded us to do, when He stated quite unequivocally, **IF YOU LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS**.
Amein

Let's look at the language of these *verses*. In *verse 26* *And the angel or messenger of Yahweh went further, and stood in a NARROW place, where was no way to turn either to the RIGHT HAND OR TO THE LEFT.*

We have the very same words used in **Deuteronomy 28:14** *And you shall NOT go aside from any of the WORDS which I command you this day, the Torah, TO THE RIGHT HAND, OR TO THE LEFT, to go after the gods of others, to serve them.*

The words that Mosheh commanded them, on that day, were the Words of the **TORAH** of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, that Yahweh Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, those **ARE** the Words that the body of Messiah were **NOT to STRAY AWAY FROM**.

In **Matthew 7:14** we are told why we are to walk in the Ways of Yahweh; *Because strait is the gate, and NARROW is the WAY, (the Way IS the Words of the Torah of Yahweh), which leads unto Life, (everlasting Life) and FEW there are that find it.*

Verse 28 *And Yahweh opened the mouth of the ASS (the Ass is a shadow picture of Messiah), and it said unto Balaam, WHAT HAVE I DONE UNTO YOU, that you have smitten me these three times?*

The **ASS**, as I said above, **IS** a shadow picture of the Words of our heavenly Father's Living Torah, His inerrant and everlasting Word, made flesh, our Messiah, who gives us **LIFE**, and when the Words of our heavenly Father made flesh, are kept in the manner that Yahweh prescribed, it carries us through life, and showers us with Yahweh's blessings.

Listen to what Micah had to say to the people of Yisrael in **Micah 6:2-5** *Hear you, O mountains, Yahweh's controversy, and you strong foundations of the earth: for Yahweh has a controversy with HIS PEOPLE, and He will plead with Yisrael. 3 O My people, WHAT HAVE I DONE UNTO YOU? And wherein have I wearied you? Testify against Me. 4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of servants; and I sent before you Mosheh, Aharon, and Miriam. 5 O My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that you may know the righteousness of Yahweh.*

My friends, the Torah of our heavenly Father, was put in place by our loving, compassionate, and caring heavenly Father, to **SERVE** mankind, **BUT** in order for it to be successful, it must be adhered to in the manner that our heavenly Father commanded us, otherwise, **IT IS OF NO EARTHLY GOOD TO ANY OF US**. Therefore, **IF anyone** decides **NOT** to follow the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, or, **IF** they try to follow these words by or through their own strength and or, their

own finite knowledge, without first surrendering their wills to our heavenly Father in a humble, loving, surrendered obedient fashion, so that they can actually be in a loving surrendered intimate and obedient relationship with our heavenly Father, they **WILL FAIL**, and probably become discouraged, and then, more that likely, they will wrongly choose, to turn to other doctrines, man made doctrines that we think are better and easier to keep.

*Verses 31-35 And the angel or messenger of Yahweh said unto him, Wherefore have you smitten your **ASS** these **three times**? Behold, I went out to withstand **YOU**, because **your Way is PERVERSE before me**: 33 And the **ASS** saw Me, and turned from Me these **three times**: unless **SHE** had turned from Me, **SURELY BY NOW, I WOULD HAVE SLAIN YOU**, and saved **HER** alive. 34 And Balaam said unto the angel of Yahweh, **I HAVE SINNED**; for I did **NOT** know that You stood in the way against me: now therefore, **if it** displease you, I will get me back again. 35 And the messenger of Yahweh said unto Balaam, Go with the men: **BUT you shall ONLY SPEAK THE WORD THAT I SHALL SPEAK UNTO YOU**. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.*

If the **ASS** is indeed a picture of the Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, whom our heavenly Father sent to **SERVE** and **SAVE** mankind, which I believe He did, then, when the messenger of Yahweh, who represents Yahweh, says, **but ONLY the Word that I shall speak unto you, THAT, IS the Word that YOU shall speak**, He is telling Balaam, to **ONLY SPEAK** the Words of Yahweh's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His everlasting Word. Furthermore, as I said above, the word **ASS**, Aton, is used fourteen times in **Numbers 22** and the number fourteen in Scripture, represents **salvation**, for it is on the 14th of Aviv that the Passover Lamb is to be sacrificed, and we can also see in the book of *Matthew 1:17* that the generations of our Messiah are in multiples of fourteen.

It is very clear to me, and I hope that it is also very clear to you, that the **ASS** is a shadow picture of our **suffering servant**, Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and we can see that the **suffering servant**, the **ASS**, is smitten **three times** with Balaam's **wooden** staff. I believe that the fact that the **ASS** is smitten **three times** by Balaam, with his **wooden** staff, speaks of Messiah being put to death on the **wooden** cross by the **church fathers, and or the body of Elohim**, of that day, **BY** the religious leaders, and then, **three days later, resurrecting from the dead**. Balaam, together with his **wooden** staff, with which he smote the **ASS**, is, I believe, a picture of the body of Messiah, smiting or crucifying Messiah, by their sinful behaviour, **BUT**, like Balaam, they do not **KNOW**, that Yahweh stands in the **WAY** against them, because, they thought they were serving Yahweh with their man made doctrines and theologies, **BUT** in reality, what is actually happening, **IS**, their tongues are praising Yahweh, **BUT THEIR HEARTS ARE FROM HIM**, for our heavenly Father has quite clearly stated, **IF you love ME then KEEP MY Commandments** and the majority of the Body of Messiah today, and for millennia now, have **NOT KEPT** the Words of the Father's Torah, which contains all of His Commandments, in the manner that He gave them to Mosheh at Mount Sinai. We can also see in this story, that the **ASS** (who, as I said above, I believe, **IS** a shadow picture of the Words of the Torah, the Living Word of Yahweh made flesh, our Messiah) was ready to die for **Balaam**, ready to die for the people of the body of Messiah.

That my friends, in a nutshell **IS** the **MESSAGE** of Yahweh's **GOSPEL**, the Good News, which states that our heavenly Father would send us His Saviour, who would come to earth as a man and die for us on a wooden stake, and when our Messiah did indeed come, He came riding on the **foal of**

a *lowly ASS*, an *ATON*, אֲתוֹן. Our heavenly Father is so masterful at how He continually, and in every possible situation, presents us with **THE MESSAGE** of our coming Saviour.

What is the end result of Balaam's encounter with the *messenger of Yahweh*? The messenger permits Balaam to go with Balak's people, who are a picture of the people of the world, **BUT**, he tells Balaam (who as I said, represent the Body of Messiah) that He must **OBEY** and **SPEAK ONLY the Words of the Messenger of Yahweh**. The message **IS** very clear to me, and it confirms to me. that this whole story, **IS** indeed, a picture of our Messiah, our suffering servant. *John 12:47 And if any man hear My Words, and DOES NOT BELIEVE, I do NOT judge him: for I did NOT come to judge the world, BUT to SAVE the world.*

Now it is very important for us to understand that according to these Scriptures, **IF** Balaam is to continue **LIVING, THEN** it is very evident that he **MUST OBEY** the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, Obey His Commandments, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the **WORDS** that Yahweh gave to His messenger to give to Balaam, **or else, the Messenger of Yahweh will indeed SLAY HIM**. The Scriptures tell us that the Torah, the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of Yahweh **IS LIFE TO US**, and here, in the story of Balaam and his *ASS*, his *Aton*, we see that obedience to the Word of Yahweh, has indeed given Balaam **a second chance, a resurrection of sorts**, for he would have truly been killed, had not his *ASS*, his *Aton*, his suffering servant (*who as I said is a shadow picture of our Messiah*) been willing to die in his stead, and it is also very clear that Balaam's life **WILL** be sustained by **surrendered obedience** to the Word or Torah of Yahweh, **IF** he willingly and lovingly chooses to obey the Words of Yahweh's messenger. As I said above, that, in a nutshell, **IS** the Gospel my friends. Amein

We see in the last part of *verse 34* that Balaam is repentant and says I am sorry, and if you want, I will return and **NOT** go and meet this Balak. Elohim now says to Balaam **GO** with the men of Moab. Why did Elohim change His mind? I believe it is because Yahweh knows that Balaam's heart **IS** now somewhat surrendered to Elohim, instead of trying to manipulate Him. I am sure that we have all experienced that kind of event in our own lives, an event where we get a close call, or some kind of disaster happens to us and we are somehow saved from it by the grace of Yahweh, then we turn to Elohim in thanksgiving, but how long does that thanksgiving last? We are about to see how long it lasted for Balaam. For the balance of *Chapter 22*, Balaam praises Elohim.

Verse 38 is very, very interesting to me, for it says: *And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto you: have I now any POWER AT ALL to say any thing? The Word that Yahweh PUTS IN MY MOUTH, THAT SHALL I SPEAK.*

This is exactly what Messiah said in *John 12:49* *For I have NOT spoken of Myself; BUT the Father who sent Me, He GAVE ME A COMMANDMENT, what I SHOULD SAY, and WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK.*

Deuteronomy 18:18 *I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto you, Mosheh and will put My words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him.*

It is very evident by the words used, that the *ASS* portrayed in this story, **IS** indeed a picture of our suffering Servant, Messiah, **BUT**, I believe, as I said above, that we can also see that Balaam is a picture of the body of Messiah, who has been instructed to **ONLY SPEAK** the Words of Messiah,

who in turn, has been Commanded by our heavenly Father, to **ONLY SPEAK** the Words that He the Father gave Him, which of course, **IS**, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

In verse 39 it says: *And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjathhuzoth.* This is a very interesting name, that I believe has a hidden message. The name *Kirjathhuzoth*, is a composite word made up of Kiryath, קִרְיַת, meaning *city* and the word Chutzoth, חֻצוֹת, which means *streets*, or *paths*, therefore the name of this city *Kirjathhuzoth*, Kiryath, קִרְיַת, Chutzoth, חֻצוֹת, means city of **MANY PATHS**, and yet, Yahweh instructs us, in the Torah, that there is **ONLY ONE PATH** that leads us to Him, and that of course **IS** His **Path of Righteousness**, which is paved with the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. *Matthew 6:33 But seek you first the kingdom of Yahweh, and His RIGHTEOUSNESS (His Torah); and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Deuteronomy 6:25 And it shall be our RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF we observe to do ALL these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, AS HE HAS COMMANDED US.

In verse 40, we see that Balak offers sacrifices to his gods in honour of Balaam accepting his request to come and curse Yisrael. Now I want you to think about this for a moment, and try and relate it to what is happening today in the middle east. Here we see that Balak is offering something to his man made imaginary gods, **BECAUSE** he wants his gods to **CURSE**, and then destroy, the people of Yisrael, or curse Yisrael in such a way that it weakens Yisrael so that he, Balak and his army, can defeat and totally annihilate Yisrael, (From the river to the sea). Do we not have a very large portion of the people of Islamic religion, wanting to do the very same thing today, do they **NOT** pray on a daily basis to their man made imaginary god allah, so that their man made imaginary god allah, will grant them favour in order that they can indeed **destroy and annihilate ALL of the people of Yisrael?** That tells me, that **NOT** much has changed over the millenniums, for the spirit of the enemy **IS** still at work in the world today, wanting and trying to crush the head of the seed of the woman, wanting to crush the head of Yisrael.

Next we see that Balak took Balaam to his high places of worship where they pray to their man made imaginary god, Baal, who today, has taken on different names and one of those names **IS** allah, the imaginary man made god of Islam. **IF** the people of Moab are praying to Baal or whatever man made imaginary god that people pray to, then, we can expect that this is **NOT** good news for Yisrael, **BUT, WE ALSO HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, THAT IT IS ONLY BAD NEWS for the people of Yisrael, IF Yisrael is NOT** walking in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

BUT, IF Yisrael DOES indeed choose to walk in total loving, surrendered **OBEDIENCE** to the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Righteous Word, His Torah of Life, **THEN**, there **is absolutely NOTHING that any man, government, army or enemy, or any man made imaginary god or deity CAN DO TO YAHWEH's PEOPLE, FOR NO ONE, and I mean absolutely NO ONE CAN CURSE WHAT YAHWEH HAS BLESSED** and Yahweh has indeed **BLESSED** the people of His Yisrael, with an everlasting Covenant, a Covenant that represents His infinite love, grace, mercy and compassion towards His People, Yisrael, and to the whole world, **IF** they willingly and lovingly choose to join themselves to Yisrael, and walk in loving

surrendered obedience to the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His Torah of Grace. Amein.

There are four Aleph Tavs in this chapter:

*Verse 2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all **Aleph Tav** that Israel had done to the Amorites.*

*Verse 4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licks up **Aleph Tav** the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.*

*Verse 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I know that he whom thou **Aleph Tav** blesses is blessed, and he whom thou curses is cursed.*

Verse 17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever you say unto me: come therefore, I pray you, curse me Aleph Tav this people.

There are also another twenty Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are thirty eight words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number twenty in Scripture speaks of redemption and the number thirty eight, when broken down to its two components, the number thirty, speaks of Messiah, for He began His ministry at the age of thirty and the number eight, speaks of New Beginnings. Therefore I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs, that once we have been redeemed by and through His Grace and Mercy, we are to walk the same path that our Messiah walked during His whole Life, and especially during the time of His ministry, here on earth, which means, that we too, are to walk as Messiah walked, in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of our heavenly Father's His Torah of Life, and **WHEN** and **IF** we do, **IT WILL BE**, the New Beginning that our heavenly Father wants for all of us, and that means that we will begin to, seek first the kingdom of Elohim and **ALL** of His **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, His Torah of Life, for **TORAH** and **RIGHTEOUSNESS ARE** synonymous terms. *Deuteronomy 6:25 And it **SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF** we **OBSERVE TO DO ALL** these **COMMANDMENTS** before YHVH our Elohim, as He has **COMMANDED US**. Amein.*

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem!*