

Psalms 29

- 1 A psalm of David. Ascribe to Adonai, O sons of YAH, ascribe to Adonai glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to Adonai the glory of His Name. Bow down to YAH in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of YAH is over the waters. The God of glory thunders—Adonai is over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of YAH is powerful. The voice of YAH is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of YAH breaks the cedars. Yes, YAH shatters cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of YAH hews out flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of YAH shakes the desert. YAH shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of YAH makes the deer writhe in birth and strips forests bare, and in His Temple all are saying, “Glory!”
- 10 YAH sits enthroned over the flood. Yes, Yah sits as King forever.
- 11 YAH gives strength to His people. YAH blesses His people with shalom.

THE BEREKHU

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BAREKHU ET ADONIA HA'ME'VO-RAKH

BLESS THE LORD, WHO IS TO BE BLESSED

CONGREGATION / OLIM

BARUCH ADONAI HA'ME'VO-RAKH LA OLAM VA'ED

BLESSED IS ADONAI, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER

בַּלַּק

Balak

Hebrew for “Balak”(empty, spoiler, devastator)

B'midbar / Numbers 22:2 – 25:9

Reading Numbers 24:14 – 25:9

Blessing The Reading Of The Torah

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheynu, melekh ha-olam,
Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe**

**Asher bechar banu mik-kol ha-am-mim venatan la-nu et
Torato,**

Who chose us from all the people and gave us His Torah

**Baruch ata Adonai, no-tein Ha-Torah
Blessed are you, Lord, giver of the Torah**

Blessing over the reader of Torah

May He who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless
XXXXXXXXXX because he has come up for the honor of God, for the
honor of the Torah and for the honor of the Shabbat. In this merit
may the Holy One, Blessed be He, protect and deliver XXXXX from
all trouble and distress, from all affliction and illness, and may He
send blessing and success to all his endeavors, together with all
Israel and all his brethren;
and the congregation says,
In Yeshua's Name
Amen.



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Numbers 22:2 - 5

2 When Balak son of Zippor, realized all that Bnei-Yisrael had done to the Amorites,

3 Moab became terrified because there were so many people. Moab was filled with dread because of Bnei-Yisrael.

4 Moab said to the elders of Midian, "The multitude will lick up everything around us like the ox licks up the grass of the field." Now Balak son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time.

5 He sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Beor,.....

Numbers 22:5 - 6

.....at Pethor near the River in his native land, saying to him,
“Look now, a people has come out of Egypt. See now, they
cover the surface of the earth and are settling beside me.

6 Come now, curse this people for me, because they are too
strong for me! Perhaps I may be able to defeat them and drive
them away from the country. I know that whoever you bless
will be blessed and whoever you curse will be accursed!”

Numbers 22:7 - 9

7 The elders of Moab and Midian left with divination fees in their hand. When they came to Balaam, they told him Balak's words.

8 He said to them, "Spend the night here. I will give you an answer just as Adonai speaks to me." So the officials of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9 God came to Balaam and asked, "Who are these men with you?"

Numbers 22:12 - 13

12 Yah said to Balaam, “Do not go with them! Do not curse them, for they are blessed!”

13 So Balaam got up in the morning and said to the officials of Balak, “Go back to your country, for Yah has refused to let me go with you.”

Numbers 22:16 - 18

16 They also came to Balaam and said to him, “Thus says Balak son of Zippor: Please let nothing keep you from coming to me!

17 I will richly reward you, and everything you tell me I will do! Just come now and curse this people for me!”

18 But Balaam answered Balak’s servants, “Even if Balak gave me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot cross beyond the mouth of Yah my Elohim, to do anything small or great!

Numbers 22:19 - 21

19 But now, you may spend the night here, too. Then I may find out anything else Yah may say to me.”

20 God came to Balaam by night and said to him, “Since the men came to you to summon you, arise and go with them. However, only the word I tell you are you to do!”

21 So Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the Moabite princes.

Numbers 22:22 - 23

22 But the *anger of Yah* burned because he was going. The angel of Yah stood in the road to oppose him—he was riding on his donkey and two of his servants were with him—

23 when the donkey saw the angel of Yah standing in the road with his drawn sword in his hand, the donkey turned off the road and went into the field. So Balaam beat the donkey to get her back onto the road.

The Intent Of The Heart

Proverbs 16

1 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the tongue's answer is from Yah.

2 All a man's ways are pure in his own eyes, but Yah weighs the motives.

The Intent Of The Heart

Luke 16

14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and sneering at Yeshua.

15 But Yeshua said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves before the people, but God knows your hearts. For what is prized among men is detestable in God’s sight.”

The Intent Of The Heart

2 Peter 2 (false prophets)

14 They have eyes full of adultery that never stop sinning, enticing unstable souls. They have hearts trained in greed—a cursed brood!

15 *They have abandoned the straight way. They have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness.*

16 But he received a rebuke for his own wrongdoing. A dumb donkey spoke with a man's voice and put a stop to the prophet's madness.

Numbers 22:31

31 Then Yah opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of Yah standing in the road with his drawn sword in his hand. So he fell on his face.

Numbers 23:7 - 9

7 Then he uttered his oracle and said, "From Aram, Balak brought me, Moab's king from the mountains of the east: 'Come! Curse Jacob for me! 'Come! Denounce Israel!'

8 How can I curse one whom Yah has not cursed? How can I denounce one whom Yah has not denounced?

9 From the rocky peaks I see him. From the heights I behold him. Look, he lives as a nation apart, and does not consider himself as being like the other nations.

Numbers 23:10 – 12 1st Blessing at Bamoth-baal

10 Who can count Jacob's dust? Who can number a fourth of Israel? Let my soul die the death of the upright, and let my end be like his!"

11 Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, but look, you've actually blessed them!"

12 But in response he said, "Mustn't I speak whatever Yah puts into my mouth?"

Numbers 23:16 - 17

16 Yah met Balaam there and put a message into his mouth, and said, "Return to Balak and speak thus."

17 So he went to him, and behold, he and the princes of Moab were standing beside his offering.

Balak asked him, "What did Yah say?"

Numbers 23:18 - 20

18 So he uttered his oracle and said: “Rise, Balak! Hear me, son of Zippor!

19 God is not a man who lies, or a son of man who changes his mind! Does He speak and then not do it, or promise and not fulfill it?

20 Look, I received a command to bless.
He has blessed—I cannot change it!

Numbers 23:21 – 23 2nd Blessing at Pisgah

21 No misfortune is to be seen in Jacob, and no misery in Israel!
Yah their Elohim is with them — the King's shout is among them!

22 God is bringing them from Egypt with the strong horns of the
wild ox!

23 There is no sorcery effective against Jacob nor any divination
against Israel! Now it will be said of Jacob and Israel, 'See what Yah
has done!'

Numbers 23:24 - 26 2nd Blessing at Pisgah

The people rise like a lioness, like a lion who does not rest until he eats his prey and drinks his victim's blood!"

25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Do not curse them or bless them at all!"

26 Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Haven't I told you, 'All that Yah says, I must do?'

Numbers 23:27 - 30

27 Balak said to Balaam, "Come with me to another place. Perhaps it will be pleasing to Yah and you may curse them for me from there."

28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, overlooking the wasteland.

29 Balaam said to Balak, "Build me seven altars here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me."

30 Balak did just as Balaam said, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 24:1 - 3

1 When Balaam realized that it was pleasing in the eyes of Yah to bless Israel, he did not resort to sorceries as at the other times, but turned his face toward the wilderness.

2 Lifting up his eyes, Balaam saw Israel dwelling by tribes. The Ruach Elohim came over him.

3 He uttered his oracle and said:

Numbers 24:3 – 5 3rd Blessing at Peor

3 He uttered his oracle and said: “This is the oracle of Balaam son of Beor, and the oracle of a strong man whose eye has been opened,

4 the oracle of one hearing Yah’s speech, one seeing Shaddai’s vision, one fallen down, yet with open eyes:

5 How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, and your dwellings, O Israel!

Numbers 24:6 - 9

6 Like valleys they are spread out, like gardens beside a river,
like aloes planted by Adonai, like cedars beside the waters.

7 Water will flow from his buckets, his seed by abundant water. His king will be
greater than Agag, his kingdom will be exalted.

8 God is bringing him out of Egypt. like the strong horns of a wild ox. He devours
nations hostile to him. He will crush their bones. His arrows will pierce them.

9 He crouches like a lion or a lioness—who would rouse him? He who blesses
you will be blessed, and he who curses you will be cursed.”

Numbers 24:12 - 14

12 Balaam answered Balak, “Didn’t I indeed tell your messengers whom you sent to me saying:

13 ‘If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the mouth of Yah, to do good or bad from my own heart? Whatever Yah may speak, I will speak!

14 Now, behold, I am going back to my people. Come, let me counsel you what these people will do to your people in the latter days.

Numbers 24 – 15 – 17 The Accursed Ones

15 Then he uttered his oracle: The oracle of Balaam son of Beor,
the strong man whose eye is opened,

16 the oracle of one hearing God's speech, one experiencing Elyon's
knowledge, one seeing Shaddai's vision, one fallen down,
yet with open eyes:

17 'I see him, yet not at this moment. I behold him, yet not in this
location. For a star will come from Jacob, a scepter will arise from Israel.
He will crush the foreheads of Moab and the skulls of all the sons of Seth.

Numbers 24:18 - 20

18 Edom will be conquered his enemies will conquer Seir, but Israel will triumph.

19 One from Jacob will rule and destroy the city's survivors.”

20 Then he saw Amalek, so he uttered his oracle and said:

“Amalek was the first of nations, but will come to ruin at last.”

Numbers 24:21 - 24

21 Then he saw the Kenite, so he uttered his oracle and said, “Your dwelling is secure. Your nest is set in the rock.

22 Yet Kain will be destroyed, when Asshur captures you.”

23 Again he uttered his oracle and said, “O, who can live when God does this?

24 Ships will come from Kittim’s shore. They will afflict Asshur and Eber, but they too will come to destruction.”

Numbers 25:1 - 3

1 While Israel was staying in Shittim, the people began to have immoral sexual relations with women from Moab.

2 Then they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, so the people were eating, and bowing down before their gods.

3 When Israel became bound to Baal of Peor, the anger of Yah grew hot against Israel.

Numbers 25:4 - 6

4 Adonai said to Moses, “Seize all the ringleaders and hang them before Adonai facing the sun, so that Adonai’s fierce anger may be turned away from Israel.”

5 So Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Each of you, kill your men who have been joining themselves to Baal of Peor.”

6 Then behold, a man from Bnei-Yisrael came and brought a Midianite woman to his brothers before the eyes of Moses and of the whole assembly of Bnei-Yisrael, while they were weeping at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting!

Numbers 25:7 - 9

7 When Phinehas son of Eleazar son of Aaron the kohen saw it, he arose from the midst of the assembly, took a spear in his hand,

8 and went after the man of Israel into the tent and pierced them through—both the Israelite man and the woman's belly. Then the plague among Bnei-Yisrael was stopped.

9 However, 24,000 were dead because of the plague!

Who Was The Chief Ringleader

Numbers 31 (During Yah's Vengeance on the Midianites, Parsha Matot)

13 Moses, Eleazar the priest and all the leaders of the community went to meet them outside the camp.

14 Moses was angry with the officers of the army—the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds—who returned from the battle.

15 “Have you allowed all the women to live?” he asked them.

16 “They were the ones who followed **Balaam's** advice and enticed the Israelites to be unfaithful to Yah in the Peor incident, so that a plague struck the Yah's people.

Balaam And The Intent Of The Heart

- Balaam's intent was to gain riches from those who sought his divination
- He sought Yah before going with the men of Balak, but was tempted all the more to carry out the purpose of his own greed and desires
- Seemed to have a heart changing moment in the first blessing, Numbers 23:10 Who can count Jacob's dust? Who can number a fourth of Israel? ***Let my soul die the death of the upright, and let my end be like his!***

Balaam And The Intent Of The Heart

- Balaam could have said no the second time but chose to see if Yah might allow him to go, for the promised riches had increased.
- He seemingly named his price to the messengers of balak.
Numbers 22:18 But Balaam answered Balak's servants, "Even if Balak gave me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot cross beyond the mouth of Yah my Elohim, to do anything small or great!
- In the end, his intent was for evil as he taught them how to entice the Israelites with the women and with their feasts and sacrifices in order to bring them into a time of failure and judgment

Intent Of The Heart

Hebrews 4

12 For the word of Yah is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword—piercing right through to a separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow, ***and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.***

13 No creature is hidden from Him, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Matthew 9

4 And knowing their thoughts, Yeshua said,
“Why are you entertaining evil in your hearts?”

Psalms 19

14 Also keep Your servant from willful sins. May they not have dominion over me. Then I will be blameless, free from great transgression.

15 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable before You,
YHWH, my Rock and my Redeemer.

What is the intent of your heart today??
Is it acceptable before YHWH??