

1 - QUESTIONS TO פְּרַשְׁת בַּלֵּק / Parshat Balak

1. The Mo-avim (people from the country of Mo-av) knew that the Jews would not do something against them. What? ATTACK THEM
2. The Mo-avim were still afraid that the Jews would take all their THINGS (animals, money, houses, etc.)
3. Why didn't the Mo-avim like the Jews? THE MO-AVIM PRAYED TO IDOLS, THE JEWS PRAYED TO HASHEM
4. The Mo-avim made Balak their king. What did they want Balak to do? BEAT THE JEWS
5. Was Balak from Mo-av? NO
6. What 2 things was Balak good at that the Mo-avim liked? HE WAS A GOOD LEADER OF SOLDIERS AND A GOOD MAGICIAN
7. Balak was such a good magician that he made something talk that never did. What? A BIRD
8. Balak wrote a letter asking the smart men of Midyan why good things happened to Moshe all the time. Why did Balak write this letter to the smart men of Midyan? BECAUSE MOSHE LIVED THERE FOR A LONG TIME SO THEY KNEW HIM
9. The smart men of Midyan said that good things happened to Moshe and the Jews when they PRAYED TO HASHEM
10. What did Bilam do to make money? BLESS AND CURSE PEOPLE
11. Balak sent smart men from Mo-av and from Midyan. What did these smart men ask Bilam to do? CURSE THE JEWS
12. What did the smart men say that Balak would give Bilam if he would curse the Jews? A LOT OF MONEY
13. Did Bilam want to curse the Jews? YES
14. Bilam had to wait for Hashem to tell him what to do. So he told the smart men to wait until the next MORNING
15. During the night, what did Hashem tell Bilam about going to Mo-av with the smart men? NOT TO GO
16. What did Hashem tell Bilam about cursing the Jews? NOT TO
17. The next morning, Bilam told the smart men that they were not important enough and that they should tell Balak to send MORE IMPORTANT MEN
18. Balak sent more important men to Bilam. What did he tell these men to do? WAIT UNTIL MORNING TO SEE WHAT HASHEM WOULD TELL HIM
19. What did Hashem tell Bilam this time? GO WITH THE MEN BUT SAY ONLY WHAT HE WOULD TELL HIM TO SAY
20. EXTRA CREDIT: What do we learn from the fact that Hashem gave Bilam permission to go to Mo-av the second time but not the first time? THAT IF A PERSON WANTS TO BE GOOD, HASHEM WILL HELP. IF A PERSON WANTS TO BE BAD (as in this case) HASHEM WILL HELP

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21. When Hashem saw that Bilam went with the smart men because he wanted to curse the Jews, even though Hashem said not to, Hashem punished Bilam. What did Bilam do to his donkey each time the donkey did not go where Bilam wanted it to go? HE HIT IT
22. How many times did Bilam hit his donkey? THREE
23. What miracle did Hashem make with Bilam's donkey? IT TALKED
24. What did the donkey say to Bilam? WHAT HAVE I DONE THAT YOU HIT ME THESE THREE TIMES?
25. Bilam answered that he was so mad at his donkey that he would have killed the donkey if he had a SWORD
26. The donkey asked Bilam, "It seems you can't kill me without a sword, and yet you think you are going to kill A WHOLE COUNTRY WITH WORDS!"
27. Right after the donkey was done talking to Bilam, Hashem killed the donkey. Why? SO PEOPLE WOULD NOT PRAY TO THE 'TALKING DONKEY'
28. Bilam still went to Mo-av with the smart men. Hashem sent an angel to stand in front of him. What did the angel have in its hand? A SWORD
29. The angel told Bilam that he sinned by hitting his donkey and wanting to curse the Jews. What did Bilam say he would do if Hashem wanted it? GO BACK HOME
30. The angel told Bilam not to go home but to go to Mo-av and say only what Hashem WOULD TELL HIM TO SAY
31. Bilam got to Mo-av and met Balak. Balak made a big party but he didn't invite Bilam. So what did Bilam say he would do? TELL BALAK TO BUILD MANY ALTARS AND OFFER MANY SACRIFICES
32. Bilam and Balak went to a mountain. Balak built altars. What happened when Bilam tried to curse the Jews? HASHEM FORCED HIM TO BLESS THE JEWS
33. They moved to another mountain and built more altars. What happened when Bilam tried to curse the Jews again? HASHEM FORCED HIM TO BLESS THEM
34. Before they both went home, Bilam told Balak a way to get the Jewish men to sin. What was the way? HAVE WOMEN FROM MO-AV MARRY JEWISH MEN
35. Some women from Mo-av invited some Jewish men to a party. Did the men go? YES
36. What was Ba-al Pe-or and what did the Jewish men do to it? IT WAS AN IDOL; THEY PRAYED TO IT
37. What did Zimri, leader of the Tribe of Shimon, do that was very bad? HE TOOK A WOMAN FROM MO-AV INTO HIS TENT

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38. Pinchas was a grandson of Aharon. What did he do to Zimri and the woman? HE KILLED THEM

39. What stopped after Pinchas killed them? A SICKNESS THAT HASHEM HAD MADE AS A PUNISHMENT