



Natzarim Yahshua Family Fellowship

Weekly Teen Torah

Training our youth to be sons and daughters of the commandments.

Parasha: Balak: "Balak"

Bamidbar/Numbers 22:2-25:9

"If you love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15

PORTION IN A NUTSHELL

BALAK: "BALAK"

Balak saw what Israel had done to the Amorites. Moab feared the people of Israel. Moab said to the elders of Midian that Israel would take all of their things. So Balak sent messengers to Balaam near the river in the land of the people of Amaw. He told Balaam about the people that came out of the land of Mitsrayim. They asked Balaam to curse Israel so that Balak could defeat Israel and drive them out of the land. The elders of Moab and the elders of Midian left with money for Balaam. They came to Balaam and gave him Balak's message. Yahweh told Balaam not to go with the men. So, the princes of Moab rose and went back to Balak and said told him that Balaam refused to go with them. Balak sent more princes who were even more honorable than the first. They came to Balaam and promised him great honor. They said that they would do whatever Balaam said. They asked him to go with them. They asked him to curse Israel. Balaam answered and said, "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of Yahweh to do less or more." Then Balaam asked the men to stay overnight. In the morning, Balaam rose and saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. Yahweh was angry that Balaam went and an angel of Yahweh stood in the way of Balaam. When Balaam was riding his donkey, his two servants were with him. The donkey saw the angel with a sword in his hand. The donkey turned and went into the field. Balaam struck the donkey to turn her toward the road. The angel stood in a narrow path between the vineyards with a wall on either side. The donkey saw the angel and pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall. Balaam struck the donkey again. Then the angel went ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn to the right of to the left. When the donkey saw the angel, she laid down under Balaam. Balaam was angry. He struck the donkey with his staff. Yahweh opened the donkey's mouth and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" Balaam told her that she has made a fool of him. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you." The donkey said to Balaam, "Haven't you ridden on my all your life? Is it my habit to treat you this way?" Balaam replied, "No." Then, Yahweh opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel standing in the way with his sword drawn in his hand. He bowed down and fell on his face. Then the angel asked Balaam, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I came out to stop you because your way is wrong. Your donkey saw me. If she would not have moved, I would have killed you and let her live." Balaam replied, "I have sinned. I didn't know you were there. If I am wrong, I will turn back." The angel told Balaam to go with the men but to speak only the words that he tells Balaam to speak. Balaam went with the princes of Balak. Balak asked Balaam to curse Israel. Balaam told Balak that he could only speak the words that Yahweh puts into his mouth. Balak offered sacrifices. He took Balaam to a place where some Israelites were dwelling. Balaam opened his mouth and blessed the Israelites. Balak took Balaam to another place. Balaam opened his mouth and blessed the Israelites again. Balak was angry because he wanted Balaam to curse Israel. He took Balaam to another place and hoped that Yahweh would curse Israel from there. Balaam opened his mouth and blessed Israel again. Balaam refused to receive any gifts from Balak. He rose and went back to his home. While the Israelites lived in Shittim, they began to do bad things. They offered evil sacrifices and took evil wives. They worshipped other gods. Yahweh commanded Moshe to kill the people who had yoked themselves to Baal of Peor. Behold, one of the people of Israel brought a Midianite woman to his family in front of everyone and Moses. People were weeping. Phinehas saw them. He rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand. He killed the Israelite man and the Midianite woman. Then the plague on the people of Israel was stopped. Those who died in the plague was 24,000.



STOP & STUDY

John 10:4-5 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Yahweh be Elohim, follow him: but if Baal, [then] follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Matthew 16:24 Then said Yahshua unto his disciples, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Proverbs 4:20-22 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they [are] life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

BAD COMPANY?: 101

Yahweh is speaking to you. **Are you listening or are you listening to the voice of a stranger?** In the Torah portion this week, Balaam was being hounded by the elders of Midian, who represented a large rebellious nation. Midian may have been much like the world is today as we see the nations scoff at Elohim and many nations have turned against Israel. Twice the elders came to Balaam and asked him to come with them to go and to curse Israel. Balaam refused and remained obedient to Yahweh at first, but after much pressing, Balaam disobeyed specific instructions given to him and went with the Midianites. **Have you ever spent too much time with someone you know you shouldn't and had someone influence you in a way that you knew wasn't right?** Why do you think that Balaam was hearing the voice of Midian over the voice of Yahweh? (Numbers 22:4-17) Perhaps Balaam had spent too much time in the company of the Midianites. **Does spending too much time in the company of evil affect your relationship with Yahweh?** (Numbers 22:19) . As Balaam was on his way to Midian, Yahweh spoke to Balaam through his donkey. When Yahweh wants to speak to you and you won't listen, sometimes he'll use other ways to get you to think about His Word. Yahweh gave us His Word, both in the scriptures and in our hearts. We know he does not want us to act like the unbelievers we may spend time with so that we begin to hear their voices over the voice of Elohim. Sometimes Yahweh will use someone to say something or a sign that reminds us of what we are supposed to be doing. **Yahweh is speaking to you. Are you listening?**



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1) Do you think you spend too much time with people who do not love Yahweh? Do you act like them? _____
- 2) Do you have struggles in your life that might be there, because you became influenced by the people around you? _____
- 3) Should we stop associating with people who are unbelievers or should we just spend less time with them and more time with people who will encourage us to follow Yahweh? _____
- 4) What should you do if you find yourself being influenced to do the wrong thing? _____
- 5) How can you be a better example to others who are seeking Yahweh? _____

THREE... THREE... THREE...

In this Torah portion, Balaam struck his donkey three times. Balaam blessed Israel three times. Can you make this refreshing recipe that requires three kinds of juice?

Three Juice Summer Cooler

2 cups water

3/4 cup sugar

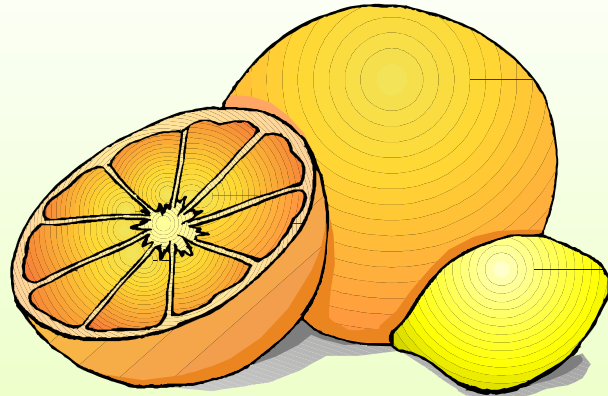
1 1/4 cups grapefruit juice

1 1/4 cups orange juice

1 1/4 cups lemon juice

In large saucepan, stir together water and bring to a boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved.

heat and simmer for 5 minutes; let cool. Stir in orange, grapefruit and lemon juices; chill until ready to serve. Pour over ice cubes in tall glasses. Garnish with a lemon slice and/or a mint sprig.



sugar;
Reduce



TORAH CHALLENGE

Put these events in order from first to last.

_____ Balaam blessed Israel three times.

_____ Balaam struck the donkey three times.

_____ Balak sent for Balaam to curse Israel.

_____ The angel hid in a vineyard.

_____ Balaam's donkey spoke to him.

• check this out •

Hebrew: shaloash

English: three

Hebrew: khalmohr

English: donkey

Hebrew: malakh

English: angel

Hebrew: Bamidbar

English: In the desert

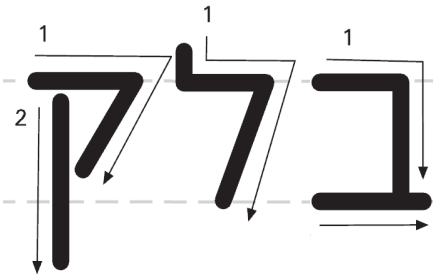
HEBREW LANGUAGE

DID YOU KNOW...

BALAK in Hebrew means "BALAK" and is written in Hebrew below.

בלק

WRITE IT!



Hebrew Vowel Points: O-Type Vowels



| Vowel Mark | Vowel Name | Sound | Trans. | Class |
|------------|----------------|------------------|--------|---------|
| ◌ֹ | Cholem | "o" as in yellow | o | Long |
| ◌ֹו | Cholem Vav | "o" as in yellow | o | Long |
| ◌ֶ | Chateph Qamets | "o" as in yellow | o | Reduced |
| ◌ֻ | Qamets Chatuph | "o" as in yellow | o | Short |

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|------------|------------|----------------|--------|-------|
| ◌ֻ | Qibbuts | "u" as in blue | u | Short |
| ◌ֹו | Shureq | "u" as in blue | u | Long |