

Torah Portion Outline

#40: Balak (בלק) “destroyer”

Torah ~ *Numbers 22:2-25:9*

Prophets ~ *Micah 5:6-6:8*

New Covenant ~ *1 Corinthians 1:20-31; 2 Peter 2:1-22*

Portion Summary:

Our Torah reading has Balak hiring Balaam to curse Israel; Balaam attempts to curse Israel but each time Adonai reverses the curse; and Balaam's donkey talks. In our Haftarah reading Adonai says it is good for us to love and be merciful. In our Brit Hadasha reading we are told of the wisdom of Adonai and the World; then we are warned about destructive doctrines.

Torah Outline:

Numbers 22:1 - Balak Summons Balaam to Curse Israel

Numbers 22:22 - Balaam, the Donkey, and the Angel

Numbers 23:1 - Balaam's First & Second Oracle

Numbers 24:1 - Balaam's Third & Fourth Oracle

Numbers 25:1 - Worship of Baal of Peor

Prophets Outline:

Micah 5:7 - The Future Role of the Remnant

New Covenant Outline:

1 Corinthians 1:20 - Whose Wisdom Is Foolish?

2 Peter 2:1 - Destructive Doctrines