

## TEN: Parshat Balak

In this week's Torah reading, we are introduced to a King and a Prophet. The King, Balak, is desperate to curse the Israelites and sends the prophet, Balaam, to do just that. Balaam is repeatedly warned along the way not to curse the Israelites, but he chooses to go anyway. However, as hard as he tries to curse them, Balaam only manages to heap blessing on the Israelites.

1. Who is the King of Moab in this week's Torah reading?

Balak son of Zippor. (22:4)

2. When asked to curse the Jews, how does Balaam respond?

Let me spend the night and perhaps God will instruct me what to do. (22:8)

3. In the morning what does Balaam say?

Balaam says he is heading back home because God does not allow him to go to curse the Israelites. (22:13)

4. What did God say to let Balaam go?

If Balak's men come again, you may go but you must follow the words I tell you. (22:20)

5. Why does the donkey refuse to walk on the path?

An angel keeps appearing with a sword drawn. (22:22-27)

6. What does Balaam's donkey say when God allows him to speak?

He asks Balaam, "Why have you hit me three times?" (22:28)

7. What does the angel tell Balaam to do?

Go but only speak the words I tell you to. (22:35)

8. How many times does Balaam bless the Jews?

Three. (23:1-29, 24:1-9)

9. Before Balaam leaves what does he do?

He gives Balak a prophecy of what is to happen. (24:15-24)

10. What is the name of the god that the Israelites start to pray to?

Baal-peor. (25:3)