

Bible History Puzzle 60

Balaam had failed to curse the people of Israel, but instead of going _____(mhoe), the king instructed him to come to another place and try again. But that did not help!. The Lord loved Israel and did not want to know anything of Balak. Again, they built seven _____(ltaars) and offered seven cows and sheep, but the Lord God of the Israelites did not look at their offerings. Balak and Balaam thought that the Lord was like an idol god to which you can bow, but by Sinai the Lord had promised Israel that it was He Who would protect his people and what the Lord promises, He does.

Again Balaam blessed Israel instead of cursing them. He said that one day a King would be born out of this people. This King would deliver His nation, His people from all enemies. Balaam was speaking already of _____(uJsse), Who would be born in Bethlehem. Two more times Balaam had to bless the people of Israel instead of curse them. Then Balak was so angry that he screamed, "Go away! You will get nothing from me. You did not want to do what I asked you to do!" Angriy Balak climbed down the mountain and Balaam, who thought he would become _____(crih), went home without anything. Balak slept even worse that night, but the Lord watched over the Israelites

Balaam was angry and sad. He had done all this work for nothing. He thought of a new plan. If it worked, he would surely get the reward from King Balak. In a hurry, he rode to the _____(ngki). The king was still very angry at Balaam, but when he heard the plan he looked happier.

"King Balak," said Balaam. "You must make a big feast." It would be a feast for Baal, the _____(dgo) of the Moabites and the Midianites who came to help Balak.

A feast? King Balak was not in the mood for a feast, but Balaam continued, "We will invite the Israelites to _____(mcoe) to the feast. Then you will see what will happen!"

"What will happen then, Balaam?" asked Balak.

Balaam laughed and said, "Well, then the God of Israel will be very angry, maybe so _____(gnrya) that He will no longer take care of that people!"

Balak thought about it and then nodded to Balaam. "Yes, then we should have one!" Balaam had thought of a smart plan, he thought.

Balak made a huge feast close to the _____(nttes) of the Israelites so they would not have to walk very far. He invited the Israelites to come to the feast too. And yes, soon some of the Israelites came. Everyone enjoyed feasting! And it wasn't that they were never allowed to feast, but then it was only allowed to be a feast to the honor of the _____(rdLo)! The Lord had given them feast days but they should not have even thought of joining the _____(sstfae) of these heathen people. At this feast they bowed before _____(liods) of stone and wood! The Lord had forbidden that in His commandments, and Israel had promised by Mt. Sinai to obey the Lord! Now they were having a feast with the enemies of the Lord and they were dancing around idols. What a godless feast! And they did not think about the Lord, Who had been so good for them. It was the Lord, Who saw everything and heard everything.

When Moses heard what happened he was very sad. Would the Lord punish this great sin also? Yes, a terrible sickness broke out. The Israelites _____(ided) by the thousands. Would Balaam be right? Would Balak really end up winning? No, the Lord punished those who had done wrong, but He continued to take care of His _____(lopeep. He punished as a father, to teach the children not to sin. When the people showed they were sorry for their sins, the sickness stopped. Then the Midianites, the friends

of King Balak were very angry and wanted to fight with Israel, but the Lord helped His people and all those enemies were killed. So the Lord dealt with the enemies and with _____(laaamB), who thought he was so smart. Balaam was killed in the battles. So what had he won now? Instead of a reward, he was cursed by God for eternity.

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Baal	Balaam	Balak
bless	curse	feast
idols	Israelites	King
Lord	Midianites	Moabites
offerings		

Fill in the blanks in the following verses about God's protection, of His people Israel, but also His people today:

Psalm 34 - The angel of the LORD encampeth _____ about them that fear him, and _____ them.

O taste and _____ that the LORD is _____: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O _____ the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no _____ to them that fear him.

Isaiah 54 - No weapon that is formed against thee shall _____; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt c_____. This is the heritage of the _____ of the LORD, and their righteousness is of _____, saith the LORD.

2 Timothy 4 - And the Lord shall deliver me from every _____ work, and will _____ me unto his heavenly _____:

Nahum 1 - The LORD is good, a strong _____ in the day of _____; and he knoweth them that _____ in him.

This is the last puzzle of the season already! We hope to continue next summer, the Lord willing. May the stories of God's faithfulness and willingness to forgive sinful people be a blessing to your young souls!

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