

Mordekhi's Drash for Shabbat June 30, 2007 / Tammuz 14, 5767



Parashah #40: *Balak* (Destroyer), *B'Midbar* (Numbers) 22:2-25:9
Haftarah: *Mikhah* (Micah) 5:6-6:8
Suggested *Messianic Writings* reading: Romans 11

Shalom,

I am not writing much this week, it is a busy week, and we are preparing to be gone next week to the annual MJAA (Messianic Jewish Alliance of America) conference, Messiah Conference, in Grantham (Harrisburg area) PA.

And because of that, I will not be writing a drash for *Shabbat of July 7*.

As we *sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim* (pray for the peace of Jerusalem), one major item would be a reversal upon any gains by the enemies of Israel. Suppose the modern-day enemies of Israel – Fatah, Hamas, Iran, etc. – sent for a questionable “prophet,” if there were one, a person who specialized in placing curses upon nations, to place a curse upon Israel, and this “prophet” ended up blessing Israel. That is essentially what happened in this week’s Parashah in the infamous Balak/Balaam episode.

Suppose that HaShem worked through this modern-day enemy in such a way that as he flew in a private plane over Israel, or viewed spy satellite photos from a remote location, all he could say was, “How lovely are your tents, *Ya'akov* (Jacob); your tabernacles (dwelling places), *Yisrael*... Blessed be all who bless you! Cursed be all who curse you!... I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not soon – a star will step forth from *Ya'akov*, a scepter will arise from *Israel*... His enemies will be his possessions... From *Ya'akov* will come someone who will rule.” The Messiah predicted!

Does that sound impossible? Think it could never happen in our time like that? “Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a nation be born in one day?” (*Yesha'yahu* / *Isaiah* 66:8).

שְׁאַלוּ שְׁלוֹם יְרוּשָׁלַיִם¹

Sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim! It will be life from the dead for the rest of the earth.

¹ “David” Hebrew font for Psalm 122:6 “*Sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim*” – if it appears garbled on some systems, I am not swearing at you.

B'rakhot v'todah rabbah (Blessings & thank you very much)

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This *Yeshua*, who has been taken away from you into heaven, will come back to you in just the same way as you saw him go into heaven.
(Acts 1:11 CJB)