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**Message 7-4-09**  
**Chukkat-Ordinance of**  
**Numbers 19:1-22:1**  
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**Colossians 1:11-20**

**Balak-(Destroyer)**  
**Numbers 22:2-25:9)**  
**Micah 5:6-6:8**

### **Introduction**

This week we have another double portion. The first part is Chukkat and it tells us the story of the people complaining to Moses about there being no water and the Almighty tells Moses that he and Aaron are to stand before the rock and speak to it and water will come out. Instead of speaking to the rock Moses strikes it twice with his staff, and while water still comes out, Moses is told that neither he nor Aaron would enter into the Promised Land.

The second portion is Balak and tells the story of Balak, Balaam and Israel. In this story we are told how Balaam's donkey speaks to him and asks him why is he being hit when he has stopped because of the angel standing before them. Balak desires that Balaam curse Israel but instead he blesses them. In the end Balak gets his way and Balaam finally curses Israel and because of that curse Israel once more strays from the ways of the Almighty.

### **Numbers 25:1-9**

**1** While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. **2** These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. **3** So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. **4** And the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people and hang them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel." **5** And Moses said to the

judges of Israel, "Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor." **6** And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting. **7** When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand **8** and went after the man of Israel into the chamber and pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped. **9** Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

Right here in front of the Holy One of Israel the Children of Israel had sinned against Him by following foreign gods. If that were not enough we have a son of Israel who brings a Midianite woman into the camp and into his tent. Eleazar, son of Aaron, sees this and follows them picking up a spear along the way and enters the tent and stabs both of them through with one effort. Because of this the plague against Israel stops though 24,000 died because of it. Time and time again Israel sinned against the Almighty by turning to pagan gods. If we learn anything from the example of the Israelites it should be that God is a jealous God and will not share His place with any other gods.

**Exodus 20:5** You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, **6** but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**Exodus 34:14** (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God).

**Deuteronomy 4:24** For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

**Deuteronomy 5:9** you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me.

**Deuteronomy 6:14** You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you-- **15** for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God--lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

**Joshua 24:19** But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.

**Ezekiel 39:25** "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name.

**Nahum 1:2** The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies.

<07065> קָנָה *qanah* (888c)

**Meaning:** *to be jealous or zealous*

**Origin:** denom. vb. from 7068

**Usage:** became envious(1), became jealous(1), been very zealous(2), envied(1), envious(4), envy(2), jealous(14), jealousy(1), made him jealous(1), made me jealous(1), provoked him to jealousy(1), provokes to jealousy(1), zeal(1), zealous(1).

<07072> קנן qanno (888d)

**Meaning:** *jealous*

**Origin:** from the same as 7068

**Usage:** jealous(2).

There are two Hebrew words translated as jealous in all of these Scripture passages I have quoted here. One means jealous or zealous and the other simply jealous. What this tells us about the Almighty is that He does not take it kindly when someone prays to another god other than Him. This new thing going round that we are all praying to the same universal god is totally *New Age* or I should say "*Old Age*" because Satan has been using this one since the beginning. The understanding we need to take away from this is that God is a jealous and zealous Creator God. There is no other god like Him because man has formed their gods by their own power and their gods are not alive like the one true Living God who has been since before the beginning and will be the one standing at the end when the dust finally settles.

If we believe any other way we leave ourselves open to the attack of the unholy one – HaSatan. He lives but one day he will be judged and found wanting and cast into the Lake of Fire where the Beast and the False Prophet have already been thrown.

**Revelation 20:10** and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

You need to take special notice of the fact that the beast, false prophet, and Satan were thrown into the Lake of Fire where they will be tormented forever. This probably runs contrary to many who look upon the Holy One as a loving, merciful Creator. If you stop and think about it this is a God who loves because He loves those of us who have found life everlasting through His Son that He will one day no longer submit us to the testing and torment from HaSatan. This is a loving, merciful, forgiving and jealous God because He love us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die in our stead for all of mankind's sins, past, present, and future.

### **Micah 6:6-8**

**6** "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? **7** Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" **8** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Notice what the Prophet Micah says here. The question is what do you bring before the Holy One? The question is asked what do we bring before the Holy One of Israel – do we bring burnt offerings, thousands of rams, ten thousand rivers of oil or our firstborn? The answer is to be just, kind and to walk humbly with the Almighty. If you cannot bend the knee before the Master or His Father then you are not following the Holy One of Israel. You have lost your way and have bought in to the lies of the world concerning a universal god who is according to the Bible another Yeshua found by

listening to another gospel. I have had people who have told me that they cannot do something found in Scripture because they felt a check in their spirit and just knew it was from the Lord. If the check in your spirit runs contrary to Torah or to the Master's teachings you had better reconsider and follow Torah and flee as fast as possible from this spirit you have let in because it is not the Spirit of the Holy One.

His Spirit helps you to find the truth of the matter. It does not bring confusion or make you think whether to follow Torah is correct or not. When Yeshua spoke His words were pretty straight forward though even His own disciples has a hard time understanding what it was He was trying to teach through His use of parables. We are told that He had to speak to them plainly so they could grasp the meaning of the point He was trying to make.

**Matthew 13:36** Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." **37** He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. **38** The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. **40** Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. **41** The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, **42** and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

His disciples were not yet listening to His teachings with the aid of the Ruach HaKodesh. Yeshua had to explain what He meant in His parables to them so they would understand. The day would come very quickly when they would understand everything and the Ruach of God would fill them with power and understanding. We need some of this in our day and time. Things are changing rapidly and if we are not students of the Word we will find ourselves in hot water very quickly. Study to show yourself approved – approved by whom –the Lord God Almighty!

### **Colossians 1:11-20**

**11** May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, **12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. **13** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. **15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things were created through him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

I have quoted this Scripture several times during the current Torah cycle and that is because I have felt it impressed on me by the Holy One that we must come to grips with who Yeshua is and the place of His Torah in our lives. If we claim faith in Yeshua but toss away the Torah we have thrown away His rulebook. Without His rulebook how are we to know what it is He wants from us? How can we know His expectations for us? You can find some of the answers in the Apostolic Scriptures but you must test the answers you find against the source book. The source book is the Torah. Messiah was revealed 2,000 years ago through the Torah, Prophets, and the Psalms.

**Luke 24:44** Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Torah of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Look to the books that are the foundation for the faithful. He did not build His foundation on Kefa-Peter or Shaul-Paul, He used them as part of His plan as He has used all of those He calls into His kingdom. He desires to use all of us to spread the truth of the Messiah Yeshua. He wants us to walk a Yeshua-Torah based lifestyle before the world. He does not want us to hide our light under the baskets.

**Matthew 5:15** Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

**Luke 11:33** "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

If we hide our lights how will those around us find their way out the darkness they find themselves in? For that matter how will we find our way out of the darkness and into the light without faith in Yeshua and His roadmap – Torah?

***Alas for those who see and don't know what they are seeing...Talmud***

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