# TORAH TEACHINGS

#### Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

# Review for #41Pin'has (פינחס) Next 16 slides #40 Balak (בָּלָק) – The name of a king of Moab. Balaq (baw-lawk')- Strong's H1111 which means, 'devastator, waster', and, at its root, it means 'to waste, lay waste, devastate, annihilate'. Torah: Numbers 22:2 - 25:9 Haftarah: Micah 5:6 - 6:8

#### Verse 10

In this verse we see how angry Balaq is - after all, he hired and spent a great amount on sacrifices to get this prophet for hire to curse his enemies and it didn't work out, and while he tried to curse three times - which is a picture of trying to blot out the need to keep the Feasts of יהוה, we see that to keep His Feasts, as recorded in Wayyigra/Leviticus 23, is a blessing and can never be a curse, despite the lies that the church teaches through the institution of pagan rooted Feasts of sun-worship that they have substituted for the Truth!

Balaq could not get Yisra'ěl cursed the way he wanted and so Bil'am taught him another way join them and invite them to their slaughterings, which we see happening at the beginning of Chapter 25!

This is the teaching that we are constantly warned against from holding to - the teaching of Bil'am:

Hazon/Revelation 2:12-17 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Pergamos write, 'He who has the sharp two-edged sword, says this: 13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where the throne of Satan is. And you hold fast to My Name, and did not deny the belief in Me, even in the days in which Antipas was My trustworthy witness, who was killed near you, where Satan dwells. 14 "But I hold a few matters against you, because you have there those who adhere to the teaching of Bil'am, who taught Balaq to put a stumbling-block before the children of Yisra'el, to eat food offered to idols, and to commit whoring.

15 "So you also have those who adhere to the teaching of the Nikolaites, which teaching I hate. 16 "Repent, or else I shall come to you speedily and fight against them with the sword of My mouth. 17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I shall give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I shall give him a white stone, and on the stone a renewed Name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

"If you want to harm Yisra'ěl", Bil'am counselled, "you can do it another way". The teaching of Bil'am was to get the sons of Yisra'ěl to marry foreign daughters. This would cause Yisra'ěl to lose their distinctive definition as being the children of Abraham, Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob. This would mix other customs with theirs and thus diminish the value of their heritage,

This would change the teaching so that Mosheh was seen as just one of their teachers and move them gradually to a different point of view. In the end, the counsel was to assimilate Yisra'ěl and make them just like anyone else, by separating them from one another and removing their identity. "The teaching of Bil'am" is to tell the sons of Yisra'el that they no longer have a covenant with as given through Mosheh. The teaching of Bil'am diminishes, and removes, the Torah (the teaching of Mosheh).

Today, the teaching of Bil'am is rampant in the church. It comes in the form of the following precept: "Jesus Christ" came with the purpose to do away with (fulfil?) the temple service, the Torah (Law), and alter the customs of Mosheh. They have not only replaced the Truth with lies that were inherited from our forefathers but they changed the Name of our Saviour and in the process, have totally stripped away the means for many people discovering their true identity as they erroneously become attached to a Greek Hellenised name that has no meaning or substance behind

The teaching of the church is to replace Yisra'ěl's true identity and falsely claim their identity in the Saviour of Yisra'el while neglecting to follow the clear Torah (instructions) of Elohim and so have in their Bil'am teachings they altered the Appointed Times and customs of Sabbath. The church has done a pretty good job of doing this. Today, a new believer will run right into these stumbling blocks with churchmen disputing "s Sabbaths and Feasts, and the idea of keeping the Torah

In fact, this is the focal point of discussion for many new torah observant brothers and sisters as they wrestle with the disappointment and shock of being rejected by church and friends for the so called 'sin' of seeking the truth being labelled as legalism.

In fact, walking in and guarding the Torah is in direct conflict with the teachings of Christianity and the Church at large.

In these last days, we need to hold firm to the Truth, and as Messiah tells us in Hazon/Revelation2 (quoted above) to hold fast to His Name, not denying the belief, and He gives the example of Antipas who was a trustworthy witness.

What is interesting to take note of, is that Antipas is a name that can mean, 'against all' or 'against father and mother'! Now, this speaks volumes, as Messiah also tells us in: Margos/mark 10:28-30 "And Kěpha began to say to Him, "See, we have left all and we have followed You." 29 said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has יהושע left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for the sake of Me and the Good News, 30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come, everlasting life."

In verse 17 we see in the proverb that Bil'am took up that he prophesies the coming of Messiah as being the Star that shall come out of Ya'aqob, and a Sceptre out of Yisra'ěl who will come and smite Mo'ab!

The Hebrew word for 'sceptre' is שָׁבָּט shebet (shay'-bet)- Strong's H7626 and means, 'rod, staff, branch, shaft' and is a symbol of authority and rulership.

We know that in reference to the Authority and Rule of יהוה, that the sceptre would not depart from Yehudah until Shiloh (the sent One) came - and so Messiah came and took up the sceptre and rules forever in the order of Malkitsedeq - the Righteous King and High Priest!!! This was the promise that the true line of Messiah would come from the tribe of Yehudah, and he would be praised by all, and to Him is the obedience of all the peoples - for the Lin of the Tribe of Yehudah shall rule over all the earth!

Shiloh (shee-lo')- Strong's H7887 which was a city in Ephrayim can also mean 'place of rest', and further stresses how there still remains an entering into His rest for all the people of Elohim; yet those who are disobedient and lawless shall never enter His rest - and our King is coming to crush our enemies! At the end of this chapter we see Bit am getting up and returning to his place and Balag going his way. Though the man Bil'am did not ultimately repent and go to the place he clearly had seen was blessed, this is a prophecy that those he represents—some from the Church who do seek -will not just walk differently from the world, but return to recognizing who they really are: Yisra'ĕl!

However, at the same time there are those who do recognize these truths yet return to their own ways and do not join themselves to the truth by walking in it, and choose to simply go back to what they know! Bil'am could have gone and joined Yisra'el, yet he went back to his own ways and during the time he spent with Balag he taught the enemy how to capture and lure Yisra'el away from their security, and this is the teaching we must rebuke!

#### It is time to stand up and walk in the Truth, despite the persecutions that may come, even from close to us! Which is what we see happening is Chapter 25:

## #41 Pin'has (פִּינְחָס) – Hebrew for "Phinehas," (pee-nekh-aws')-Strong's H6372 which means, '*mouth of brass*'

### Torah: Numbers 25:9 30:1 Haftarah: I Kings 18:46 - 19:1

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**TOPICS IN THE PARSHA** THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT #41 Pin'has (פִינָחֵס) – Hebrew for "Phinehas," Strong's H6372 which means, 'mouth of brass' Chapter 27)Moshe told he would die and to annoint Y'hoshua

**TOPICS IN THE PARSHA** THIS WEEKS TORAH PARASHAT #41 Pin'has (פִינְחָס)— Hebrew for "Phinehas," Strong's H6372 which means, '*mouth of brass*' Chapter 28-29) The designated timings of YeHoVah **Baal Worship at Peor** Num 25:1 And Yisra'ěl dwelt in Shittim, and the people began to whore with the daughters of Mo'ab,

Num 25:2 and they invited the people to the slaughterings of their mighty ones, and the people ate and bowed down to their mighty ones.

#### Num 25:3 Thus Yisra'ěl was joined to Ba'al Pe'or, and the displeasure of הוה burned against Yisra'ěl.

Num 25:4 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Take all the leaders of the people and hang them up before , before the sun, so that the burning displeasure of יהוה turns away from Yisra'ěl." Num 25:5 And Mosheh said to the judges of Yisra'ěl, "Each one of you kill his men who were joined to Ba'al Pe'or."

Num 25:6 And see, one of the children of Yisra'ěl came and brought to his brothers a Midyanite woman before the eyes of Mosheh and before the eyes of all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ěl, who were weeping at the door of the Tent of Appointment.

Num 25:7 And when Pinehas, son of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation and took a spear in his hand, Num 25:8 and he went after the man of Yisra'ěl into the tent and thrust both of them through, the man of Yisra'ěl, and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague among the children of Yisra'ěl came to a stop. Num 25:9 And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.

Yisra'ěl dwelt in Shittim - שָׁטִים (shit-teem')-Strong's H7851 which means, 'place of acacias' and it was here where they began to whore with the daughters of Mo'ab. Instead of being on their guard, they got too relaxed and this 'place of acacias' and slacked off.

You would think that by now, that after all they had been through, all the victories they had won and all the disciplining that had gone on that they would have been more on their guard to not whore with foreign nations and especially Mo'ab.

Qorintiyim Aleph/1Corinthians 10:8 "Neither should we commit whoring, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell" They were enticed by the women of Mo'ab - this is how the enemy is so very deceiving - through the lust of the flesh and Balag sent his finest women to lure the men of Yisra'el in to joining them. The enemy's motto is 'if you cannot beat them join them' and this was his plan to subdue this great nation.

The word for whore is זְנָה zanah (zaw-naw')-Strong's H2181 meaning, 'to commit fornication, to be a harlot, commit adultery, play the harlot'. 'Playing the harlot' can also be a term used to render being 'spiritually unfaithful' to "", which is exactly what they were doing here! How is that for a response to His blessing!!!

I think that it is the same for some naysayer today, who do not realize the great blessings we have in Messiah and too many take it for granted and end up 'playing the harlot' with the world that so easily lures them away, because they are found to be at a place of thinking that they have arrived and relax in their ability to be watchful and obedient. They were endangering their lives by befriending the world:

Ya'agob/James 4:3-4 "You ask and do not receive, because you ask evilly, in order to spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with Elohim? Whoever therefore intends to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of Elohim." At Mount Sinai we were told to not do this, yet we must constantly be on our guard against the luring tactics of the enemy, and when we think that there is no way that these kind of tricks and whoring tactics can catch us then we had better be doubly alert:

Qorintiyim Aleph/1 Corinthians 10:12 "so that he who thinks he stands, let him take heed lest he fall." Yisra'el went and ate with Mo'ab at the slaughterings of their mighty ones, when this is strictly forbidden. We are told that we have the Appointed Times to come and Feast as a body together in Messiah and we also partake in the Pěsah Meal which gives us our identity and seal in Him; and therefore, we cannot be found keeping other pagan rooted feasts as well such as Christmas and Easter which is nothing more than feast at the table of demons:

Qorintiyim Aleph/1 Corinthians 10:16-22 "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Messiah? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah? 17 Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. 18 Look at Yisra'ěl after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the offerings sharers in the altar? 19 What then do I say? That an idol is of any value? Or that which is offered to idols is of any value?

20 No, but what the gentiles offer they offer to demons and not to Elohim, and I do not wish you to become sharers with demons. 21 You are not able to drink the cup of the Master and the cup of demons, you are not able to partake of the table of the Master and of the table of demons. 22 Do we provoke the Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?"

This is a very serious warning, as we cannot allow ourselves to be lured into keeping the traditional pagan feasts of Christmas and Easter with other family members for the sake of 'peace' - we must flee such whoring and the 'playing the harlot' so to speak - we do not want be sharers with demons - because that is who these feasts are offering up to - not Elohim!

Ba'al Pe'or was a Mo'abite 'mighty one', which service included sexually immoral acts. The name Ba'al means 'husband, land owner' and its general meaning and term as used in pagan idolatry and worship is 'lord', which may be a little shocking to you if you have never realized this - the term lord is an inherited term from pagan worship used for thousands of years.

Pe'or (peh-ore')- Strong's H6465 was the name of a mountain in Moab. This name comes from the word פער 'pa'ar' (pawar')- Strong's H6473 which is a verb meaning 'open wide' and so in essence Ba'al Pe'or can be accurately rendered as 'lord of the opening' or the 'lord that opens wide'.

We know that יהושע says that wide is the way that leads to destruction and many find it!!! The occurrences of this verb 'pa'ar', to 'open wide', indicate adjunction with the strong passion or feeling, usually not very positive and described the wide opening of the mouth, hence alluding to other body cavities!

Hoshěa remarks on the Ba'al Pe'or event (Hoshěa 9:10) and it is clear that the Yisra'ělites defiled themselves with abundant fornication and sexual perversion as the Ba'al worship rites were celebrated by the grossest obscenity. So, here we can translate that being joined to Ba'al Pe'or meant being led on the wide path of destruction. We are to be the joined body of Messiah - joined to Messiah יהושע - being led in His narrow way!

Hos 9:10 "I found Yisra'ěl like grapes in the wilderness. I saw your fathers as the first-fruits on the fig tree in its beginning. They themselves have gone to Ba'al Pe'or, and separated themselves to shame, and became as abominable as that which they loved. In essence, Ba'al worship is giving free reign to the carnal nature, which is the flesh, and is expressed in gluttony, drunkenness and sexual acts. This form of pagan worship comes from ancient Babelon as the worship of Nimrod was started by Semiramis, known as the Queen of heaven or Ishtar, today known as 'Easter' - who was the pagan goddess of fertility and mother of Tammuz, the worshipped son of Ba'al who would be reborn every year on December 25th.

You see, celebrating these pagan festivals, under the misguided lie of worship unto יהושע, is in fact a way people today are engaging in Ba'al worship!!! By simply 'eating' or partaking in these pagan feasts, Sha'ul tells us that by doing this one become 'joined' to the foreign mighty one: Qorintiyim Aleph/1 Corinthians 6:15-18 "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Messiah? Shall I then take the members of Messiah and make them members of a whore? Let it not be! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a whore is one body? For He says, "The two shall become one flesh." 17 And he who is joined to the Master is one spirit. 18 Flee whoring. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits whoring sins against his own body."

By 'joining' ourselves to foreign pagan rooted worship practices and feasts will put us at war with Elohim, for He is a Jealous Elohim and we dare not 'cheat' on Him! tells Mosheh to take all the leaders of the people and hang them!!! This might sound like a very extreme measure but these leaders were not leading as they should and had not guarded the charge of staying faithful to יהוה, and this kind of leadership needed to be made an example of.

This was a death sentence on those who brought into the camp a mighty one that Yisra'el had never known and they were warned not to whore and follow the mighty one's of other nations! The judges were instructed to kill the men who had joined themselves to Ba'al Pe'or. Just as this instruction was given one of the Yisra'elite men brought in a Midyanite women before Mosheh and before all those who were weeping at the door of the Tent of Appointment,

There wasn't even any 'secrecy' to their whoring it was out in the open for all to see. They had not only committed sexual acts of sin on the altars of Ba'al but now they had brought this sin into the Dwelling Palace of יהוה. This was no ordinary prostitute as she was the daughter of a head in the people of Midyan, just like Izebel and this is not to be tolerated in Yisra'ěl.

This called for some bold courage to stand up and put this idolatry and sexual sin to death, and this is where we see Pineḥas, the grandson of Aharon stand up and take some much-needed action; and by his actions יהוה caused the plague of death to stop, which had taken 24 000 people!

The name of this brave priest was פִינְחָס Pineḥas (peenekh-aws')- Strong's H6372 which means, 'mouth of brass'; and he certainly lived up to his name, taking no nonsense as he took a spear in his hand and thrust the spear through both of those who were whoring in the camp! In fact, he thrust the spear through the belly of the woman - that is her קַבָּה qebah (kay-baw')-Strong's H6896 which means, 'stomach or belly of a woman'.

In essence, we see here that Pinehas thrust the spear through her reproductive organs and so, in effect, was putting to death the sin of adultery and the curse that comes with it, by thrusting the spear through the very part of a woman where the seed of life would come forth!