

~EXECRATION (49)

[Hebrew, *qa-vav'*, execrate]

- A severe or even violent denunciation of that which is viewed as detestable and worthy of cursing. The Hebrew verb *qa-vav'*, execrate appears in the account of King Balak's futile efforts to get the prophet Balaam to execrate the nation of Israel and thus present that nation before God as worthy of his curse.
- Look! The people who are coming out of Egypt, and they go covering the earth as far as the eye can see. Now do come, do **execrate** them for me. Perhaps I may be able to fight against them and I shall actually drive them out. (**Numbers 22:11**)
- For I shall without fail honor you greatly, and everything you may say to me I shall do. So do come, please. Do **execrate** this people for me. (**Numbers 22:17**)
- At this Balak said to Balaam; What have you done to me? It was in order to **execrate** my enemies that I took you, and here you have blessed them to the limit. (**Numbers 23:11**)
- Then Balak said to him; Do come, please, with me to another place from which you can see them. Only the extremity of them you will see, and you will not see all of them. And **execrate** them for me from there. (**Numbers 23:13**)
- At this Balak said to Balaam; If, on the one hand, you cannot **execrate** him at all, then, on the other hand, you should not bless him at all. (**Numbers 23:25**)
- Then Balak said to Balaam; O come, please. Let me take you to still another place. Perhaps it will be right in the eyes of the true God so that you will certainly execrate him for me from there. (**Numbers 23:27**)
- At that Balak's anger blazed against Balaam and he clapped his hands, and Balak went on to say to Balaam; It was to execrate my enemies that I called you, and, look! You have blessed them to the limit these three times. (**Numbers 24:10**)

- An imprecation, that is, an invocation of evil from a divine source, is not always stated, but may be implied.

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