

**ONE POINT***from***לקוטי שיחות חלק יז, שיחה ד לפרשת בלק***~ In memory of Rebbetzin Chave Hecht ז"ל אלימלך ~***Use these words to fill in the blanks:****\* faith \* הפטרה \* גאולה \* בלעם \* בלק \*****THE BACKGROUND:**

Once, the non-Jewish rulers of ארץ ישראל forbade the Jewish people to read from the תורה, under penalty of death.

Since the decree was only against reading חומשי תורה, they began reading from נביאים every week, choosing a part that shares a connection to that week's פרשה.

(We still read these parts of the נביא every week after reading the פרשה. It is called \_\_\_\_\_).

**THE PARSHA AND THE HAFTARAH:**

What is the connection between \_\_\_\_\_ פרשת and its הפטרה?

- 1) **In פרשת בלק** we learn about בלק inviting \_\_\_\_\_ to curse the Jewish people, and how בלעם was forced to tell בלק that Hashem was not allowing him to do this.
  - **In the הפטרה**, we learn about מיכה הנביא reminding the Jewish people about how Hashem protected the Jewish people from בלק and בלעם.
  
- 2) **In פרשת בלק** the Jewish people are just about to enter ארץ ישראל.
  - **In the הפטרה**, the נביא speaks about the final preparations for the future \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- 3) **At the very end of פרשת בלק** we learn about how פינחס נפש had מסירת נפש to do what had to be done for the sake of Hashem, without any other considerations.
  - **In the beginning of the הפטרה** (which we read closest to the end of the פרשה) we learn about the Jewish people having perfect \_\_\_\_\_ only in Hashem, without relying on anyone or anything else.

**Further discussion:**

- What is the connection between having absolute faith in Hashem and entering ארץ ישראל?  
(See שיחה אות ח in אות ח)