

We will focus his week on one phrase in Deuteronomy 32:12, "Adon—badad yanchenu".  
"Badad" literally means alone, solitary. But does it mean that G-d will do something to/for Israel by Himself, or that He will do something for Israel while they are alone, or that He will do something only for Israel?

"Yanchenu" may come from a root meaning "to place down", "to cause to rest", or "to lead".  
The tense of "yanchenu" may be future "he will lead" or past habitual "he would lead".  
This verse may be the opening of the next section or the conclusion of the preceding section.

Based on context, how would you translate the phrase? See also Numbers 23:9  
Read the following commentaries. How does each translate the phrase? Do their interpretations change your mind as to the most likely translation?

Saadia Gaon - similarly G-d Himself led them

Rashi - He led them in the desert secure and alone

Rashbam - He alone took them out of Egypt and led them to Israel

Ramban - G-d will dwell in Israel secure alone, meaning that Israel alone does not have a ministering angel but rather is G-d Himself's portion.

Sifrei - Just as you derive no benefit from other nations in this world, in the World to Come other nations will derive no benefit from you.

Seforno - As per Jeremiah 46:28 "for I will cause complete destruction of all the nations . . . but you I will not completely destroy