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## Parashas BALAK (בַּלָּק) ["Devastator"]

### Bamidbar/Numbers 22:2 - 25:9

H1111 בַּלָּק Balaq {baw-lawk'}  
 ✎ from 01110<sup>1</sup>; n pr m  
 ✎ AV - Balak 43; 43  
 ✎ Balak = "devastator" 1) a king of Moab who hired Balaam to curse Israel

## Rashi Highlights & D'verei HaTorah

### POLEMICS

**Bamidbar/Numbers 22:2.** And Balak the son of Zippor **saw** all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

**Ben Avraham** – Balak could “see the people” but he could not see the “Power” behind the people – HaShem (Devarim 20:1, 4; Rashi, Devarim 20:4) re: **Ohr L'Goyim** (“**Light Unto the Nations**”)

**Bamidbar 22:3.** And Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many [it was formidable (כִּי רַב־הָיָה וַיִּקְרַע)] “because **HE** was formidable”; and **Moab was distressed** because of the people of Israel.

**Ben Avraham** – **Bereshis 15:15.** But in the fourth generation they shall come here again; **for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.** Thus their actions were finally going to be their undoing, and they were aware of this.

<sup>1</sup> H1110 בַּלָּק balaq {baw-lak'}  
 ✎ a primitive root; TWOT - 252; v  
 ✎ AV - waste 2; 2  
 ✎ 1) to waste, lay waste, devastate 1a) (Poel) to make waste 1b) (Pual) devastated (participle)

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**The Enemy of My Enemy.... Do not go in the ways of the nations.... Moshe's "Gift of Speech" and "speaking" to the rock...! [Just as Moshe "needed" his Staff, so, too, did Balaam "need" a sword!]**

**Bamidbar 22:4.** And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all who are around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:4 – to the elders of Midian But did they not always hate each other, as it says, "who defeated Midian in the field of Moab"** (Gen. 36: 35), when Midian came against Moab in battle? **However, because of their mutual fear [hatred] of Israel they made peace with each other.** And what did Moab see to take counsel with Midian? Since they saw that Israel was supernaturally victorious [in their battles], they said, "**The leader of these [people] was raised in Midian. Let us ask them what his character is.**" They told them, "**His strength [“power” (Avodah Zarah)] is solely in his mouth.**" They said, "**We too will come against them with a man whose strength is in his mouth.**"-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 3, Num. Rabbah 20:4] **as the ox eats up** Whatever the ox has eaten up no longer contains blessing [because the ox uproots the plants it eats (Da'ath Zekenim)].-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 3, Num. Rabbah 20:4] **at that time** He was not entitled to the monarchy. He was one of the Midianite nobles [according to some: of the nobles of Sihon (Josh. 13:21)], and when Sihon died, they appointed him over them on a temporary basis.-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 4, Num. Rabbah 20:4]

**Ben Avraham** – The “leader of the people” in Balak’s eyes was Moshe ... In reality, it was the unseemly HaShem Who was leading them! Thus Balak was operating with a faulty hashkafah.

**Bamidbar 22:29.** And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me; I wished there was a sword in my hand, for now would I kill you.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:29 – you have humiliated** Heb. הִתְעַלְלָתָּ. As the Targum [Onkelos] renders it, a term denoting shame and disgrace. **If I had a sword in my hand This matter made him greatly contemptible in the eyes of the dignitaries. This man was going to kill an entire nation with his mouth, yet for this she-donkey he needed weapons!**-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 9, Num. Rabbah 20:14]

#### **N Bamidbar Rabbah 20:14**

**Bamidbar 22:34.** And Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for **I knew not that you stood in the way against me;** now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again. [With the times that Moshe did not know: Daughters of Zelophehad, et al. ]

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**Bamidbar/Numbers 22:5.** He sent messengers therefore to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, **Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt;** behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me [**“Behold IT has covered the eye of the land, and IT rests opposite me.”** (**HE rests opposite me** [יָשַׁב מִמְּלִי] [וְהוּא יָשַׁב מִמְּלִי])... 10. And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent for me, saying, 11. Behold, **there is a people come out of Egypt,**

<sup>2</sup> **Ben Avraham** – Moshe, in reality, had no power ... the only POWER behind Moshe and Klal Yisroel was HaShem, but from the hashkafah of an idolater, Moshe was the power.

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**which covers the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.**

**Ben Avraham** – But the people did not come out on their own – but ONLY through the Power of HaShem ... but Balak did not realize/recognize this. He thought that he could overcome the threat by overcoming Israel ... He did not recognize the POWER behind Israel ... This is an example of a faulty hashkafah centered on Olam Hazeh, and neglecting to take into account the providence of HaShem, Who in reality runs His creation...!

**Bamidbar/Numbers 22:6.** Come now therefore, I pray you, curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall prevail, that we may defeat them [we will **strike at IT** (נִכְרְתֶנּוּ). And I will **drive IT** (וְאִנְרָשְׁנָהּ) away from the land], and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.

**Ben Avraham** – Balak thought that by attacking Israel, he could thwart their take-over of the land ... but he failed to recognize that he could not contend with HaShem Who is the True Source of Israel's perceived "power."

*The Room to Error...! IF HaShem didn't know this, then ... !*

**Bamidbar 22:9.** And God came to Balaam, and said, **What men are these with you?**

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:9 – Who are these men with you** It came to delude him. [Rashi means: "the ways of the Lord are straight, and the righteous shall walk in them, and the rebellious shall stumble on them" (Hosea 14:10). By asking, "Who are these men with you," God meant to enter into a conversation with him, as Rashi states in the section Bereishith (3:9) on the word, "Where are you?" But it came to Balaam to delude him, for he erred.] **He [Balaam] said, "Sometimes, not everything is revealed before Him, for He is not always omniscient. I will find a time when I am able to curse, and He will not realize it."** - [Mid. Tanchuma Balak 5, Num. Rabbah 20:9]

Re: Or HaChayim on HaShem's Omniscience...?

**Lashon ... Emes v. Vague (Sheker)**

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:13 – to go with you** Only with greater nobles than you. This shows us that he was conceited and unwilling to reveal that he was under the control of the Omnipresent **except in an arrogant manner**. Therefore, "But Balak sent... again..." (verse 15) -[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 6, Balak Num. Rabbah 20:10]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:18 – a house full of silver and gold** This shows us that he was greedy and coveted other people's money. He said, "He ought to give me all his silver and gold, since he has to hire many armies, and even then, it is questionable whether he will be victorious or not, whereas I will certainly succeed."-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak; Num. Rabbah 20:10] **I cannot... transgress** He unwillingly admitted that he was under the control of others. **Here he prophesied that he could not annul the blessings with which the patriarchs had been blessed by the mouth of the Divine Presence.**-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 6, Num. Rabbah 20:10]

**Ben Avraham** – The Mouth of HaShem v. the speech of Moshe when he was told by HaShem to "speak to the rock" that it should provide them water.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:19 – you too His mouth tripped him up** [into telling them the truth]: You too, will end up leaving disappointed like the first group.-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 6, Num. Rabbah 20:10] **what [the Lord] will continue He will not change his mind from a blessing to a curse, but if only He does not continue to bless [them]!** Here he **prophesied** that He [God] would add to their blessings through him.-[See Mid. Tanchuma Balak 6, Num. Rabbah 20:10]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:23 – The she-donkey saw** But he [Balaam] did not see, for God permitted a beast to perceive more than a man. Since he [man] possesses intelligence, he would

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become insane if he saw demons. **with his sword drawn in his hand** He said, "This wicked man has forsaken the tools of his own art, for the weapon of the heathen nations is the sword, and **he is coming against them with [the power of] his mouth, which is their specialty. I too, will take hold of his (art) and accost him with his own art."** **This indeed was his fate [as it says], "and Balaam the son of Beor they slew with the sword"** (31:8). -[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 8, Num. Rabbah 20:13]

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**Ben Avraham** – Moshe realized that to speak to the rock would be sending the wrong lesson ... **Bamidbar 20:7.** And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 8. **Take the rod, and gather the assembly together, you, and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock; so you shall give the congregation and their beasts drink...** **21:16.** And from there they went to Beer; that is the well of which **the Lord spoke to Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water...** Thus Moshe used the staff and hit the rock, knowing that his task as teacher was to send the correct message, all the while understanding that he had failed to get the message across that HaShem is The Source of all miracles ... !

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**Bamidbar 22:20.** And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, **If the men come to call you, rise up, and go with them;** but only that word which I shall say to you, that shall you do. 21. And **Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab...** **22:35.** And the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, **Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak.** So Balaam went with **the princes of Balak.** [Balaam jumped the gun. He did not wait for them to approach and ask again. He heard what he wanted to hear, and initiated the journey on his own!]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:35** – **Go with these men** **A man is led along the path he wishes to follow.**-[Mak. 10b] (**Go with the men** For your portion is with them, and you are destined to perish from the world.-[Mak. 10b]) **but** Against your will, "the word I will speak [to you—that you shall speak." **with Balak's dignitaries** He was glad to curse them as much as they were.-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 10, Num. Rabbah 20:15]

**The offerings may have been to HaShem, but they were brought at a place of Avodah Zarah!**

**Bamidbar 22:41.** And it came to pass on the next day that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to **the high places of Baal,** that there he might see the utmost part of the people. **23:1.** And Balaam said to Balak, **Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.**

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**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:41 – Bamoth Baal** As the *Targum [Onkelos]* understands it: “to the heights of his deity,” [Baal being] the name of a deity.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:28 – to the peak of Peor** Balak was a great soothsayer, and he foresaw that they were destined to be smitten through Peor, but he did not know in what way. He said, “Perhaps the curse will take effect on them from there.” **It is much the same with all the stargazers; they see things, but they do not know what they are seeing.**-[*Mid. Aggadah*]

**Bamidbar 23:8. How shall I curse, he whom God has not cursed? or how shall I defy, he whom the Lord has not defied?** 9. For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo, **the people shall live alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.**

**Yishayahu 40:15.** Behold, **the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance;** behold, he takes up the islands as fine dust. 16. And Lebanon is not sufficient for fuel, nor are its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. 17. **All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.** 18. To whom then will you liken God? or what likeness will you compare to him?

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:9 – For from its beginning, I see them as mountain peaks** I look at their origins and the beginning of their roots, and I see them established and powerful, like these mountains and hills, because of their patriarchs and matriarchs.-[*Mid. Tanchuma Balak 12, Num. Rabbah 20:19*] **It is a nation that will dwell alone** This is [the legacy] their forefathers gained for them—to dwell alone, as the *Targum [Onkelos]* renders it [it is a nation that is alone destined to inherit the world]. **and will not be reckoned among the nations** **As Targum [Onkelos] paraphrases, they will not perish along with the other nations, for it says, “for I shall make an end of all the nations...”** (Yirmiyahu 30:11<sup>3</sup>); they will not be reckoned with the rest. Another interpretation: **When they rejoice, no other nation rejoices with them**, as it says, **“God alone will guide them [to future happiness]”** (Deut. 32:12). And when the nations prosper, they will receive a share with each one of them, but it will not be deducted from their account, and this is the meaning of, “and will not reckoned among the nations.”-[*Mid. Tanchuma Balak 12, Num. Rabbah 20:19*]

**Bamidbar/Numbers 23:10.** Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and **let my last end be like his!**

**Bamidbar 23:14.** And he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:14 – the field of the lookouts** There was a high spot from where a lookout stands on guard in case an army approaches the city. **to the peak of the mountain** Balaam was not as great a diviner as Balak. **Balak foresaw that a breach was destined to break into Israel from there, and indeed, Moses died there. He thought that the curse could take effect upon them there, and [he thought,] “This is the breach that I see.”**-[*Mid. Tanchuma Balak 13, Num. Rabbah 20:19*]

<sup>3</sup> **Yirmiyahu 30: 7.** Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is a time of trouble for Jacob; but he shall be saved out of it. 8. For it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and will burst your bonds, and strangers shall no more enslave him; 9. But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them. 10. Therefore do not fear, O my servant Jacob, says the Lord; nor be dismayed, O Israel; for, behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. 11. For I am with you, says the Lord, to save you; **though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end of you;** but I will correct you in due measure, and will not leave you altogether unpunished.

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**Bamidbar/Numbers 23:19.** **God is not a man, that he should lie; nor the son of man, that he should repent.** Has he said, and shall he not do it? or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:19 – God is not a man that He should lie He has already promised them to bring them to and give them possession of the land of the seven nations, and you expect to kill them in the desert?**-[See Mid. Tanchuma Mass'ei 7, Num. Rabbah 23:8] **Would He say...** Heb. הֲהוּא. This is in the form of a question. And the Targum [Onkelos] renders, “who later relent.” They reconsider and change their minds.

**Bamidbar/Numbers 23:20.** Behold, I have received a command to bless; and **he has blessed; and I cannot reverse it.**

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:20 – I have received [instruction] to bless** You ask me, What did God speak? [My answer is] I received from Him [instruction] to bless them. (to bless Heb. בָּרַךְ, used in the sense of לְבָרַךְ “to bless.”) **and He has blessed, and I cannot retract it** He has blessed them, and I will not retract His blessing. **and He has blessed** Heb. וַיְבָרֶךְ, like וּבָרַךְ. This is the rule of the letter ‘reish’ as in אוֹיֵב חָרַף (Ps. 74:18), like חָרַף and similarly, וּבָרַךְ וּבָצַע (ibid. 10:3)—**one who praises and blesses the thief, saying, “Do not be afraid because you will not be punished; you will be all right,” angers the Holy One, blessed is He.** But one cannot say that וַיְבָרֶךְ is a noun, for if so, it would be punctuated with a short ‘pathach’ [‘segol’] and the accent would be on the first syllable וַיְבָרֶךְ. However, since it is a verb in the active form, it is punctuated with a short ‘kamatz’ [‘tzeireh’], and the accent is on the last syllable.

**Bamidbar/Numbers 23:21.** He has not seen iniquity in Jacob, nor has he seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with **him**, and the trumpet blast of a king is among them (**him**).

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:21 – He does not look at evil in Jacob** According to the Targum [Onkelos it means: I have looked. There are no idol worshippers in Jacob]. **Another interpretation:** Its literal meaning can be expounded beautifully. The Holy One, blessed is He, does not look at evil in Jacob. When they transgress His word, He does not deal punctiliously with them to scrutinize their wicked deeds and their iniquity in violation of His law.-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 14, Num. Rabbah 20: 20] **perversity** Heb. עָמַל connotes transgression, as in “conceives mischief (עָמַל)” (Ps. 7:15) [and as in] “For You look at mischief (עָמַל) and provocation” (ibid. 10:14), since a transgression is distressing for the Omnipresent [and עָמַל primarily means hardship and toil]. **the Lord, his God, is with him** Even if they anger Him and rebel against Him, He does not move from their midst. **and he has the king’s friendship** - וַתִּרְעַת, an expression denoting love and friendship, as in, “the friend of (רֵעֵהוּ) David” (II Sam. 15:37), and in “and has given her to his companion (לְמַרְעֵהוּ)” (Jud. 15:6). Similarly, Onkelos renders, “the Presence of **their King** is among them.”

**Bamidbar/Numbers 23:22.** **God brought them out of Egypt;** he has as it were the strength of a wild ox.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:22 -- God has brought them out of Egypt** You said, “Behold the people coming out of Egypt” (22:11). **They did not come out by themselves, but God brought them out.**-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 14, Num. Rabbah 20:20] **with the strength of His loftiness** Heb. בְּתוֹעֵפֹת רָאִם, in accordance with the power of His loftiness (רוֹם) and height. Similarly, “and... abundant silver (תוֹעֵפֹת)” (Job 22:25); they are terms denoting strength. I maintain that it [תוֹעֵפֹת] is a term cognate with [a similar word in the phrase] “and let the birds fly (יְעוּפֵן)” (Gen. 1:20) [which denotes] something flying to lofty heights, expressing great power. Thus, בְּתוֹעֵפֹת רָאִם means flying high. Another interpretation: בְּתוֹעֵפֹת רָאִם means the power of ‘re'emim’ and our Rabbis say (Git. 68b) that this refers to demons.

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**Bamidbar/Numbers 24:1.** And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. [*re: Paul*]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:1 -- Balaam saw that it pleased** He said, “I no longer have to test the Holy One, blessed is He, for He will not want to curse them.” **so he did not go... as he had done time and time again** As he had done twice -[Mid. Aggadah] **in search of omens** To divine that perhaps God would chance to meet him as he wished. **He said, “Whether He wishes to curse them or not, I will mention their sins so that on the mention of their sins the curse can take effect.”**-[Mid. Aggadah] **but turned his face toward the desert** As the Targum paraphrases [*“He directed his face toward the desert, where the Israelites had made the golden calf,” or “He directed his face toward the golden calf, which the Israelites had made in the desert.”*] See Ramban, Midrash Aggadah, Mechokekei Yehudah (Minchath Yehudah, fn. 1)].

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**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:21 -- He does not look at evil in Jacob** According to the *Targum* [Onkelos it means: I have looked. There are no idol worshippers in Jacob]. **Another interpretation: Its literal meaning can be expounded beautifully. The Holy One, blessed is He, does not look at evil in Jacob. When they transgress His word, He does not deal punctiliously with them to scrutinize their wicked deeds and their iniquity in violation of His law.**-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 14, Num. Rabbah 20:20] **perversity** Heb. עָמַל connotes transgression, as in “conceives mischief (עָמַל)” (Ps. 7:15) [and as in] “For You look at mischief (עָמַל) and provocation” (ibid. 10:14), since a transgression is distressing for the Omnipresent [and עָמַל primarily means hardship and toil]. **the Lord, his God, is with him Even if they anger Him and rebel against Him, He does not move from their midst. and he has the king’s friendship - וְתִרְעָתָהּ**, an expression denoting love and friendship, as in, “the friend of (רַעְיָהוּ) David” (II Sam. 15:37), and in “and has given her to his companion (לְמַרְעֵהוּ)” (Jud. 15:6). Similarly, *Onkelos* renders, “the Presence of their King is among them.”

**Bamidbar/Numbers 24:6.** Like winding brooks, like gardens by the river’s side, as aloes which the Lord has planted, and like cedar trees beside the waters.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:6 -- They extend like streams** They extend and are drawn out for a distance. **Our Rabbis said: From this wicked man’s blessings we can determine how he intended to curse them when he decided to turn his face toward the desert. For when the Omnipresent reversed [the words of] his mouth, he blessed them in a way corresponding to the curses he intended to say..., as is stated in [the chapter of] Cheilek (Sanh. 105b). like aloes** Heb. כְּאֵלִים, as the *Targum* [Onkelos] renders, [aromatic plants], as in the expression as, “myrrh and aloes (וְאֵלִים)” (Song 4:14). **which the Lord planted** in the Garden of Eden. Another interpretation: Like the firmament which is stretched out like a tent (אֹהֶל) as it says, “and he spread them out like a tent (כְּאֹהֶל) to dwell in” (Is. 40:22) (*Targum Jonathan* and *Yerushalmi*). (This interpretation is incorrect because, if so, it would have been vowelized כְּאֹהֶלִים, with a *cholam*. - This is obviously a copyist’s comment, because *Rashi* proceeds to defend this interpretation. Editor’s note) **which the Lord planted** We find the expression ‘planting’ in relation to tents, as it says, “And he will pitch (וַיִּטֵּעַ) his palatial tents” (Dan. 11:45).

**Bereshis 33:4.** And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept.

**Rashi, Bereshis 33:4 -- and embraced him** His compassion was moved when he saw him prostrate himself all those times.-[from *Gen. Rabbah* 78:8] **and kissed him** Heb. וַיִּשָּׁקֵהוּ. **There are dots over the word.** There is controversy concerning this matter in a Baraita of *Sifrei* (*Beha’alothecha* 69). **Some interpret the dots to mean that he did not kiss him wholeheartedly.**

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**Rabbi Simeon ben Yochai said:** *It is a well known tradition that Esau hated Jacob, but his compassion was moved at that time, and he kissed him wholeheartedly.* [Esav was “sincere” in his “ulterior motive”]

**Bamidbar/Numbers 24:7.** *He* shall pour the water out of *his* buckets, and *his* seed shall be in many waters, and *his* king shall be higher than Agag, and *his* kingdom shall be exalted. 8. God brought *him* out of Egypt; *he* has as it were the strength of a wild ox; *he* shall eat up the nations *his* enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with *his* arrows. 9. *He* couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir *him* up? ***Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.***

**QUESTION:** Why was Balaam able to speak about “the later days” when neither Ya’akov nor Daniel was able/allowed to do so? **POSSIBLE ANSWER:** *Because the prophecy had to do primarily with the Mashiach, and HaShem knew that the nations would grasp hold of this Torah Concept with a zeal! We MUST distance ourselves from their misinterpretations, their over-emphasis on a “king of flesh and blood”...!*

**Bamidbar 24:3.** And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son of Beor; the speech of a man whose eyes are open; 4. The speech of **him who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty**, falling down, but having his eyes open; 5. How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, and your tabernacles, O Israel! 6. Like winding brooks, like gardens by the river’s side, as aloes which the Lord has planted, and like cedar trees beside the waters. 7. He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in **many waters** [*a multitude of Torahs?*], and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. 8. **God brought him out of Egypt;** He has, as it were, the strength of a wild ox; He shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. 9. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir him up? **Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.** 10. And Balak’s anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them these three times. 11. Therefore now flee to your place; I thought to promote you to great honor; but the Lord has kept you back from honor. 12. And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak also to your messengers which you sent me, saying, 13. If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the command of the Lord, to do either good or bad of my own mind; but what the Lord said, that will I speak? 14. And now, behold, I go to my people; come therefore, and **I will advise you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.** 15. And he took up his discourse, and said, *The speech of Balaam, the son Beor, and the speech of a man whose eyes are open;* 16. *The speech of one who heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;* 17. I shall see **him**, but not now; I shall behold **him**, but not near; there shall come **a star out of Jacob**, and **a scepter shall rise out of Israel**, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of Seth. 18. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession; and Israel shall do bravely. 19. **Out of Jacob shall come a ruler, and shall destroy he who remains of the city.** 20. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his discourse, and said, **Amalek** was the first of the nations; but his **latter end shall be that of everlasting perdition.** 21. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his discourse, and said, Strong is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a rock. 22. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed. Where shall Assyria carry you away captive? 23. And he took up his discourse, and said, **Alas, who shall live when God does this!** 24. And ships shall come from the border of Kittim, and shall afflict Assyria, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.

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**Bamidbar/Number 22:4.** And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all who are around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time. [**Enemies unite against HaShem<sup>4</sup>/Klal Yisroel!**]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:4 -- to the elders of Midian** But did they not always hate each other, as it says, “who defeated Midian in the field of Moab” (Gen. 36: 35), when Midian came against Moab in battle? However, because of their mutual fear of Israel they made peace with each other. And what did Moab see to take counsel with Midian? Since they saw that Israel was supernaturally victorious [in their battles], they said, “The leader of these [people] was raised in Midian. Let us ask them what his character is.” They told them, “His strength is solely in his mouth.” They said, “We too will come against them with a man whose strength is in his mouth<sup>5</sup>.”—[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 3, Num. Rabbah 20:4] **as the ox eats up** Whatever the ox has eaten up no longer contains blessing [because the ox uproots the plants it eats (*Da’ath Zekenim*)].—[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 3, Num. Rabbah 20:4] **at that time** He was not entitled to the monarchy. He was one of the Midianite nobles [according to some: of the nobles of Sihon (Josh. 13:21)], and when Sihon died, they appointed him over them on a temporary basis.—[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 4, Num. Rabbah 20:4]

**Bamidbar/Numbers 22:5.** He sent messengers therefore to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me [**“Behold IT has covered the eye of the land, and IT rests opposite me.”** (**HE rests opposite me** [וְהָיָא יֵשֵׁב מִמְּלִי]);

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:5 -- to Pethor** Heb. פְּתוֹרָה, like this money changer, to whom everyone rushes coins, so did all the kings rush their letters to him [asking him for advice]. [In Aramaic, פְּתוֹרָא means table, denoting the counter over which currency transactions take place. This is synonymous with the Hebrew שְׁלֵחָן, *table*. Thus, a money changer is שְׁלֵחָנִי]. According to the simple meaning of the verse, it [Pethor] is a place-name.—[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 4, Num. Rabbah 20:7] **the land of his people** [I.e.,] Balak’s [people]. He came from there. This one [Balaam] prophesied, telling him, “You are destined to rule.” **If you ask, “Why did God bestow His Shechinah on a wicked gentile?” [The answer is] so the nations should not have an excuse to say, “Had we had prophets we would have repented.” So He assigned them prophets, but they breached the [morally] accepted barrier, for at first they had refrained from immorality, but he [Balaam] advised them to offer themselves freely for prostitution.**—[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 1, Num. Rabbah 20:1] **to call for him** This invitation was for him, [i.e.,] for his benefit, for he promised him a large sum of money. —[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 4, Num. Rabbah 20:7] **A people has come out of Egypt** And should you ask, “How does it harm you?” **“behold, they have covered the ‘eye’ of the land”** Sihon and Og, who were our guardians—they attacked them and killed them. —[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 4, Num. Rabbah 20:7] **and they are stationed opposite me** Heb. מִמְּלִי. It [the word מִמְּלִי] is spelled defectively [lacking a 'vav']; they are close by, ready to cut me

<sup>4</sup> **Tehillim 83:1.** A Song Psalm of Asaph. 2. Do not keep silent, O God; do not hold your peace and be still, O God. 3. For, behold, **Your enemies make a tumult**; and **those who hate You** have lifted up the head. 4. **They have taken crafty counsel against Your people**, and consulted **against Your hidden ones**. 5. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may no longer be remembered. 6. For **they conspire together with one accord**; **they make an alliance against You**:

<sup>5</sup> **Such as those who claim prophecy from HaShem, but in actuality, they merely seek to have the prestige of being one of HaShem’s Chosen without the yoke of the mitzvos.**

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down, as in “for I will cut them down (אֶמְלִיט)” (Ps. 118:10). -[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 4, Num. Rabbah 20: 7]

**Bamidbar/Numbers 22:9.** And God came to Balaam, and said, *What men are these with you?*

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:9 -- Who are these men with you** It came to delude him. [Rashi means: “the ways of the Lord are straight, and the righteous shall walk in them, and the rebellious shall stumble on them” (Hosea 14:10). By asking, “Who are these men with you,” God meant to enter into a conversation with him, as Rashi states in the section Bereishith (3:9) on the word, “Where are you?” But it came to Balaam to delude him, for he erred.] He [Balaam] said, “Sometimes, not everything is revealed before Him, for He is not always omniscient. I will find a time when I am able to curse, and He will not realize it.”-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 5, Num. Rabbah 20:9]

**Bamidbar/Numbers 22:11.** Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covers the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:11 -- curse it** Heb. קָבַח לִי. [This expression used by Balaam] is stronger than אָרַח לִי [used by Balak in verse 6], for it specifies and details [the curse]-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 5, Num. Rabbah 20:9] **and drive it out** of the world. **Balak said only, “and I will drive him out of the land” (verse 6). [His intention was:] I want only to get them away from me, but Balaam hated them more than did Balak.**-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 5, Num. Rabbah 20:9]

**Bamidbar/Numbers 23:8.** How shall I curse, he whom God has not cursed? or how shall I defy, he whom the Lord has not defied?

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:8 -- How can I curse whom God has not cursed** *Even when they deserved to be cursed, they were not cursed, [namely,] when their father [Jacob] recalled their iniquity, [by saying,] “for in their wrath they killed a man” (Gen. 49:6), he cursed only their wrath, as it says, “Cursed be their wrath” (ibid. 7).* When their father [Jacob] came in deceit to his father [Isaac], he deserved to be cursed. But what does it say there? “He, too, shall be blessed” (ibid. 27:33). Regarding those who blessed, it says, “These shall stand to bless the people” (Deut. 27:12). However, regarding those who cursed, it does not say, “These shall stand to curse the people” but, “These shall stand for the curse” (ibid. 13), for He [God] did not want to mention the word ‘curse’ in reference to them [the people].-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 12, Num. Rabbah 20:19] **If the Lord has not been angered I myself am powerless, except that I can determine the precise moment when God becomes angry, and He has not become angry all these days since I have come to you. This is the meaning of the statement, “O my people, remember now what he [Balak king of Moab] planned... and what Balaam... answered him... may you recognize the righteous deeds of the Lord”** (Mic. 6:5). -[Ber. 7a, Sanh.. 105b, A.Z. 4b]

**Bamidbar/Numbers 23:9.** For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo, *the people shall live alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.*

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:9 -- For from its beginning, I see them as mountain peaks** I look at their origins and the beginning of their roots, and I see them established and powerful, like these mountains and hills, because of their patriarchs and matriarchs.-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 12, Num. Rabbah 20:19] **It is a nation that will dwell alone** This is [the legacy] their forefathers gained for them—to dwell alone, as the Targum [Onkelos] renders it [it is a nation that is alone destined to inherit the world]. **and will not be reckoned among the nations** As Targum [Onkelos] paraphrases, **they will not perish along with the other nations, for it says, “for I**

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**shall make an end of all the nations...” (Jer. 30:11);** they will not be reckoned with the rest. Another interpretation: *When they rejoice, no other nation rejoices with them, as it says, “God alone will guide them [to future happiness]” (Deut. 32:12). And when the nations prosper, they will receive a share with each one of them, but it will not be deducted from their account, and this is the meaning of, “and will not be reckoned among the nations.”* -[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 12, Num. Rabbah 20:19]

**Bamidbar/Numbers 23:23.** Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, nor is there any divination against Israel; according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel what God has done.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:23 -- For there is no divination in Jacob** They are worthy of blessing since there are no diviners or soothsayers among them. **In time it will be said to Jacob and Israel *There will come another time like this, when the love [God has] for them will be revealed to all, for they will be seated before Him and learn Torah from His mouth.*** Their place will be further in [closer to the Divine Presence] than the ministering angels. They will ask them, “What has God wrought?” **This is the meaning of what is stated, “your eyes shall behold your Teacher” (Isa. 30:20).** Another interpretation: [The phrase] לְיָמֵי לְעֵקֶב is not in the future tense [“it shall be said to Jacob”] but in the present tense. [Thus, the meaning is:] They have no need for a diviner or sorcerer, for any time it is necessary to tell Jacob and Israel what God has wrought and what decrees He enacted on high, *they do not need diviners or soothsayers, but the decrees of the Omnipresent are transmitted to them through their prophets, or the Urim and Tummim inform them* [Mid. Tanchuma Balak 14, Num. Rabbah 20:20]. Onkelos, however, does not render [it in] this manner. [Onkelos renders: For the diviners do not wish that good should be bestowed upon Jacob, nor do soothsayers desire the greatness of Israel. At this time, it will be told to Jacob what God has wrought.]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 23:24 – Behold, a people that rises like a lioness** When they awaken from their sleep in the morning they show the vigor of a lioness and a lion in grasping *mitzvoth*, to don a ‘tallith’ [prayer shawl], recite the *shema* and put on ‘tefillin’ [phylacteries]. -[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 14, Num. Rabbah 20:20] **It does not lie down** [I.e., a Jew does not lie down] on his bed at night until he consumes and destroys any harmful thing that comes to tear him. How so? He recites the *shema* on his bed and entrusts his spirit to the hand of the Omnipresent. Should an army or a troop come to harm them, *the Holy One, blessed is He, protects them, fights their battles and strikes them [their attackers] down dead.* [Mid. Tanchuma Balak 14, Num. Rabbah 20:20] Another interpretation: “Behold a people that rises like a lioness...” as the *Targum* [Onkelos] renders [it: namely, It will not settle in its land until it destroys (the enemy) and takes possession of the land of the nations]. **and drinks the blood of the slain** He prophesied that Moses would not die until he would strike down the Midianite kings dead, and he [Balaam] would be slain with them, as it says, “Balaam the son of Beor the soothsayer did the children of Israel slay with the sword with those that were slain by them” (Josh. 13:22). -[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 14, Num. Rabbah 20:20]

**Tehillim 127:1.** A Song of Maalot for Solomon. *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain; unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.*

**Devarim 20:1.** When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses, and chariots, and a people more numerous than you, be not afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. 2. And it shall be, when you have come near the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people, 3. And shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, you approach this day to battle against your enemies; let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, nor be you terrified because of them; 4. For *the Lord your God is he who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.*

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**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:5 – How goodly are your tents** For he saw that the entrances were not facing each other.-[B.B. 60a] **your dwelling places** Your encampments, as the *Targum* [Onkelos] renders. Another explanation: "How goodly are your tents"—**How goodly are the tent of Shiloh and the eternal Temple when they are inhabited, for offerings are brought up in them to atone for you.** **your dwelling places** Heb. מִשְׁכְּנֵיךָ, even when they are desolate, for they are held as a pledge (מִשְׁכֹּן) for you, and their desolate state atones for your souls, as it says, "The Lord has spent His fury" (Lam. 4:11). How did He spend it? "He has kindled a fire in Zion" (ibid.)-[See *Mid. Tanchuma Pekudei* 4]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:8 – God, Who has brought them out of Egypt Who caused them all this greatness? God, Who brought them out of Egypt with His power and loftiness. He will consume the nations who are his adversaries. their bones** of these adversaries. **bare** Heb. יָגַר. *Menachem* (Machbereth p. 59) interprets this word as 'breaking up.' Similarly, "They [the wolves] did not gnaw the (גְּרָמֵי) [bones] in the morning" (Zeph. 3:3), and similarly, "its shards you shall break (תִּגְרְמֵי) " (Ezek. 23:34). I, however, maintain that it means 'bone,' [and the meaning is:] He strips the surrounding flesh with his teeth and the marrow from within, leaving the bone in its bare state. **and dip His arrows** - יִמְחֹץ יְמָרְוֵי. *Onkelos* interprets it as referring to the *half* of the adversaries—[that is,] their part, as in, בְּעֵלֵי חֲצִים (Gen. 49:23) [which the *Targum* renders as] "those who should take half." So [according to the *Targum*] the יִמְחֹץ is [used here] as in the expression, "she split (וַיִּמְחָצֶה) and struck through his temple" (Jud. 5:26), [hence, here it means,] they divided [among themselves] their [the adversaries'] land. It is also possible to interpret it in the literal sense, which is "arrows." The arrows of the Holy One, blessed is He, will be dipped (יִמְחֹץ) into the blood of the adversaries—He will dip and stain [the arrows] with blood, as in, "in order that your foot may wade (תִּמְחָץ) through blood" (Ps. 68:24). This is not a departure from the general meaning of 'wounding,' as in, "I have wounded (מִתְחַצְּתִי) " (Deut. 32:39), for anything stained with blood appears as if it is wounded and stricken.

**Bamidbar/Numbers 24:17.** I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of Seth. 18. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession; and Israel shall do bravely. 19. Out of Jacob shall come a ruler, and shall destroy he who remains of the city. 20. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his discourse, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that of everlasting perdition. 21. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his discourse, and said, Strong is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a rock. 22. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed. Where shall Assyria carry you away captive? 23. And he took up his discourse, and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this! 24. And ships shall come from the border of Kittim, and shall afflict Assyria, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:14 – I am going to my people** "From now I am like the rest of my people," for the Holy One, blessed is He, had departed from him. **Come, I will advise you** what action you should take. What is that counsel? "The God of these [people] hates immorality [thus, entice them to sin with your women...] as it is related in [the chapter of] *Cheilek* (*Sanh.* 106a). The proof that Balaam offered this counsel to cause them to stumble through immorality is that it says, "They were the ones who were involved with the children of Israel on Balaam's advice" (31:16). **what this people will do to your people** This is an elliptical verse, [and it means,] I will advise you how to make them stumble, and tell you how they will punish Moab at the end of days. "And crush the princes of Moab" (verse 17); the *Targum* [Onkelos] elaborates on the abbreviated Hebrew.

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**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:17** -- I see it I see that prominence and greatness of Jacob, but it is not at present, only at a later time. **A star has gone forth** As the *Targum* [Onkelos] renders, an expression similar to “He has bent (כָּרַךְ) his bow” (Lam. 2:4), for **a star shoots out like an arrow; in old French, destent, as if to say, his good fortune shall rise [prosper]. and a staff will arise** A king who rules dominantly. **which will crush the princes of Moab** This refers to David, of whom it says, “he laid them on the ground and measured two cord-lengths to put to death...” (II Sam. 8:2). -[Mid. Aggadah] **and uproot** Heb. וְקָרַקַר is a term denoting ‘digging’ as in, “I dug (קָרַתִּי)” (II Kings 19: 24); “to the hole of the pit from which you were dug out (נִקְרָתִים)” (Is. 51:1); “may the ravens of the valley pick it out (יִקְרֹהָ)” (Prov. 30:17); in French, *forer*. **all the sons of Seth** *All the nations, for they are all descended from Seth, the son of Adam* [lit., the first man].

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:18** -- and Seir shall become the possession of his enemies For his enemy, Israel.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:19** -- A ruler shall come out of Jacob There will be another ruler from Jacob. **and destroy the remnant of the city Of the most prominent [city] of Edom, that is, Rome.** He says this regarding the King Messiah, of whom it says, “and may he reign from sea to sea,” (Ps. 72:8), “and the house of Esau shall have no survivors” (Obad. 1:18). -[Mid. Aggadah]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:20** -- He saw Amalek He perceived the retribution destined to befall Amalek. **Amalek was the first of the nations** He came before all of them to make war with Israel, and so Targum renders. And his fate shall be to perish by their hand, as it says, “You shall obliterate the remembrance of Amalek” (Deut. 25:19).

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:21** -- He saw the Kenite and said Since the Kenites were encamped near Amalek, as it is said, “Saul said to the Kenite...” (I Sam. 15:6), he mentions him after Amalek. He perceived the greatness of the sons of Jethro [known also as Keni], of whom it is said, “Tirathites (תִּרְעָתִים), Shimathites (שִׁמְעָתִים), Sochathites (סוֹכְתִים)” (I Chron. 2:55), [expounded on in *Sifrei* (*Beha'alothecha* 42) as follows: תִּרְעָתִים, so called because they heard the shofar blast (תְּרוּעָה) on Mount Sinai, because they would cry out (מִתְרַעֲמִים) and be answered, because they dwelled at the entrance to the gates (תְּרַעֲמִים) of Jerusalem; שִׁמְעָתִים, so called because they obeyed (שָׁמְעוּ) their father’s command (to abstain from drinking wine and to live in tents, as in Jer. 35:8, 9); סוֹכְתִים, so called because they did not anoint themselves (לֹא סָכוּ) with oil and because they dwelt in booths (סֹכוֹת)]. **How firm is your dwelling place** [Balaam asks Jethro, who is Keni,] “I wonder how you merited this? Were you not with me in the counsel [we gave Pharaoh] “Come, let us deal wisely with them”? (Exod. 1:10) Yet now you have settled yourself in the firmness and strength of Israel.-[Sanh. 106a]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:22** -- For if Kain is laid waste Fortunate are you that you are settled in this stronghold, for you will never be banished from the world. **Even if you are destined to be exiled with the ten tribes, and be eliminated from the place where you had settled, what of it? how far will Assyria take you captive? How far will he exile you? Perhaps as far as Halah or Habor? That is not considered being banished from the world, but being moved from one place to another, and you shall return with the other exiles.**

**Rashi, Bamidbar 22:23** -- He took up his parable... Since he mentioned the captivity by Assyria, he says- Alas! **Who can survive these things from God? Who can save himself from the One who designates these things, so that the One who decrees [namely, God] should not put these things [into effect] against him?** [And what are these terrible things?] That **Sennacherib will arise and confuse all the nations**, and furthermore, “ships will come from the Kittites”—the Kittites, who are the Romans, shall go forth in huge warships against Assyria.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 24:24** -- and afflict those on the other side And they shall afflict those on the other side of the river [Euphrates]. **but he too will perish forever** *Similarly does Daniel explain [concerning the Roman empire], “until the beast was slain and its body*

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**destroyed” (Dan. 7:11). ships** Heb. וְצִיִּים, huge ships, as it is written, “וְצִי אֲדִיר” (Is. 33:21) which the Targum [Jonathan] renders as “a great ship.”-[Yoma 77b]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 25:1 – in Shittim** That is its name.-[Sanh. 106a] **to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab As a result of Balaam’s advice, as is stated in [the chapter entitled] ‘Cheilek’** (Sanh. 106a).

**Rashi, Bamidbar 25:2 – and prostrated themselves to their gods** **When his urge overcame him, and he said to her, “Submit to me,” she took out an image of Peor from her bosom and said to him, “Bow down before this.”**-[Sifrei Balak 1]

**Rashi, Bamidbar 25:3 – Peor** - [פְּעוֹר] was so named] **because before it they bared [פּוֹעֲרִין] their anus before it and relieved themselves. This was the manner of its worship.** -[Sifrei Balak 1] **and the anger of the Lord flared against Israel** He sent a plague upon them.

**Rashi, Bamidbar 25:6 – Then an Israelite man came** The tribe of Simeon gathered around Zimri, who was their prince, and they said to him, “We have been sentenced to death, yet you sit there [and remain silent] etc.,” as it is related in [the chapter of] *Elu hen hanisrafin’* (Sanh. 82a). **the Midianite woman** Cozbi the daughter of Zur (see verse 15). **before the eyes of Moses** They said to him, “Moses, is this one forbidden or is she permitted? If you say it is forbidden, who permitted for you the daughter of Jethro...?” as is stated there (Sanh. 82a). **while they were weeping** **The law [that anyone cohabiting with a non-Jewish woman is to be executed by zealots] eluded him. [Therefore,] they all burst out weeping. At the incident of the golden calf Moses [successfully] confronted six hundred thousand as it says, “He ground it until it was powder...” (Exod. 32:20), yet here he appeared so helpless?** However, [this happened] so that **Phinehas** should come and take what was due to him.-[Mid. Tanchuma Balak 20]

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**Bamidbar 22:2.** And Balak (בְּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:2.** And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3. And Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moab was distressed because of the people of Israel. 4. And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all who are around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:5.** He sent messengers therefore to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me; 6. Come now therefore, I pray you, curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall prevail, that we may defeat them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:7.** And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak. 8. And he said to them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring back word to you, as the Lord shall speak to me; and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:9.** And God came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you?

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:10.** And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent for me, saying, 11. Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covers the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:12.** And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:13.** And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, Go to your land; for the Lord refuses to give me leave to go with you.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:14.** And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:15.** And Balak sent again princes, more, and more honorable than they. 16. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus said Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me; 17. For I will promote you to very great honor, and I will do whatever you say to me; come therefore, I beg you, curse this people for me.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:18.** And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more. 19. Now therefore, I beg you, remain you also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say further to me.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:20.** And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, and go with them; but only that word which I shall say to you, that shall you do.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:21.** And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. 22. And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the Lord stood in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. 23. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the ass, to turn it to the way. 24. But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a

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wall on that side. 25. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it pushed itself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he struck her again. 26. And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:28.*** And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and it said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:29.*** And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me; I wished there was a sword in my hand, for now would I kill you.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:30.*** And the ass said to Balaam, Am not I your ass, upon which you have ridden ever since I was yours to this day? Was I ever wont to do so to you? And he said, No.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:31.*** Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head, and fell on his face.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:32.*** And the angel of the Lord said to him, Why did you strike your ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand you, because your way is perverse before me; 33. And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times; if it had not turned aside from me, surely now also I would had slain you, and let her live.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:34.*** And Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that you stood in the way against me; now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:35.*** And the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:36.*** And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost border. 37. And Balak said to Balaam, Did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:38.*** And Balaam said to Balak, Behold, I have come to you. Have I now any power at all to say any thing? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:39.*** And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-Huzoth. 40. And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who were with him. 41. And it came to pass on the next day, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to the high places of Baal, that there he might see the utmost part of the people.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:1.*** And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. 2. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram. 3. And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the Lord will come to meet me; and whatever he shows me I will tell you. And he went to a high place.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:4.*** And God met Balaam; and he said to him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bull and a ram.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:5.*** And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak.

***Bamidbar 22:2.*** And Balak (בְּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:6.*** And he returned to him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab. 7. And he took up his discourse, and said, Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, defy Israel.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:8.*** How shall I curse, he whom God has not cursed? or how shall I defy, he whom the Lord has not defied?

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:9.*** For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo, the people shall live alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:10.*** Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:11.*** And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:12.*** And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the Lord has put in my mouth?

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:13.*** And Balak said to him, Come with me, I beg you, to another place, from where you may see them; you shall see but the utmost part of them, and shall not see them all; and curse them for me from there. 14. And he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar. 15. And he said to Balak, Stand here by your burnt offering, while I meet the Lord yonder.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:16.*** And the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again to Balak, and say thus.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:17.*** And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, What has the Lord spoken?

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:18.*** And he took up his discourse, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; listen to me, you son of Zippor;

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:19.*** God is not a man, that he should lie; nor the son of man, that he should repent. Has he said, and shall he not do it? or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:20.*** Behold, I have received a command to bless; and he has blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:21.*** He has not seen iniquity in Jacob, nor has he seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with him, and the trumpet blast of a king is among them.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:22.*** God brought them out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:23.*** Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, nor is there any divination against Israel; according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel what God has done.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:24.*** Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion; he shall not lie down until he eats of the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:25.*** And Balak said to Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

***Bamidbar 22:2.*** And Balak (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:26.*** But Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not tell you, saying, All that the Lord speaks, that I must do?

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:27.*** And Balak said to Balaam, Come, I beg you, I will bring you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there. 28. And Balak brought Balaam to the top of Peor, that looks toward Jeshimon.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:29.*** And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams. 30. And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:1.*** And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2. And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. 3. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son of Beor; the speech of a man whose eyes are open;

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:4.*** The speech of him who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:5.*** How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, and your tabernacles, O Israel!

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:6.*** Like winding brooks, like gardens by the river's side, as aloes which the Lord has planted, and like cedar trees beside the waters.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:7.*** He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:8.*** God brought him out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox; he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:9.*** He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir him up? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:10.*** And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them these three times. 11. Therefore now flee to your place; I thought to promote you to great honor; but the Lord has kept you back from honor.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:12.*** And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak also to your messengers which you sent me, saying, 13. If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the command of the Lord, to do either good or bad of my own mind; but what the Lord said, that will I speak? 14. And now, behold, I go to my people; come therefore, and I will advise you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days. 15. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son Beor, and the speech of a man whose eyes are open;

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:16.*** The speech of one who heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:17.*** I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of Seth.

***Bamidbar 22:2.*** And Balak (בְּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:18.*** And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession; and Israel shall do bravely.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:19.*** Out of Jacob shall come a ruler, and shall destroy he who remains of the city.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:20.*** And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his discourse, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that of everlasting perdition.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:21.*** And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his discourse, and said, Strong is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a rock.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:22.*** Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed. Where shall Assyria carry you away captive?

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:23.*** And he took up his discourse, and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this!

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:24.*** And ships shall come from the border of Kittim, and shall afflict Assyria, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:25.*** And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:1.*** And Israel stayed in Shittim, and the people began to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab. 2. And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods. 3. And Israel attached himself to Baal-Peor; and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:4.*** And the Lord said to Moses, Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up before the Lord in the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:5.*** And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Slay you every one his men who were attached to Baal-Peor.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:6.*** And, behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the people of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the Tent of Meeting.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:7.*** And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8. And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague ceased from the people of Israel. 9. And those who died in the plague were twenty four thousand.

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***Parashas BALAK, First Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:2 – 22:12***

2. And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3. And Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moab was distressed because of the people of Israel.

4. And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all who are around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

***Bamidbar 22:2.*** And ***Balak*** (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

5. He sent messengers therefore to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me;
6. Come now therefore, I pray you, curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall prevail, that we may defeat them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.
7. And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak.
8. And he said to them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring back word to you, as the Lord shall speak to me; and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.
9. And God came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you?
10. And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent for me, saying,
11. Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covers the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.
12. And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.

***Parashas BALAK, Second Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:13 – 22:20***

13. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, Go to your land; for the Lord refuses to give me leave to go with you.
14. And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.
15. And Balak sent again princes, more, and more honorable than they.
16. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus said Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me;
17. For I will promote you to very great honor, and I will do whatever you say to me; come therefore, I beg you, curse this people for me.
18. And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more.
19. Now therefore, I beg you, remain you also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say further to me.
20. And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, and go with them; but only that word which I shall say to you, that shall you do.

***Parashas BALAK, Third Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:21 – 22:38***

21. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.
22. And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the Lord stood in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.
23. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the ass, to turn it to the way.
24. But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.
25. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it pushed itself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he struck her again.
26. And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.
27. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff.
28. And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and it said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?
29. And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me; I wished there was a sword in my hand, for now would I kill you.
30. And the ass said to Balaam, Am not I your ass, upon which you have ridden ever since I was yours to this day? Was I ever wont to do so to you? And he said, No.

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31. Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head, and fell on his face.
32. And the angel of the Lord said to him, Why did you strike your ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand you, because your way is perverse before me;
33. And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times; if it had not turned aside from me, surely now also I would had slain you, and let her live.
34. And Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that you stood in the way against me; now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again.
35. And the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.
36. And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost border.
37. And Balak said to Balaam, Did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?
38. And Balaam said to Balak, Behold, I have come to you. Have I now any power at all to say any thing? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak.

***Parashas BALAK, Fourth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:39 – 23:12***

39. And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-Huzoth.
40. And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who were with him.
41. And it came to pass on the next day, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to the high places of Baal, that there he might see the utmost part of the people.

**Chapter 23**

1. And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.
2. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram.
3. And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the Lord will come to meet me; and whatever he shows me I will tell you. And he went to a high place.
4. And God met Balaam; and he said to him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bull and a ram.
5. And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak.
6. And he returned to him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.
7. And he took up his discourse, and said, Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, defy Israel.
8. How shall I curse, he whom God has not cursed? or how shall I defy, he whom the Lord has not defied?
9. For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo, the people shall live alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.
10. Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!
11. And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them.
12. And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the Lord has put in my mouth?

***Parashas BALAK, Fifth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:13 – 23:26***

13. And Balak said to him, Come with me, I beg you, to another place, from where you may see them; you shall see but the utmost part of them, and shall not see them all; and curse them for me from there.
14. And he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.
15. And he said to Balak, Stand here by your burnt offering, while I meet the Lord yonder.
16. And the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again to Balak, and say thus.
17. And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, What has the Lord spoken?
18. And he took up his discourse, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; listen to me, you son of Zippor;
19. God is not a man, that he should lie; nor the son of man, that he should repent. Has he said, and shall he not do it? or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

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20. Behold, I have received a command to bless; and he has blessed; and I cannot reverse it.
21. He has not seen iniquity in Jacob, nor has he seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with him, and the trumpet blast of a king is among them.
22. God brought them out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox.
23. Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, nor is there any divination against Israel; according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel what God has done.
24. Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion; he shall not lie down until he eats of the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain.
25. And Balak said to Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.
26. But Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not tell you, saying, All that the Lord speaks, that I must do?

***Parashas BALAK, Sixth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:27 – 24:13***

27. And Balak said to Balaam, Come, I beg you, I will bring you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there.
28. And Balak brought Balaam to the top of Peor, that looks toward Jeshimon.
29. And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams.
30. And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.

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1. And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.
2. And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.
3. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son of Beor; the speech of a man whose eyes are open;
4. The speech of him who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;
5. How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, and your tabernacles, O Israel!
6. Like winding brooks, like gardens by the river's side, as aloes which the Lord has planted, and like cedar trees beside the waters.
7. He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.
8. God brought him out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox; he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.
9. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir him up? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.
10. And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them these three times.
11. Therefore now flee to your place; I thought to promote you to great honor; but the Lord has kept you back from honor.
12. And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak also to your messengers which you sent me, saying,
13. If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the command of the Lord, to do either good or bad of my own mind; but what the Lord said, that will I speak?

***Parashas BALAK, Seventh Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:14 – 25:9***

14. And now, behold, I go to my people; come therefore, and I will advise you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.
15. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son Beor, and the speech of a man whose eyes are open;
16. The speech of one who heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;
17. I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of Seth.

*Bamidbar 22:2.* And *Balak* (בְּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

18. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession; and Israel shall do bravely.

19. Out of Jacob shall come a ruler, and shall destroy he who remains of the city.

20. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his discourse, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that of everlasting perdition.

21. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his discourse, and said, Strong is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a rock.

22. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed. Where shall Assyria carry you away captive?

23. And he took up his discourse, and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this!

24. And ships shall come from the border of Kittim, and shall afflict Assyria, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.

25. And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

**Chapter 25**

1. And Israel stayed in Shittim, and the people began to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab.

2. And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods.

3. And Israel attached himself to Baal-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 up before the Lord in the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel.

5. And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Slay you every one his men who were attached to Baal-Peor.

6. And, behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the people of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the Tent of Meeting.

7. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8. And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague ceased from the people of Israel.

9. And those who died in the plague were twenty four thousand.

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## Parashas BALAK (בַּלָּק) ["Devastator"]

### Bamidbar/Numbers 22:2 - 25:9

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⌘ AV - Balak 43; 43

⌘ *Balak* = "devastator" 1) a king of Moab who hired Balaam to curse Israel

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:2.** And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3. And Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moab was distressed because of the people of Israel. 4. And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all who are around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:5.** He sent messengers therefore to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me; 6. Come now therefore, I pray you, curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall prevail, that we may defeat them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:7.** And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak. 8. And he said to them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring back word to you, as the Lord shall speak to me; and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

**Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:9.** And God came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you?

<sup>6</sup> H1110 בָּלַק balaq {*baw-lak'*}

⌘ a primitive root; TWOT - 252; v

⌘ AV - waste 2; 2

⌘ 1) *to waste, lay waste, devastate* 1a) (Poel) to make waste 1b) (Pual) devastated (participle)

***Bamidbar 22:2.*** And Balak (בְּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:10.*** And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent for me, saying, 11. Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covers the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:12.*** And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:13.*** And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, Go to your land; for the Lord refuses to give me leave to go with you.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:14.*** And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:15.*** And Balak sent again princes, more, and more honorable than they. 16. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus said Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me; 17. For I will promote you to very great honor, and I will do whatever you say to me; come therefore, I beg you, curse this people for me.

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***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:20.*** And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, and go with them; but only that word which I shall say to you, that shall you do.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:21.*** And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. 22. And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the Lord stood in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. 23. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the ass, to turn it to the way. 24. But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. 25. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it pushed itself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he struck her again. 26. And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff.

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*Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:19.* Out of Jacob shall come a ruler, and shall destroy he who remains of the city.

*Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:20.* And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his discourse, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that of everlasting perdition.

*Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:21.* And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his discourse, and said, Strong is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a rock.

*Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:22.* Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed. Where shall Assyria carry you away captive?

*Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:23.* And he took up his discourse, and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this!

*Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:24.* And ships shall come from the border of Kittim, and shall afflict Assyria, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.

***Bamidbar 22:2.*** And Balak (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:25.*** And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:1.*** And Israel stayed in Shittim, and the people began to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab. 2. And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods. 3. And Israel attached himself to Baal-Peor; and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:4.*** And the Lord said to Moses, Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up before the Lord in the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:5.*** And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Slay you every one his men who were attached to Baal-Peor.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:6.*** And, behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the people of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the Tent of Meeting.

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 25:7.*** And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8. And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague ceased from the people of Israel. 9. And those who died in the plague were twenty four thousand.

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***Parashas BALAK, First Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:2 – 22:12***

2. And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
3. And Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moab was distressed because of the people of Israel.
4. And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all who are around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.
5. He sent messengers therefore to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me;
6. Come now therefore, I pray you, curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall prevail, that we may defeat them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.
7. And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak.
8. And he said to them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring back word to you, as the Lord shall speak to me; and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.
9. And God came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you?
10. And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent for me, saying,
11. Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covers the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.
12. And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.

***Parashas BALAK, Second Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:13 – 22:20***

13. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, Go to your land; for the Lord refuses to give me leave to go with you.
14. And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.

***Bamidbar 22:2.*** And ***Balak*** (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

15. And Balak sent again princes, more, and more honorable than they.
16. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus said Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me;
17. For I will promote you to very great honor, and I will do whatever you say to me; come therefore, I beg you, curse this people for me.
18. And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more.
19. Now therefore, I beg you, remain you also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say further to me.
20. And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, and go with them; but only that word which I shall say to you, that shall you do.

***Parashas BALAK, Third Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:21 – 22:38***

21. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.
22. And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the Lord stood in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.
23. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the ass, to turn it to the way.
24. But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.
25. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it pushed itself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he struck her again.
26. And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.
27. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff.
28. And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and it said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?
29. And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me; I wished there was a sword in my hand, for now would I kill you.
30. And the ass said to Balaam, Am not I your ass, upon which you have ridden ever since I was yours to this day? Was I ever wont to do so to you? And he said, No.
31. Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head, and fell on his face.
32. And the angel of the Lord said to him, Why did you strike your ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand you, because your way is perverse before me;
33. And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times; if it had not turned aside from me, surely now also I would had slain you, and let her live.
34. And Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that you stood in the way against me; now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again.
35. And the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.
36. And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost border.
37. And Balak said to Balaam, Did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?
38. And Balaam said to Balak, Behold, I have come to you. Have I now any power at all to say any thing? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak.

***Parashas BALAK, Fourth Aliyah***

***Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 22:39 – 23:12***

39. And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-Huzoth.
40. And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who were with him.
41. And it came to pass on the next day, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to the high places of Baal, that there he might see the utmost part of the people.

*Bamidbar 22:2.* And *Balak* (בְּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

### **Chapter 23**

1. And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.
2. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram.
3. And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the Lord will come to meet me; and whatever he shows me I will tell you. And he went to a high place.
4. And God met Balaam; and he said to him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bull and a ram.
5. And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak.
6. And he returned to him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.
7. And he took up his discourse, and said, Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, defy Israel.
8. How shall I curse, he whom God has not cursed? or how shall I defy, he whom the Lord has not defied?
9. For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo, the people shall live alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.
10. Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!
11. And Balak said to Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them.
12. And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the Lord has put in my mouth?

### *Parashas BALAK, Fifth Aliyah*

#### *Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:13 – 23:26*

13. And Balak said to him, Come with me, I beg you, to another place, from where you may see them; you shall see but the utmost part of them, and shall not see them all; and curse them for me from there.
14. And he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.
15. And he said to Balak, Stand here by your burnt offering, while I meet the Lord yonder.
16. And the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again to Balak, and say thus.
17. And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, What has the Lord spoken?
18. And he took up his discourse, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; listen to me, you son of Zippor;
19. God is not a man, that he should lie; nor the son of man, that he should repent. Has he said, and shall he not do it? or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
20. Behold, I have received a command to bless; and he has blessed; and I cannot reverse it.
21. He has not seen iniquity in Jacob, nor has he seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with him, and the trumpet blast of a king is among them.
22. God brought them out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox.
23. Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, nor is there any divination against Israel; according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel what God has done.
24. Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion; he shall not lie down until he eats of the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain.
25. And Balak said to Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.
26. But Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not tell you, saying, All that the Lord speaks, that I must do?

### *Parashas BALAK, Sixth Aliyah*

#### *Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 23:27 – 24:13*

27. And Balak said to Balaam, Come, I beg you, I will bring you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there.
28. And Balak brought Balaam to the top of Peor, that looks toward Jeshimon.
29. And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams.
30. And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.

### **Chapter 24**

1. And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

*Bamidbar 22:2.* And *Balak* (בְּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

2. And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.
3. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son of Beor; the speech of a man whose eyes are open;
4. The speech of him who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;
5. How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, and your tabernacles, O Israel!
6. Like winding brooks, like gardens by the river's side, as aloes which the Lord has planted, and like cedar trees beside the waters.
7. He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.
8. God brought him out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox; he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.
9. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir him up? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.
10. And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them these three times.
11. Therefore now flee to your place; I thought to promote you to great honor; but the Lord has kept you back from honor.
12. And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak also to your messengers which you sent me, saying,
13. If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the command of the Lord, to do either good or bad of my own mind; but what the Lord said, that will I speak?

*Parashas BALAK, Seventh Aliyah*

*Targum Judaica, Bamidbar/Numbers 24:14 – 25:9*

14. And now, behold, I go to my people; come therefore, and I will advise you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.
15. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son Beor, and the speech of a man whose eyes are open;
16. The speech of one who heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;
17. I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of Seth.
18. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession; and Israel shall do bravely.
19. Out of Jacob shall come a ruler, and shall destroy he who remains of the city.
20. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his discourse, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that of everlasting perdition.
21. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his discourse, and said, Strong is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a rock.
22. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed. Where shall Assyria carry you away captive?
23. And he took up his discourse, and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this!
24. And ships shall come from the border of Kittim, and shall afflict Assyria, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.
25. And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

**Chapter 25**

1. And Israel stayed in Shittim, and the people began to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab.
2. And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods.
3. And Israel attached himself to Baal-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 up before the Lord in the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel.
5. And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Slay you every one his men who were attached to Baal-Peor.
6. And, behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the people of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the Tent of Meeting.

***Bamidbar 22:2.*** And ***Balak*** (בְּלָקִים) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

7. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;
8. And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague ceased from the people of Israel.
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## **Parshat BALAK (Numbers 22:2-25:9) + Haftorah**

### **Tanach - Numbers Chapter 22**

2. And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
3. And Moab was very afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moab was distressed because of the people of Israel.
4. And Moab said to the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all who are around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.
5. He sent messengers therefore to Balaam, the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me;
6. Come now therefore, I pray you, curse this people for me; for they are too mighty for me; perhaps I shall prevail, that we may defeat them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.
7. And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam, and spoke to him the words of Balak.
8. And he said to them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring back word to you, as the Lord shall speak to me; and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.
9. And God came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you?
10. And Balaam said to God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent for me, saying,
11. Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covers the face of the earth; come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.
12. And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.
13. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said to the princes of Balak, Go to your land; for the Lord refuses to give me leave to go with you.
14. And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went to Balak, and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.
15. And Balak sent again princes, more, and more honorable than they.
16. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus said Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I beg you, hinder you from coming to me;
17. For I will promote you to very great honor, and I will do whatever you say to me; come therefore, I beg you, curse this people for me.
18. And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more.
19. Now therefore, I beg you, remain you also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say further to me.
20. And God came to Balaam at night, and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, and go with them; but only that word which I shall say to you, that shall you do.
21. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.
22. And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the Lord stood in the way as an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.
23. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the ass, to turn it to the way.
24. But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.
25. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it pushed itself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he struck her again.
26. And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.
27. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, it fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff.
28. And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and it said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?
29. And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me; I wished there was a sword in my hand, for now would I kill you.

*Bamidbar 22:2.* And *Balak* (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

30. And the ass said to Balaam, Am not I your ass, upon which you have ridden ever since I was yours to this day? Was I ever wont to do so to you? And he said, No.
31. Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head, and fell on his face.
32. And the angel of the Lord said to him, Why did you strike your ass these three times? Behold, I went out to withstand you, because your way is perverse before me;
33. And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times; if it had not turned aside from me, surely now also I would had slain you, and let her live.
34. And Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that you stood in the way against me; now therefore, if it displeases you, I will go back again.
35. And the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.
36. And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him to a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost border.
37. And Balak said to Balaam, Did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?
38. And Balaam said to Balak, Behold, I have come to you. Have I now any power at all to say any thing? The word that God puts in my mouth, that shall I speak.
39. And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-Huzoth.
40. And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes who were with him.
41. And it came to pass on the next day, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up to the high places of Baal, that there he might see the utmost part of the people.

**Tanach - Numbers Chapter 23**

1. And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.
2. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram.
3. And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the Lord will come to meet me; and whatever he shows me I will tell you. And he went to a high place.
4. And God met Balaam; and he said to him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bull and a ram.
5. And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak.
6. And he returned to him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.
7. And he took up his discourse, and said, Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, defy Israel.
8. How shall I curse, he whom God has not cursed? or how shall I defy, he whom the Lord has not defied?
9. For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him; lo, the people shall live alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.
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15. And he said to Balak, Stand here by your burnt offering, while I meet the Lord yonder.
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17. And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said to him, What has the Lord spoken?
18. And he took up his discourse, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; listen to me, you son of Zippor;
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27. And Balak said to Balaam, Come, I beg you, I will bring you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there.
28. And Balak brought Balaam to the top of Peor, that looks toward Jeshimon.
29. And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bulls and seven rams.
30. And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.

**Tanach - Numbers Chapter 24**

1. And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.
2. And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.
3. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son of Beor; the speech of a man whose eyes are open;
4. The speech of him who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;
5. How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, and your tabernacles, O Israel!
6. Like winding brooks, like gardens by the river's side, as aloes which the Lord has planted, and like cedar trees beside the waters.
7. He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.
8. God brought him out of Egypt; he has as it were the strength of a wild ox; he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.
9. He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir him up? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.
10. And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and, behold, you have blessed them these three times.
11. Therefore now flee to your place; I thought to promote you to great honor; but the Lord has kept you back from honor.
12. And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak also to your messengers which you sent me, saying,
13. If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not go beyond the command of the Lord, to do either good or bad of my own mind; but what the Lord said, that will I speak?
14. And now, behold, I go to my people; come therefore, and I will advise you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.
15. And he took up his discourse, and said, The speech of Balaam, the son Beor, and the speech of a man whose eyes are open;
16. The speech of one who heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down, but having his eyes open;
17. I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near; there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of Seth.
18. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession; and Israel shall do bravely.
19. Out of Jacob shall come a ruler, and shall destroy he who remains of the city.
20. And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his discourse, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that of everlasting perdition.
21. And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his discourse, and said, Strong is your dwelling place, and you put your nest in a rock.
22. Nevertheless the Kenite shall be destroyed. Where shall Assyria carry you away captive?
23. And he took up his discourse, and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this!
24. And ships shall come from the border of Kittim, and shall afflict Assyria, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish forever.

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25. And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

**Tanach - Numbers Chapter 25**

1. And Israel stayed in Shittim, and the people began to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab.
2. And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods; and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods.
3. And Israel attached himself to Baal-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 up before the Lord in the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel.
5. And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Slay you every one his men who were attached to Baal-Peor.
6. And, behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the people of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the Tent of Meeting.
7. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;
8. And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague ceased from the people of Israel.
9. And those who died in the plague were twenty four thousand.

**Haftorah: Micah 5:6-6:8**

**Tanach - Twelve Prophets - Micha Chapter 5**

6. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people like dew from the Lord, like the showers upon the grass, that do not delay for man, nor wait for the sons of men.
7. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations in the midst of many peoples like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep; which, if it goes through, treads down, and tears in pieces, and no one can save.
8. Your hand shall be lifted up upon your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off.
9. And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord, that I will cut off your horses out of your midst, and I will destroy your chariots.
10. And I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your fortresses;
11. And I will cut off witchcraft from your hand; and you shall have no more soothsayers;
12. Your carved idols also I will cut off, and your pillars from your midst; and you shall bow down no more to the work of your hands.
13. And I will pluck up your Asherim from your midst; and I will destroy your cities.
14. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations, such as they have not heard.

**Tanach - Twelve Prophets - Micha Chapter 6**

1. Hear now what the Lord said; Arise, contend before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
2. Hear, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and you strong foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.
3. O my people, what have I done to you? And in what have I wearied you? Answer me!
4. For I brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
5. O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab planned, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim to Gilgal; that you may know the righteousness of the Lord.
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 one year old calves?
7. Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or 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 loving mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Bamidbar 22:2. And Balak (בָּלָאֵם) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

## Parshas BALAK

### Bamidbar 22:2 thru 25:9

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Numbers 22:2 Now **Balak** [בָּלָאֵם] son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 Moab was in great dread of the people, because they were so numerous; Moab was overcome with fear of the people of Israel. 4 And Moab said to the elders of Midian, "This horde will now lick up all that is around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." Now Balak son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time. 5 He sent messengers to Balaam son of Beor at Pethor, which is on the Euphrates, in the land of Amaw, to summon him, saying, "A people has come out of Egypt; they have spread over the face of the earth, and they have settled next to me". 6 Come now, curse this people for me, since they are stronger than I; perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land; for I know that whomever you bless is blessed, and whomever you curse is cursed." 7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the fees for divination in their hand; and they came to **Balaam**, and gave him Balak's message. 8 He said to them, "Stay here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, just as the LORD speaks to me"; so the officials of Moab stayed with Balaam. 9 God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?" 10 Balaam said to God, "King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, has sent me this message: 11 'A people has come out of Egypt and has spread over the face of the earth; now come, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to fight against them and drive them out.'" 12 God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed." 13 So Balaam rose in the morning, and said to the officials of Balak, "Go to your own land, for the LORD has refused to let me go with you." 14 So the officials of Moab rose and went to Balak, and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us." 15 Once again Balak sent officials, more numerous and more distinguished than these. 16 They came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak son of Zippor: 'Do not let anything hinder you from coming to me; 17 for I will surely do you great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do; come, curse this people for me.'" 18 But Balaam replied to the servants of Balak, "Although Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of the LORD my God, to do less or more". 19 You remain here, as the others did, so that I may learn what more the LORD may say to me." 20 That night God came to Balaam and said to him, "If the men have come to summon you, get up and go with them; but do only what I tell you to do." 21 So Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab. 22 God's anger was kindled because he was going, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the road as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 The donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand; so the donkey turned off the road, and went into the field; and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road. 24 Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. 25 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it scraped against the wall, and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck it again. 26 Then the angel of the LORD went ahead, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. 27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, it lay down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" 29 Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!" 30 But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No." 31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand; and he bowed down, falling on his face. 32 The angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I have come out as an adversary, because your way is perverse before me. 33 The donkey saw me, and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let it live." 34 Then Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home." 35 The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men; but speak only what I tell you to speak." So Balaam went on with the officials of Balak. 36 When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at Ir-moab, on the

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boundary formed by the Arnon, at the farthest point of the boundary. 37 **Balak said to Balaam,** "Did I not send to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?" 38 **Balaam said to Balak,** "I have come to you now, but do I have power to say just anything? The word God puts in my mouth, that is what I must say." 39 Then Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth. 40 **Balak sacrificed** oxen and sheep, and sent them to Balaam and to the officials who were with him. 41 On the next day **Balak took Balaam and brought him up to Bamoth-baal;** and from there he could see **part of the people of Israel.**

**Numbers 23:1** Then **Balaam said to Balak,** "Build me seven altars here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me." 2 Balak did as Balaam had said; and Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on each altar. 3 Then **Balaam said to Balak,** "Stay here beside your burnt offerings while I go aside. **Perhaps the LORD will come to meet me. Whatever he shows me I will tell you.**" And he went to a bare height. 4 Then **God met Balaam; and Balaam said to him,** "I have arranged the seven altars, and have offered a bull and a ram on each altar." 5 **The LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said,** "Return to Balak, and this is what you must say." 6 So he returned to Balak, who was standing beside his burnt offerings with all the officials of Moab. 7 Then **Balaam uttered his oracle, saying:** "Balak has brought me from Aram, the king of Moab from the eastern mountains: 'Come, curse Jacob for me; Come, denounce Israel!' 8 **How can I curse whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom the LORD has not denounced?** 9 For from the top of the crags I see him, from the hills I behold him; **Here is a people living alone, and not reckoning itself among the nations!** 10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number the dust-cloud of Israel? Let me die the death of the upright, and let my end be like his!" 11 Then **Balak said to Balaam,** "What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, but now you have done nothing but bless them." 12 **He answered,** "Must I not take care to say what the LORD puts into my mouth?" 13 So **Balak said to him,** "Come with me to another place from which you may see them; you shall see only part of them, and shall not see them all; then curse them for me from there." 14 So he took him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah. He built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar. 15 **Balaam said to Balak,** "Stand here beside your burnt offerings, while I meet the LORD over there. 16 **The LORD met Balaam,** put a word into his mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and this is what you shall say." 17 When he came to him, he was standing beside his burnt offerings with the officials of Moab. **Balak said to him,** "What has the LORD said?" 18 Then **Balaam uttered his oracle, saying:** "Rise, Balak, and hear; listen to me, O son of Zippor: 19 **God is not a human being, that he should lie, or a mortal, that he should change his mind.** Has he promised, and will he not do it? Has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? 20 See, **I received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it.** 21 **He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob; nor has he seen trouble in Israel.** The LORD their God is with them, acclaimed as a king among them. 22 God, who brings them out of Egypt, is like the horns of a wild ox for them. 23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, no divination against Israel; now **it shall be said of Jacob and Israel, 'See what God has done!'** 24 Look, a people rising up like a lioness, and rousing itself like a lion! It does not lie down until it has eaten the prey and drunk the blood of the slain." 25 Then **Balak said to Balaam,** "Do not curse them at all, and do not bless them at all." 26 But **Balaam answered Balak,** "Did I not tell you, 'Whatever the LORD says, that is what I must do?'" 27 So **Balak said to Balaam,** "Come now, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there." 28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, which overlooks the wasteland. 29 Balaam said to Balak, "**Build me seven altars here, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams for me.**" 30 So Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

**Numbers 24:1** Now **Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel,** so he did not go, as at other times, to look for omens, but set his face toward the wilderness. 2 **Balaam looked up and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe. Then the spirit of God came upon him, 3 and he uttered his oracle, saying:** "The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eye is clear, 4 the oracle of one who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, but with eyes uncovered: 5 **how fair are your tents, O Jacob, your encampments, O Israel!** 6 Like palm groves that stretch far away, like gardens beside a river, **like aloes that the LORD has planted, like cedar trees beside the waters.** 7 Water shall flow from his buckets, and his seed shall have abundant water, his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. 8 God who brings him out of Egypt, is like the horns of a wild ox for him; he shall devour the nations that are his foes and break their bones. He shall strike with his arrows. 9 He crouched, he lay down like a lion, and like a lioness; who will rouse him up? **Blessed is everyone**

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**who blesses you, and cursed is everyone who curses you.**" 10 Then Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together. **Balak said to Balaam,** "I summoned you to curse my enemies, but instead you have blessed them these three times. 11 Now be off with you! Go home! I said, 'I will reward you richly,' but **the LORD has denied you any reward.**" 12 And **Balaam said to Balak,** "Did I not tell your messengers whom you sent to me, 13 'If Balak should give me his house full of silver and gold, I would not be able to go beyond the word of the LORD, to do either good or bad of my own will; what the LORD says, that is what I will say'? 14 So now, I am going to my people; **let me advise you what this people will do to your people in days to come.**" 15 So **he uttered his oracle, saying:** "The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eye is clear, 16 the oracle of one who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, but with his eyes uncovered: 17 I see him, but not now; **I behold him, but not near-- a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;** it shall crush the borderlands of Moab, and the territory of all the Shethites. 18 Edom will become a possession, Seir a possession of its enemies, while Israel does valiantly. 19 **One out of Jacob shall rule,** and destroy the survivors of Ir." 20 **Then he looked on Amalek, and uttered his oracle, saying:** "First among the nations was Amalek, but its end is to perish forever." 21 **Then he looked on the Kenite, and uttered his oracle, saying:** "Enduring is your dwelling place, and your nest is set in the rock; 22 yet Kain is destined for burning. How long shall Asshur take you away captive?" 23 Again **he uttered his oracle, saying:** "Alas, who shall live when God does this? 24 But ships shall come from Kittim and shall afflict Asshur and Eber; and he also shall perish forever." 25 Then Balaam got up and went back to his place, and Balak also went his way.

**Numbers 25:1** While Israel was staying at Shittim, **the people began to have sexual relations with the women of Moab.** 2 **These** invited the people to **the sacrifices of their gods,** and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 Thus Israel yoked itself to **the Baal of Peor,** and the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel. 4 **The LORD said to Moses,** "Take **all the chiefs of the people, and impale them in the sun before the LORD,** in order that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel." 5 And **Moses said to the judges of Israel,** "Each of you shall kill any of your people who have yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor." 6 Just **then one of the Israelites came and brought a Midianite woman into his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the Israelites,** while they were weeping at the entrance of the tent of meeting. 7 When **Phinehas son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he got up and left the congregation. Taking a spear in his hand, 8 he went after the Israelite man into the tent, and pierced the two of them, the Israelite and the woman, through the belly.** So the plague was stopped among the people of Israel. 9 Nevertheless **those that died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.**

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**Numbers 22:2** And Balak the son of Zippor [בַּלַּק בֶּן־צִפּוֹר] saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites [לְאֹמִי]. 3 And Moab [מּוֹאָב] was sore afraid [יָגַד] of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed [יָקַץ] because of the children of Israel [יִשְׂרָאֵל]. 4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian [אֱלֵ־יִקְנִי מִדְיָן], Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites [מֶלֶךְ לְמוֹאָב] at that time. 5 He sent messengers [מַלְאָכִים] therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor [בְּנֵי־בְעוֹר] to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me: 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, **curse** [אָרַדְהָ־לִי] me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou **blessest is blessed** [אֲשֶׁר־תְּבָרֵךְ מְבָרָךְ], and he whom thou **cursest is cursed** [וְיָאֵר]. 7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian **departed with the rewards of divination in their hand** [וַיָּלְכוּ וַיִּקְסְמוּ בְיָדָם]; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak. 8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word

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again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam. 9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men *are* these with thee? 10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, *saying*, 11 Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out. 12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for **they are blessed** [אֶת־הָעַם כִּי בֵרֵךְ הוּא]. 13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you. 14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us. 15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they. 16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: 17 For I will promote thee unto **very great honour** [כִּי־כָבֵד אֶכְבְּדֶךָ מְאֹד], and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. 18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of **silver and gold** [בֵּיתוֹ כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב], I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may **know** [וְיָדַעְתָּ] what **the LORD will say unto me** [יְהוָה דִּבֵּר עִמִּי] more. 20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, *and* go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do. 21 And Balaam rose up **in the morning** [בַּבֹּקֶר], and saddled **his ass** [אֶת־אֲתָנּוֹ], and **went** [וַיֵּלֶךְ] with **the princes of Moab** [עִם־שָׂרֵי מוֹאָב]. 22 And **God's anger was kindled** [וַיִּחַר־אַף אֱלֹהִים] because he went: and **the angel of the LORD** [מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה] stood in the way for an **adversary** [לְשֹׂטֵן] against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him. 23 And the ass saw **the angel of the LORD** [אֶת־מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה] standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. 24 But **the angel of the LORD** [מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה] stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side. 25 And when the ass saw **the angel of the LORD** [אֶת־מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה], she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. 26 And **the angel of the LORD** [מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה] went further, and stood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 And when the ass saw **the angel of the LORD** [אֶת־מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה], she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a **staff** [בַּמִּקְלָ]. 28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? 29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast **mocked** [בִּלְעָם] me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. 30 And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since *I was* thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay. 31 Then **the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam** [וַיִּפְתַּח יְהוָה אֶת־עֵינָיו בְּלִעָם], and he saw **the angel of the LORD** [אֶת־מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה] standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. 32 And **the angel of the LORD** [מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה] said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because *thy way is* **perverse** [כִּי־יָרַט] before me: 33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and **saved** [וַהֲחַיִּיתִי] **her alive**. 34 And Balaam said unto **the angel of the LORD** [אֱלֹהֵי מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה], **I have sinned** [כִּי חָטָאתִי]; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way **against** [לְקִרְאָתִי] me: now therefore, if it **displeaseth** [בְּעֵינָיִךָ] thee, I will get me back again. 35 And **the angel of the LORD** [מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה] said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with **the princes of Balak** [עִם־שָׂרֵי בַלָּק]. 36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which *is* in the border of Arnon, which *is*

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in the utmost coast. 37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour? 38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any **power** [הִיכֹל] at all to say any thing? **the word that God putteth in my mouth [re: Deuteronomy 18!!!]**, that shall I speak. 39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjathhuzoth. 40 And **Balak offered** [בָּלַק וַיִּזְבֹּחַ] **oxen and sheep, [re: animal offerings were the "normal" method of worshipping one's pagan god....]** and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him. 41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that **Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal**, that thence he might see the utmost *part* of the people.

**Numbers 23:1** And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here **seven altars**, and prepare me here **seven oxen and seven rams**. 2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and **Balak and Balaam offered** [בָּלַק וּבְלָעָם] on *every* altar a bullock and a ram. 3 And **Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee.** And he went to an high place. 4 And **God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.** 5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. 6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, **he stood by his burnt sacrifice** [עַל-עֹלֹתוֹ הוּא], **he, and all the princes of Moab.** 7 And he took up **his parable** [מִשְׁלֹן], and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, *saying*, Come, **curse me Jacob** [אָרְהָ לִי יַעֲקֹב], and come, **defy Israel** [זַעֲמָה יִשְׂרָאֵל]. 8 **How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?** 9 For from the top of the rocks I see **him**, and from the hills I behold **him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.** 10 Who can count **the dust of Jacob**, and the number of **the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!** 11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed *them* altogether. 12 And he answered and said, **Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth? [re: Deuteronomy 18!!!]** 13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: **thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence.** 14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built **seven altars**, and offered **a bullock and a ram on every altar**. 15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by **thy burnt offering** [עַל-עֹלֹתֶךָ], while I meet *the LORD* yonder. 16 And the **LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth [re: Deuteronomy 18!!!]**, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus. 17 And when he came to him, behold, **he stood by his burnt offering** [עַל-עֹלֹתוֹ], and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken? 18 And he took up **his parable** [מִשְׁלֹן], and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: 19 **God is not a man** [לֹא אִישׁ אֵל], that he should lie; **neither the son of man** [אָדָם-בֶּן], that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it?* or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? 20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. 21 He hath not beheld **iniquity in Jacob** [אָוֶן בְּיַעֲקֹב], neither hath he seen **perverseness in Israel** [עֲמָל בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל]: **the LORD his God is with him** [יְהוָה אֱלֹהָיו עִמּוֹ], and the shout of a king *is* among them. 22 **God** [אֵל] brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn. 23 Surely *there is no enchantment against Jacob* [כִּי לֹא-נִחַשׁ בְּיַעֲקֹב], **neither is there any divination against Israel** [וְלֹא-אִקְסָם בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל]: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought! 24 **Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.** 25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. 26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, *saying*, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do? 27 And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. 28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon. 29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here **seven altars**, and prepare me here **seven bullocks and seven**

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**rams.** 30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar.

**Numbers 24:1** And when Balaam saw that **it pleased the LORD to bless Israel**, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 And **Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes**; and **the spirit of God** [אֱלֹהִים] came upon him. 3 And he took up his **parable** [מִשְׁלָל], and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: 4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open: 5 **How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!** 6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens **by the river's side**, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside **the waters**. 7 He shall pour **the water** out of his buckets, and **his seed shall be in many waters**, and **his king** shall be higher than Agag, and **his kingdom** shall be exalted. 8 **God brought him forth out of Egypt**; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up **the nations his enemies**, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with **his arrows**. 9 He couched, **he lay down as a lion**, and as a great lion: **who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.** 10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed *them* these three times. 11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour. 12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to **thy messengers** [אֱלֵ-מַלְאָכַי] which thou sentest unto me, saying, 13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, **I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?** [re: Deuteronomy 18!!!] 14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore*, and **I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people** in the latter days. 15 And he took up his **parable** [מִשְׁלָל], and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: 16 He hath said, which **heard the words of God** [re: Deuteronomy 18!!!], and **knew the knowledge of the most High** [מִמְחֹזֶה שְׁרֵי יְיָ], which saw **the vision of the Almighty** [מַחֲזֶה עֵלְיוֹן], falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open: 17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: **there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.** 18 And **Edom** shall be a possession, **Seir** also shall be a possession for his enemies; and **Israel** shall do valiantly. 19 **Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.** 20 And when he looked on **Amalek**, he took up **his parable** [מִשְׁלָל], and said, **Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.** 21 And he looked on **the Kenites**, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. 22 Nevertheless **the Kenite** shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive. 23 And he took up **his parable** [מִשְׁלָל], and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! 24 And **ships shall come from the coast** of Chittim, and **shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.** 25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

**Numbers 25:1** And Israel abode in Shittim, and **the people began to commit whoredom** [לְזַנּוּת] **with the daughters of Moab.** 2 And **they called the people** unto the **sacrifices of their gods** [לְזִבְחֵי אֱלֹהֵיהֶן] [re: **the nations offered sacrifices to their pagan gods!!!**]: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And **Israel joined himself** unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. 4 And **the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.** 5 And Moses said unto **the judges of Israel** [אֵל-שֹׁפְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל], Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. 6 And, behold, **one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel** [re: **open sin is the worse of all...!!!**], who *were* weeping *before* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 7 And when **Phinehas, the son of Eleazar** [בֶּן-אֶלְעָזָר], **the son of Aaron the priest** [אֶהֱרֹן הַכֹּהֵן], saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after

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the man of Israel into the tent, and **thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly.** So **the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.** 9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

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Numbers 22:8 And he said unto them, **Lodge here this night,** and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam. 9 And **God came unto Balaam....** Numbers 22:19 Now therefore, **I pray you, tarry ye also here this night,** that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

--Genesis 31:24 And God came to Laban the Syrian **in a dream by night,** and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

Numbers 22:18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, **If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God,** to do less or more.

--Numbers 24:13 **If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD,** to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

--Deuteronomy 7:25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: **thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them,** nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for *it is* an abomination to the LORD thy God.

--Deuteronomy 29:17 And ye have seen their abominations, **and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold,** which *were* among them:

--Psalm 115:4 Their idols *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

--Psalm 119:72 **The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.**

--Psalm 135:15 The idols of the heathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

--Proverbs 3:11 My son, despise not **the chastening of the LORD;** neither be weary of his correction: 12 For **whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.** 13 Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. 14 For the merchandise of **it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.**

--Proverbs 8:10 Receive **my instruction, and not silver;** and **knowledge rather than choice gold...** 19 **My fruit is better than gold,** yea, than fine gold; and **my revenue than choice silver.**

--Proverbs 16:16 How much better *is it* to get **wisdom than gold!** and to get **understanding rather to be chosen than silver!**

Numbers 22:20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, *and* go with them; but **yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do...** 35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: **but only the word that I shall speak unto thee,** that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak... 38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? **the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.**

--Numbers 23:5 **And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth,** and said, Return unto Balak, and **thus thou shalt speak...** 12 And he answered and said, **Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?... 16** And the LORD met Balaam, and **put a word in his mouth,** and said, **Go again unto Balak, and say thus...** 26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, **All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?**

\*\*Deuteronomy 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and **will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.** 19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him. 20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? 22

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When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

**Numbers 22:22** And God's anger was kindled because he went: and **the angel of the LORD** stood in the way for **an adversary** [אֹיֵב] against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him.

**H7854** אֹיֵב **satan** {saw-tawn'}

⌘ from 07853; TWOT - 2252a; n m

⌘ AV - Satan 19, adversary 7, withstand 1; 27

⌘ **1) adversary, one who withstands 1a) adversary (in general - personal or national) 2) superhuman adversary 2a) Satan** (as noun pr)

**Numbers 22:40** And **Balak offered oxen and sheep**, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him... **23:3** And **Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering**, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place... **Numbers 25:1** And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. **2** And they called the people unto **the sacrifices of their gods**: and the people did eat, and **bowed down to their gods.**

**H4731** מַקֵּל **maqel** {mak-kale}; or (fem.) מַקְלָה **maq@lah** {mak-kel-aw'}

⌘ from an unused root meaning apparently to germinate; TWOT - 1236; n m

⌘ AV - rod 8, staff 7, stave 2, handstave + 03027 1; 18

⌘ 1) rod, staff 1a) rod, stick 1b) staff (in travel) 1c) wand (of diviner)

**H5953** עָלַל 'alal {aw-lal'}

⌘ a primitive root; TWOT - 1627,1627b,1628; v

⌘ AV - glean 4, done 3, abuse 3, mock 2, affecteth 1, children 1, do 1, defiled 1, practise 1, **throughly 1, wrought wonderfully 1, wrought 1; 20**

⌘ 1) to act severely, deal with severely, make a fool of someone 1a) (Poel) to act severely 1b) (Poal) to be severely dealt with 1c) (Hithpael) to busy oneself, divert oneself, deal wantonly, deal ruthlessly, abuse (by thrusting through) 1d) (Hithpoel) to practise practices, thrust forth (in wickedness) 2) (Poel) to glean 3) (Poel) to act or play the child 4) (Poel) to insert, thrust, thrust in, thrust upon

**Numbers 23:8** **How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed?** or how shall I defy, *whom* the LORD hath not defied? **9** For from the top of the rocks **I see him**, and from the hills **I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.** **10** Who can count **the dust of Jacob**, and the number of the fourth *part* of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

**(Rashi):**

--**Genesis 49:6** O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. **7 Cursed be their anger**, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

--**Bereshis Rabbah 98:5**

--**Genesis 27:33** And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where *is* he that hath taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, **and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.**

--**Leviticus 27:11** And if *it be* any unclean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest: **12** And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou valuest it, *who art* the priest, so shall it be. **13** But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth *part* thereof unto thy estimation. **14** And when a man shall sanctify his house *to be* holy unto the LORD,

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then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand. 15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his. 16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD *some part* of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: an homer of barley seed *shall be valued* at fifty shekels of silver. 17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubile, according to thy estimation it shall stand. 18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubile, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubile, and it shall be abated from thy estimation. 19 And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him. 20 And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. 21 But the field, when it goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's. 22 And if *a man* sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which *is* not of the fields of his possession; 23 Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, *even* unto the year of the jubile: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, *as* a holy thing unto the LORD. 24 In the year of the jubile the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, *even* to him to whom the possession of the land *did belong*. 25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel. 26 Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether *it be* ox, or sheep: *it is* the LORD'S.

--**Deuteronomy 27:12** These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin: 13 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

--**Numbers 24:16** He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

--**Micah 6:5** O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.

--**Sanhedrin 105b**

--**(Rashi): Isaiah 51:1** Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.

--**(Rashi): Numbers 5:15** Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it *is* an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

--**Jeremiah 30:11** For I *am* with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished. **\*\*Zechariah 1:15** And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

--**Deuteronomy 32:12** *So* the LORD alone did lead him, and *there was* no strange god with him.

--**Genesis 13:16** And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

--**(Rashi): Genesis 49:11** Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes:

--**Exodus 29:40** And with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine *for* a drink offering.

--**2 Kings 6:25** And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver.

--**Deuteronomy 22:10** Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

--**Leviticus 19:19** Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

--**Numbers 5:17** And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the water:

**Numbers 23:19** God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it?* or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? 20 Behold, **I have received commandment to bless:** and **he hath blessed;** and I cannot reverse it. 21 **He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel:** the LORD his God *is* with him, and the shout of a king *is* among them. **[EVEN after ALL of the sins that the B'nei Yisrael had committed, HaShem**

Bamidbar 22:2. And **Balak** (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

**STILL found no INIQUITY in His CHOSEN PEOPLE!!!]**

(Rashi):

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**Numbers 24:8** God brought **him** forth out of Egypt; **he** hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: **he** shall eat up the nations, his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with **his** arrows.

**Numbers 24:17** I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a **Star out of Jacob**, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

--**Genesis 15:5** And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

--**Genesis 22:17** That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

--**Genesis 26:4** And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

--**Exodus 32:13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it* for ever.

--**Deuteronomy 1:10** The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

--**Deuteronomy 10:22** Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

--Deuteronomy 28:62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

**Numbers 25:7** And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

--**Psalm 106:30** Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and *so* the plague was stayed. 31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

**Genesis 15:6** And he believed in the LORD; and he **counted it to him for righteousness** [לו צְדָקָה לְיִחְזָקָה].

--**Psalm 106:31** And that was **counted unto him for righteousness** [לְיִחְזָקָה לְיִחְזָקָה] unto all generations for evermore.

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#### Parshat BALAK Verses & Notes

--**KJV Deuteronomy 34:10** And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, [see RAMBAN]

**KJV Numbers 22:2** And **Balak** the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they *were* many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. 4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And **Balak** the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 2:9** And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.... 19 And *when* thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon,

**Bamidbar 22:2.** And **Balak** (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession.

**KJV Numbers 22:5** He sent messengers therefore unto **Balaam the son of Beor** to Pethor, which *is* by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me: 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they *are* too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, *that* we may smite them, and *that* I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest *is* blessed, and he whom thou cursest *is* cursed.

**KJV Numbers 22:7** And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak. 8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as **the LORD shall speak unto me**: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

**KJV Numbers 22:9** And **God came unto Balaam, and said**, What men *are* these with thee?

**KJV Numbers 22:10** And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, *saying*, 11 Behold, *there is* a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

**KJV Numbers 22:12** And **God said unto Balaam**, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they *are* blessed.

**KJV Numbers 22:13** And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

**KJV Numbers 22:14** And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

**KJV Numbers 22:15** And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they. 16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: 17 For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

**KJV Numbers 22:18** And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

**KJV Numbers 22:20** And **God came unto Balaam at night**, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

**KJV Numbers 22:21** And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. 22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants *were* with him. 23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. 24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side. 25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. 26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

----H4397 מַלְאָךְ mal'ak {mal-awk'} ✨ from an unused root meaning to despatch as a deputy; TWOT - 1068a; n m ✨ AV - angel 111, messenger 98, ambassadors 4, variant 1; 214 ✨ 1) messenger, representative 1a) messenger 1b) angel 1c) the theophanic angel

----H3068 יְהוָה Y@hovah {yeh-ho-vaw'} ✨ from 01961; TWOT - 484a; n pr dei ✨ AV - LORD 6510, GOD 4, JEHOVAH 4, variant 1; 6519 ✨ Jehovah = "the existing One" 1) the proper name of the one true God 1a) unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of 0136

----H7854 שָׂטָן satan {saw-tawn'} ✨ from 07853; TWOT - 2252a; n m ✨ AV - Satan 19, adversary 7, withstand 1; 27 ✨ 1) adversary, one who withstands 1a) adversary (in general - personal or national) 2) superhuman adversary 2a) Satan (as noun pr)

**KJV Numbers 22:28** And **the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam**, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

Bamidbar 22:2. And **Balak** (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

**KJV Numbers 22:29** And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.

**KJV Numbers 22:30** And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

**KJV Numbers 22:31** Then **the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam**, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

--**KJV Joshua 13:22** Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

**KJV Numbers 22:32** And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: 33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

**KJV Numbers 22:34** And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

**KJV Numbers 22:35** And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

**KJV Numbers 22:36** And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which *is* in the border of Arnon, which *is* in the utmost coast. 37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?

**KJV Numbers 22:38** And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

**KJV Numbers 22:39** And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kirjathhuzoth. 40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that *were* with him. 41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost *part* of the people.

**KJV Numbers 23:1** And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

**KJV Numbers 23:2** And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on *every* altar a bullock and a ram. 3 And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: **peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee.** And he went to an high place.

**KJV Numbers 23:4** And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon *every* altar a bullock and a ram.

**KJV Numbers 23:5** And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

**KJV Numbers 23:6** And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab. 7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.

--**KJV Genesis 27:33** And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where *is* he that hath taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, *and* he shall be blessed.

--**KJV Genesis 49:7** Cursed *be* their anger, for *it was* fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 27:12** These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin:

**KJV Numbers 23:9** For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: **lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.**

**KJV Numbers 23:10** Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth *part* of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

**KJV Numbers 23:11** And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.

**KJV Numbers 23:12** And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

Bamidbar 22:2. And Balak (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

**KJV Numbers 23:13** And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. 14 And he brought him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar. 15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet *the LORD* yonder.

**KJV Numbers 23:16** And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

**KJV Numbers 23:17** And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

**KJV Numbers 23:18** And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

**KJV Numbers 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

**KJV Numbers 23:20** Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

**KJV Numbers 23:21** He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. [singular/plural]

**KJV Numbers 23:22** God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.

**KJV Numbers 23:23** Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought! 24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

--**KJV Exodus 28:30** And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

**KJV Numbers 23:25** And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

**KJV Numbers 23:26** But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

**KJV Numbers 23:27** And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. 28 And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.

--**KJV Numbers 25:1** And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. 2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

**KJV Numbers 23:29** And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

--**KJV 1 Kings 14:10** Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, *and* him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone. 11 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*. 12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. 13 And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. 14 Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now. 15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger. 16 And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

**KJV Numbers 24:1** And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. 3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

Bamidbar 22:2. And **Balak** (בָּלָק) the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

KJV Numbers 24:4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

KJV Numbers 24:5 **How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!**

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KJV Numbers 24:6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.

KJV Numbers 24:7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and **his seed shall be in many waters**, and **his king shall be higher than Agag**, and **his kingdom shall be exalted.**

KJV Numbers 24:8 God brought **him** forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

[Deuteronomy 32:41-42]

KJV Numbers 24:9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

--KJV Genesis 27:29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

KJV Numbers 24:10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. 11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

KJV Numbers 24:12 And **Balaam said unto Balak**, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, 13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak? 14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and **I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.** 15 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

--KJV Numbers 31:16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

KJV Numbers 24:16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

KJV Numbers 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: **there shall come a Star out of Jacob**, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

--KJV Numbers 23:7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel. 8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied? 9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations. 10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

--KJV Numbers 23:18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: 19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? 20 Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it. 21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God *is* with him, and the shout of a king *is* among them. 22 God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn. 23 Surely *there is* no enchantment against Jacob, neither *is there* any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought! 24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat *of* the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

--KJV Numbers 24:3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: 4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: 5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! 6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. 7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his

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kingdom shall be exalted. 8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his arrows. 9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed *is* he that blesseth thee, and cursed *is* he that curseth thee.

--**KJV 2 Samuel 8:2** And he smote **Moab**, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And *so* the Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts.

**KJV Numbers 24:18** And **Edom** shall be a possession, **Seir** also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

**KJV Numbers 24:19** Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

**KJV Numbers 24:20** And when he looked on **Amalek**, he took up his parable, and said, **Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.**

**KJV Numbers 24:21** And he looked on **the Kenites**, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

--**KJV Judges 4:21** Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.

--**KJV 1 Chronicles 2:55** And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, *and* Suchathites. These *are* **the Kenites** that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

**KJV Numbers 24:22** Nevertheless **the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.**

--**KJV 2 Kings 17:6** In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

**KJV Numbers 24:23** And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

**KJV Numbers 24:24** And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall **afflict Asshur**, and shall **afflict Eber**, and he also shall perish for ever.

--**KJV Daniel 7:11** I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

**KJV Numbers 24:25** And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

--**KJV Numbers 25:14** Now the name of the Israelite that was slain, *even* that was slain with the Midianitish woman, *was* Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites.

--**KJV Numbers 31:16** Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

**KJV Numbers 25:1** And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. 2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

**KJV Numbers 25:4** And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

**KJV Numbers 25:5** And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor.

**KJV Numbers 25:6** And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were* weeping *before* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. [Isaiah: **flaunting one's sin**]

**KJV Numbers 25:7** And when **Phinehas**, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. 9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

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