

[29] And Balaam answered the donkey, Because thou hast mocked me; If only there were a cherev in mine hand, would I have killed thee.

[30] And the donkey said unto Balaam, Am not I thine donkey, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? Was I ever accustomed to do so unto thee? And he said, Loh.

[31] Then Hashem opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Malach Hashem standing in the derech, and his cherev drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head, and fell facedown.

[32] And the Malach Hashem said unto him, Why hast thou beaten thine donkey these shalosh regalim? Hinei, I came Isatan (as adversary, opposer) to thee, because thy derech is perverse before me;

[33] And the donkey saw me, and turned from me these shalosh regalim; had she not turned from me, surely now also I would have slain thee, and saved her alive.

[34] And Balaam said unto the Malach Hashem, Chatati (I have sinned); for I was without da'as that thou stoodest in the derech against me; now, therefore, if it displease thee, I will return home.

[35] And the Malach Hashem said unto Balaam, Go with the anashim; but only the devar (message) that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the sarim (princes) of Balak.

[36] And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto the city of Moav at the Arnon border, which is in the farthest point of the boundary.

[37] And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee

to summon thee? Why camest thou not unto me? Am I not able indeed to honor thee?

[38] And Balaam said unto Balak, Hinei, I am come unto thee; have I now any power at all to say anything? The devar (word, message) which Elohim putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

[39] And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kiryat Chutzot.

[40] And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the sarim that were with him.

[41] And it came to pass on the next day, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up on the high places of Baal, that thence he might see a portion of HaAm.

23 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here shivah mizbechot, and prepare for me here shivah bulls and shivah rams.

[2] And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on each mizbe'ach a bull and a ram.

[3] And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy olah, and I will go; perhaps Hashem will come to meet me; and whatsoever He showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to a barren height.

[4] And Elohim met Balaam, and he said unto Him, I have prepared shivah hamizbechot, and I have offered upon each mizbe'ach a bull and a ram.

[5] And Hashem put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

[6] And he returned unto him, and, hinei, he stood by his olah, he, and all the sarim of Moav.

[7] And he took up his mashal, and said, Balak

Melech Moav hath brought me from Aram (Syria), out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse for me Ya'akov, and come, denounce Yisroel.

[8] How shall I curse, whom El hath not cursed? Or how shall I denounce, whom Hashem hath not denounced? [9] For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the heights I behold him; see, the people shall live apart, and shall not be reckoned among the Goyim.

[10] Who can count the dust of Ya'akov, and the number of the fourth part of Yisroel? Let my nefesh die the death of the yesharim (righteous ones), and let my latter end be like his!

[11] And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I brought thee to curse mine enemies, and, hinei, thou hast altogether put a berakhah on them.

[12] And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which Hashem hath put in my mouth?

[13] And Balak said unto him, Come with me unto another place, from where thou mayest see them; thou shalt see part but not all of them, and curse them for me from there.

[14] And he brought him into the sadeh of Tzophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built shivah mizbechot, and offered a bull and a ram on each mizbe'ach.

[15] And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy olah, while I meet Hashem over there.

[16] And Hashem met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

[17] And when he came to him, hinei, he stood by his olah, and the sarim of Moav with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath Hashem spoken?