



Torah écrite (pentateuque) - Nombres

Chapter 22

- 22,1 And the children of Israel journeyed, and pitched in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho. {S}
- 22,2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.
- 22,3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moab was overcome with dread because of the children of Israel.
- 22,4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian: "Now will this multitude lick up all that is round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field." --And Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time. --
- 22,5 And he sent messengers unto Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the River, to 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.
- 22,6 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 know that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed."
- 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 spoke unto him the words of Balak.
- 22,8 And he said unto them: "Lodge here this night, and I will bring you back word, as the Lord may speak unto me"; and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.
- 22,9 And God came unto Balaam, and said: "What men are these with thee?"
- 22,10 And Balaam said unto God: "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me [saying]:
- 22,11 Behold the people that is come out of Egypt, it covereth the face of the earth; now, come curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to fight against them, and shall drive them out."
- 22,12 And God said unto Balaam: "Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people; for they are blessed."
- 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."
- 22,14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said: "Balaam refuseth to come with us."
- 22,15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.
- 22,16 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;
- 22,17 for I will promote thee unto very great honour, and whatsoever thou sayest unto me I will do; come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people."
- 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 any thing, small or great.
- 22,19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will speak unto me more."
- 22,20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him: "If the men are come to call thee, rise up, go with them; but only the word which I speak unto thee, that shalt thou do."
- 22,21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.
- 22,22 And God's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of the Lord placed himself in the way for an adversary against him. --Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. --



- 22,23 And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with 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.
- 22,24 Then the angel of the Lord stood in a hollow way between the vineyards, a fence being on this side, and a fence on that side.
- 22,25 And the ass saw the angel of the Lord, and she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he smote her again.
- 22,26 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.
- 22,27 And the ass saw the angel of the Lord, and she lay down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with his staff.
- 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?"
- 22,29 And Balaam said unto the ass: "Because thou hast mocked me; I would there were a sword in my hand, for now I had killed thee."
- 22,30 And the ass said unto Balaam: "Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden all thy life long unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee?" And he said: "Nay."
- 22,31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face.
- 22,32 And the angel of the Lord said unto him: "Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I am come forth for an adversary, because thy way is contrary unto me;
- 22,33 and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times; unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I had even slain thee, and saved her alive."
- 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."
- 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.
- 22,36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto Ir-moab, which is on the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost part of the border.
- 22,37 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?"
- 22,38 And Balaam said unto Balak: "Lo, I am come unto thee; have I now any power at all to speak any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak."
- 22,39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kiriath-huzoth.
- 22,40 And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.
- 22,41 And it came to pass in the morning that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into Bamoth-baal, and he saw from thence the utmost part of the people.