



Torah écrite (pentateuque) - Nombres

Chapter 23

- 23,1 And Balaam said unto Balak: "Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams."
- 23,2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.
- 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 showeth me I will tell thee." And he went to a bare height.
- 23,4 And God met Balaam; and he said unto Him: "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar."
- 23,5 And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said: "Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak."
- 23,6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt-offering, he, and all the princes of Moab.
- 23,7 And he took up his parable, and said: From Aram Balak bringeth me, the king of Moab from the mountains of the East: "Come, curse me Jacob, and come, execrate Israel."
- 23,8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? And how shall I execrate, whom the Lord hath not execrated?
- 23,9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, it is a people that shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.
- 23,10 Who hath counted the dust of Jacob, or numbered the stock of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let mine end be like his!
- 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."
- 23,12 And he answered and said: "Must I not take heed to speak that which the Lord putteth in my mouth?"
- 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."
- 23,14 And he took him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar.
- 23,15 And he said unto Balak: "Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I go toward a meeting yonder."
- 23,16 And the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said: "Return unto Balak, and thus shalt thou speak."
- 23,17 And he came to him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him: "What hath the Lord spoken?"
- 23,18 And he took up his parable, and said: Arise, Balak, and hear; give ear unto me, thou son of Zippor:
- 23,19 God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: when He hath said, will He not do it? or when He hath spoken, will He not make it good?
- 23,20 Behold, I am bidden to bless; and when He hath blessed, I cannot call it back.
- 23,21 None hath beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath one seen perverseness in Israel; the Lord his God is with him, and the shouting for the King is among them.
- 23,22 God who brought them forth out of Egypt is for them like the lofty horns of the wild-ox.
- 23,23 For there is no enchantment with Jacob, neither is there any divination with Israel; now is it said of Jacob and of Israel: "What hath God wrought!"



- 23,24 Behold a people that riseth up as a lioness, and as a lion doth he lift himself up; he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.
- 23,25 And Balak said unto Balaam: "Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all."
- 23,26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak: "Told not I thee, saying: All that the Lord speaketh, that I must do?"
- 23,27 And Balak said unto Balaam: "Come now, I will take thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence."
- 23,28 And Balak took Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh down upon the desert.
- 23,29 And Balaam said unto Balak: "Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams."
- 23,30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar.