



ב וַיֵּרָא בַלַּק בֶּן-צְפוּר אֶת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה יִשְׂרָאֵל
לְאֹמְרָיו: ג וַיִּגַּר מוֹאָב מִפְּנֵי הָעָם מְאֹד כִּי רַב-הוּא וַיִּקָּץ
מוֹאָב מִפְּנֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: ד וַיֹּאמֶר מוֹאָב אֶל-זִקְנֵי מְדִיָּן
עֲתָה יִלְחָכוּ הַקְּהָל אֶת-כָּל-סְבִיבְתֵינוּ כְּלַחֵךְ הַשּׁוֹר אֶת
יָרֵק הַשָּׂדֶה וּבַלַּק בֶּן-צְפוּר מֶלֶךְ לְמוֹאָב בָּעֵת הַהוּא:
ה וַיִּשְׁלַח מְלָאכִים אֶל-בְּלָעָם בֶּן-בְּעוֹר פְּתוּרָה אֲשֶׁר
עַל-הַנֶּהָר אֶרֶץ בְּנֵי-עַמּוֹ לְקֹרְא-לוֹ לֵאמֹר הִנֵּה עִם יֵצֵא
מִמִּצְרַיִם הִנֵּה כֹסֶה אֶת-עֵינַי הָאָרֶץ וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב מִמְּלִי:
ו וְעַתָּה לִכְהֶנָּא אֲרַה-לִּי אֶת-הָעָם הַזֶּה כִּי-עָצוּם הוּא
מִמֶּנִּי אֲוִלִי אוֹכַל נֶכְה-בוּ וַאֲגַרְשָׁנוּ מִן-הָאָרֶץ כִּי יִדְעַתִּי
אֶת אֲשֶׁר-תְּבַרֵךְ מְבָרֵךְ וְאֲשֶׁר תֹּאֵר יוֹאֵר: ז וַיִּלְכוּ זִקְנֵי
מוֹאָב וְזִקְנֵי מְדִיָּן וְקַסְמִים בְּיָדָם וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל-בְּלָעָם
וַיְדַבְּרוּ אֵלָיו דְּבָרֵי בַלַּק: ח וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם לִינוּ פֹה הַלִּילָה
וְהִשְׁבַּתִּי אֶתְכֶם דָּבָר כַּאֲשֶׁר יִדְבַר יְהוָה אֵלַי וַיֵּשְׁבוּ
שְׂרֵי-מוֹאָב עִם-בְּלָעָם: ט וַיָּבֹא אֱלֹהִים אֶל-בְּלָעָם וַיֹּאמֶר
מִי הָאֲנָשִׁים הָאֵלֶּה עִמָּךְ: י וַיֹּאמֶר בְּלָעָם אֶל-הָאֱלֹהִים
בַּלַּק בֶּן-צְפוּר מֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב שְׁלַח אֵלַי: יא הִנֵּה הָעָם הֵיצֵא

מִמִּצְרַיִם וַיִּכַּס אֶת־עֵינַי הָאָרֶץ עֲתָה לָכֵּה קָבָה־לִּי אֶת־
אוֹלֵי אוֹכַל לְהִלָּחֵם בּוֹ וַגִּרְשֵׁתָיו: יב וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים
אֶל־בְּלָעֵם לֹא תִלְךָ עִמָּהֶם לֹא תֹאֵר אֶת־הָעַם כִּי בְרוּךְ
הוּא:

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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 Hashem shall speak to me; and the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. 9. And Elohim came to Balaam, and said, What men are these with you? 10. And Balaam said to Elohim, 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 Elohim said to Balaam, You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.