



כא וַיִּקָּם בְּלַעַם בַּבֶּקֶר וַיַּחֲבֹשׁ אֶת-אֲתָנּוֹ וַיֵּלֶךְ עִם-שָׂרֵי
מוֹאָב׃ כב וַיַּחֲרֹ-אֶף אֱלֹהִים כִּי-הוֹלֵךְ הוּא וַיִּתְּיָצַב מִלְּאֲךָ
יְהוָה בַּדֶּרֶךְ לְשַׁטֵּן לוֹ וְהוּא רֹכֵב עַל-אֲתָנּוֹ וּשְׁנֵי נַעֲרָיו
עִמּוֹ׃ כג וַתֵּרָא הָאֲתוֹן אֶת-מְלֶאךָ יְהוָה נֹצֵב בַּדֶּרֶךְ וְחָרְבוּ
שְׁלוֹפָה בִּידּוֹ וַתֵּט הָאֲתוֹן מִן-הַדֶּרֶךְ וַתֵּלֶךְ בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיֵּךְ
בְּלַעַם אֶת-הָאֲתוֹן לְהַטָּתָה הַדֶּרֶךְ׃ כד וַיַּעֲמֵד מִלְּאֲךָ יְהוָה
בְּמִשְׁעוֹל הַכֹּרְמִים גָּדַר מְזֵה וְגָדַר מְזֵה׃ כה וַתֵּרָא הָאֲתוֹן
אֶת-מְלֶאךָ יְהוָה וַתִּלְחֹץ אֶל-הַקִּיר וַתִּלְחֹץ אֶת-רַגְלֵי
בְּלַעַם אֶל-הַקִּיר וַיִּסֹּף לְהַכְתָּה׃ כו וַיּוֹסֶף מִלְּאֲךָ-יְהוָה
עֲבוֹר וַיַּעֲמֵד בְּמָקוֹם צָר אֲשֶׁר אֵין-דֶּרֶךְ לְנִטּוֹת יָמִין
וּשְׂמֹאל׃ כז וַתֵּרָא הָאֲתוֹן אֶת-מְלֶאךָ יְהוָה וַתִּרְבֵּץ תַּחַת
בְּלַעַם וַיַּחֲרֹ-אֶף בְּלַעַם וַיֵּךְ אֶת-הָאֲתוֹן בַּמֶּקֶל׃ כח וַיִּפְתַּח
יְהוָה אֶת-פִּי הָאֲתוֹן וַתֹּאמֶר לְבַלַּעַם מַה-עָשִׂיתִי לָךְ כִּי
הִכִּיתָנִי זֶה שְׁלֹשׁ רְגָלִים׃ כט וַיֹּאמֶר בְּלַעַם לְאֲתוֹן כִּי
הִתְעַלְלָתָ בִּי לוֹ יִשְׁ-חָרֵב בְּיָדֵי כִּי עָתָה הִרְגָתִיךָ׃
ל וַתֹּאמֶר הָאֲתוֹן אֶל-בְּלַעַם הֲלוֹא אֲנִכִּי אֲתַנֶּךָ
אֲשֶׁר-רָכַבְתָּ עָלַי מֵעוֹדְךָ עַד-הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה הֲהִסְכַּן הִסְכַּנְתִּי

לַעֲשׂוֹת לְךָ כֹּה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא: לֹא וַיִּגַּל יְהוָה אֶת־עֵינָי בְּלֶעָם
וַיִּרְא אֶת־מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה נֹצֵב בַּדֶּרֶךְ וְחָרְבוּ שְׁלֹפָה בְּיָדוֹ
וַיִּקְדּוּ וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ לְאַפָּיו: לֵב וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה עַל־מָה
הִכִּיתָ אֶת־אַתְנָךְ זֶה שְׁלוֹשׁ רִגְלִים הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי יִצְאָתִי
לְשֹׁטֵן כִּי־יֵרֵט הַדֶּרֶךְ לְנִגְדָי: לֵג וַתִּרְאֵנִי הֲאֵתוֹן וַתִּט לְפָנַי
זֶה שְׁלֹשׁ רִגְלִים אוֹלֵי נֹטְתָה מִפָּנַי כִּי עַתָּה גַם־אַתְּכָה
הֲרַגְתִּי וְאוֹתָהּ הַחַיִּיתִי: לֵד וַיֹּאמֶר בְּלֶעָם אֶל־מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה
חָטָאתִי כִּי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי כִּי אַתָּה נֹצֵב לְקִרְאתִי בַּדֶּרֶךְ וְעַתָּה
אִם־רַע בְּעֵינַיךָ אָשׁוּבָה לִי: לֵה וַיֹּאמֶר מַלְאָךְ יְהוָה
אֶל־בְּלֶעָם לֵךְ עִם־הָאֲנָשִׁים וְאַפֶּס אֶת־הַדָּבָר
אֲשֶׁר־אָדַבְר אֵלֶיךָ אֲתוּ תִדְבַר וַיִּלֶךְ בְּלֶעָם עִם־שְׂרֵי בִלְקָ:
לֵו וַיִּשְׁמַע בְּלָק כִּי־בָא בְּלֶעָם וַיֵּצֵא לְקִרְאתוֹ אֶל־עִיר
מוֹאָב אֲשֶׁר עַל־גְּבוּל אֲרָנָן אֲשֶׁר בְּקִצֵּה הַגְּבוּל: לֵז וַיֹּאמֶר
בְּלָק אֶל־בְּלֶעָם הֲלֹא שָׁלַח שְׁלַחְתִּי אֵלֶיךָ לְקִרְאֲלֶךָ לָמָּה
לֹא־הִלַּכְתָּ אֵלָי הָאֲמַנָּם לֹא אוֹכַל כַּבְּדֶךָ: לֵח וַיֹּאמֶר בְּלֶעָם
אֶל־בְּלָק הִנֵּה־בָאתִי אֵלֶיךָ עַתָּה הֵיכַל אוֹכַל דְּבַר מְאוּמָה
הַדָּבָר אֲשֶׁר יִשִּׂים אֱלֹהִים בְּפִי אֲתוּ אֲדַבֵּר:

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21. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. 22. And Elohim's anger was kindled because he went; and the angel of Hashem 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 Hashem 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 Hashem 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 Hashem, it pushed itself to the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; and he struck her again. 26. And the angel of Hashem 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 Hashem, it fell down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff. 28. And Hashem 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 Hashem opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Hashem 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 Hashem 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 Hashem, 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 Hashem 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 Elohim puts in my mouth, that shall I speak.