

[18] And he took up his mashal, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; pay heed unto me, thou son of Tzippor.  
 [19] El is not an ish, that He should lie; neither a ben adam, that He should change His mind; hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not carry it out?  
 [20] Hinei, I have received commandment to make berakhah; and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.  
 [21] He hath not beheld avon in Ya'akov, neither hath He seen amal (trouble) in Yisroel. Hashem Elohav is with him, and the [jubilant] shout of a melech is about him.  
 [22] El brought them out of Mitzrayim; He is for them like the strength of a wild ox.  
 [23] Surely there is no nachash (augury) in Ya'akov; neither is there any kesem (divination) in Yisroel; at the time it is spoken to Ya'akov and to Yisroel what El doeth!  
 [24] See, the people shall rise up as a lioness, and lift up himself as an ari; he shall not lie down until he devours the prey, and drinks the dahm of the slain.  
 [25] And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor at all make a berakhah on them.  
 [26] But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Did I not tell thee, saying, All that Hashem speaketh, that I must do?  
 [27] And Balak said unto Balaam, Come now, I will bring thee unto another place; perhaps it will please HaElohim that thou mayest curse them for me from there.  
 [28] And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that overlooks Yeshimon.

[29] And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here shivah mizbechot, and prepare here shivah bulls and shivah rams for me.  
 [30] And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on each mizbe'ach.

**24** And when Balaam saw that it was tov in the eyes of Hashem to bless Yisroel, he went not, as at other times, to use nechashim (sorceries, divination, looking for omens) but he set his face toward hamidbar.

[2] And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Yisroel encamped according to their Shevatim; and the Ruach Elohim came upon him.

[3] And he took up his mashal, and said, Balaam ben Beor hath said, the man whose eyes are open hath said,

[4] He hath said which heard the words of El, which saw the machazeh Shaddai (vision of Shaddai), which falling prostrate, but having his eyes open:

[5] Mah tovu ohalecha (How goodly, beautiful, are thy tents), O Ya'akov, and mishkenotecha (thy dwellings, tabernacles), O Yisroel!

[6] As the valleys are they [the tents of Yisroel] spread forth, as ganot (gardens) by the riverside, like aloes which Hashem hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the mayim.

[7] He shall pour the [rainfall] mayim out of his buckets, and his zera shall have mayim rabbim, and his Melech shall be more exalted than Agag, and Malchuso (His Kingdom) shall be upraised.

[8] El brought him forth out of Mitzrayim. He hath the strength of a wild bull. He shall devour the Goyim his enemies and break their

atzmot, and pierce them through with his khitzim.

[9] He crouched, he lay down as an ari, and as the lioness; who shall stir him up?

Mevarakhecha is he that makes a barucha on thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

[10] And af Balak (anger of Balak) was kindled against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said unto Balaam, I summoned thee to curse mine enemies, and, hinei, thou hast altogether blessed them these shalosh p'amim.

[11] Therefore now flee thou to thy mekom; I thought to kibed (honor, reward) thee honorably; but, hinei, Hashem hath kept thee back from kavod (honor, reward).

[12] And Balaam said unto Balak, Spoke I not also to thy malachim which thou didst send unto me, saying,

[13] If Balak would give me his bais full of kesef and zahav, I cannot go beyond the commandment of Hashem, to do either tovah or ra'ah of mine own lev; but what Hashem saith, that will I say!

[14] And now, hinei, I go back unto my people; come therefore, and I will warn thee what HaAm HaZeh shall do to thy people in the Acharit HaYamim.

[15] And he took up his mashal, and said, Balaam ben Beor hath said, the man whose eyes are open hath said,

[16] He hath said, which heard the words of El, and knew the Da'as Elyon, which saw the Machazeh Shaddai, falling prostrate, but having his eyes open:

[17] I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not karov (near); there shall come a Kokhav (Star, *i.e. Moshiach, see Targums*) out of Ya'akov, and a Shevet (Sceptre) shall rise out of Yisroel, and shall