

THE LIVES OF THE PROPHETS MOSES 23

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40 And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

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41 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

Josephus says those high places were sixty furlongs or seven and one half miles from the camp of Israel.

NUMBERS 23:1

1 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.

NUMBERS 23:2

2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.

NUMBERS 23:3

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 sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place.

NUMBERS 23:4

4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram.

NUMBERS 23:5

5 And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

NUMBERS 23:6

6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.

NUMBERS 23:7

7 And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.

NUMBERS 23:8

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?

NUMBERS 23:9

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

The Targum of Jerusalem, "they shall not be mixed;" or, "they shall not be led in the laws of the people;" and though they are now scattered among the people and nations of the world, yet they are not mixed with them,

nor reckoned to be a part of them; nor do they reckon themselves to be of them, but are a separate distinct people from them.

NUMBERS 23:10

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

JOSHUA 13:22

22 Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

NUMBERS 23:11

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.

NUMBERS 23:12

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

NUMBERS 23:13

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.

NUMBERS 23:14

14 And he brought him into the field of *ZOPHIM, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.

ZOPHIM: tsaphah {tsaw-faw'}
to look out/about, spy, to keep watch, watch closely

Jarchi says, it was a high place, where a watchman stood to observe if an army came against a city, and so a very proper place to take a view of the armies of Israel.

NUMBERS 23:15

15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet the LORD yonder.

NUMBERS 23:16

16 And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.

NUMBERS 23:17

17 And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken?

NUMBERS 23:18

18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

NUMBERS 23:19

19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

NUMBERS 23:20

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

NUMBERS 23:21

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them.