

¹قَالَ بَلْعَامُ لِبَالَاقَ، ابْنِ لِي هَهُنَا سَبْعَةَ مَذَابِخَ، وَهَبْنِي لِي هَهُنَا سَبْعَةَ نِيزَانٍ وَسَبْعَةَ كِبَاشٍ.²فَفَعَلَ بَالَاقُ كَمَا تَكَلَّمَ بَلْعَامُ. وَأَصْعَدَ بَالَاقُ وَبَلْعَامُ تَوْرًا وَكَبِشًا عَلَى كُلِّ مَذْبَحٍ.³قَالَ بَلْعَامُ لِبَالَاقَ، قِفْ عِنْدَ مُحَرَّقَيْكَ، فَأَنْطَلِقَ أَتَا لَعَلَّ الرَّبَّ يُؤَافِي لِقَائِي، قَمَهُمَا أَرَانِي أُحِيرُكَ بِهِ. ثُمَّ انْطَلَقَ إِلَى رَايِيَّةٍ.⁴فَوَافَى اللَّهُ بَلْعَامَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ، قَدْ رَبَّبْتُ سَبْعَةَ مَذَابِخَ وَأَصْعَدْتُ تَوْرًا وَكَبِشًا عَلَى كُلِّ مَذْبَحٍ. فَوَضَعَ الرَّبُّ كَلَامًا فِي فَمِ بَلْعَامَ وَقَالَ، ارْجِعْ إِلَى بَالَاقَ وَتَكَلَّمْ هَكَذَا.⁶فَرَجَعَ إِلَيْهِ وَإِذَا هُوَ وَاقِفٌ عِنْدَ مُحَرَّقِيهِ هُوَ، وَجَمِيعُ رُؤَسَاءِ مُوَابَ.⁷فَنَطَقَ بِمَتْلِهِ وَقَالَ، مِنْ أَرَامَ أَتَى بِي بَالَاقُ مَلِكَ مُوَابَ مِنْ جِبَالِ الْمَشْرِيقِ. تَعَالَي الْعَيْنُ لِي يَعْفُوبَ، وَهَلُمَّ اسْتِمْ إِسْرَائِيلَ.⁸كَيْفَ أَلْعَنُ مَنْ لَمْ يَلْعَنَهُ اللَّهُ، وَكَيْفَ اسْتِمْ مَنْ لَمْ يَسْتِمْهُ الرَّبُّ.⁹إِنِّي مِنْ رَأْسِ الصُّخُورِ أَرَاهُ. وَمِنْ الْآكَامِ أَبْصُرُهُ. هُوَذَا شَعْبٌ يَسْكُنُ وَحْدَهُ. وَيَبْرَنُ الشُّعُوبَ لَا يُحْسَبُ.¹⁰مَنْ أَحْصَى ثَرَابَ يَعْفُوبَ وَزَيْعَ إِسْرَائِيلَ يَعْدُدُ. لَتَمُتْ نَفْسِي مَوْتَ الْأَبْرَارِ، وَلَتَكُنْ آخِرَتِي كَآخِرَتِهِمْ.¹¹قَالَ بَالَاقُ لِبَلْعَامَ، مَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِي. لَتَسْتِمْ أَعْدَائِي أَخْذُنْكَ، وَهُوَذَا أَنْتَ قَدْ بَارَكْتَهُمْ.¹²فَأَجَابَ، أَمَا الَّذِي يَضَعُهُ الرَّبُّ فِي فَمِي أَحْتَرِصُ أَنْ أَتَكَلَّمَ بِهِ.¹³قَالَ لَهُ بَالَاقُ، هَلُمَّ مَعِيَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ تَرَاهُ مِنْهُ. إِنَّمَا تَرَى أَفْصَاءَهُ فَقَطْ، وَكُلُّهُ لَا تَرَى. فَالْعَيْنُ لِي مِنْ هُنَاكَ.¹⁴فَأَخَذَهُ إِلَى حَقْلٍ صُوفِيمَ إِلَى رَأْسِ الْفُسْحَةِ، وَبَنَى سَبْعَةَ مَذَابِخَ وَأَصْعَدَ تَوْرًا وَكَبِشًا عَلَى كُلِّ مَذْبَحٍ.¹⁵قَالَ لِبَالَاقَ، قِفْ هُنَا عِنْدَ مُحَرَّقَيْكَ وَأَنَا أُوَافِي هُنَاكَ.¹⁶فَوَافَى الرَّبُّ بَلْعَامَ وَوَضَعَ كَلَامًا فِي فَمِهِ وَقَالَ، ارْجِعْ إِلَى بَالَاقَ وَتَكَلَّمْ هَكَذَا.¹⁷فَأَتَى إِلَيْهِ وَإِذَا هُوَ وَاقِفٌ عِنْدَ مُحَرَّقِيهِ، وَرُؤَسَاءُ مُوَابَ مَعَهُ. فَسَأَلَهُ بَالَاقُ، مَاذَا تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ الرَّبُّ.¹⁸فَنَطَقَ بِمَتْلِهِ وَقَالَ، قُمْ يَا بَالَاقُ وَاسْمَعْ. إِصْعَ إِلَيَّ يَا ابْنَ صِغُورَ.¹⁹لَيْسَ اللَّهُ إِنْسَانًا فَيَكْذِبُ، وَلَا ابْنُ إِنْسَانٍ فَيَنْدِمُ. هَلْ يَقُولُ وَلَا يَفْعَلُ. أَوْ يَتَكَلَّمُ وَلَا يَفِي. إِنِّي قَدْ أَمِزْتُ أَنْ أَبَارِكَ. فَإِنَّهُ قَدْ بَارَكَ فَلَا أَرْدُهُ.²¹لَمْ يُبْصِرْ إِنَّمَا فِي يَعْفُوبَ، وَلَا رَأَى سُوءًا فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. الرَّبُّ إِلَهُهُ مَعَهُ. وَهُتَافُ مَلِكٍ فِيهِ.²²اللَّهُ أَخْرَجَهُ مِنْ مِصْرَ. لَهُ مِثْلُ سُرْعَةِ الرِّيحِ.²³إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ عِيَاقُهُ عَلَى يَعْفُوبَ وَلَا عِرَاقُهُ عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ. فِي الْوَقْتِ يُقَالُ عَنْ يَعْفُوبَ وَعَنْ إِسْرَائِيلَ مَا فَعَلَ اللَّهُ.²⁴هُوَذَا شَعْبٌ يَقُومُ كَلْبَوَةً وَيَرْتَفِعُ كَأَسَدٍ. لَا يَتَأَمُّ حَتَّى يَأْكُلَ قَرِيسَةً

¹And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams.²And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram.³And 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.⁴And 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.⁵And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.⁶And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab.⁷And 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.⁸How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?⁹For 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.¹⁰Who 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!¹¹And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.¹²And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?¹³And Balak said unto him,

وَيَسْرَبَ دَمَ قَتْلِي.²⁵ فَقَالَ بَالَاؤُ لِبَلْعَامَ، لَا تَلْعَنَهُ لَعْنَةً وَلَا تُبَارِكُهُ بَرَكَهً.²⁶ فَأَجَابَ بَلْعَامُ، أَلَمْ أَكَلِّمْكَ قَائِلًا، كُلُّ مَا يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ الرَّبُّ فَإِيَّاهُ أَفْعَلُ.²⁷ فَقَالَ بَالَاؤُ لِبَلْعَامَ، هَلُمَّ أَخُذْكَ إِلَى مَكَانٍ آخَرَ. عَسَى أَنْ يَضْلُعَ فِي عَيْنِي اللَّهُ أَنْ تَلْعَنَهُ لِي مِنْ هُنَاكَ.²⁸ فَأَخَذَ بَالَاؤُ بَلْعَامَ إِلَى رَأْسِ قُغُورِ الْمُشْرِيفِ عَلَى وَجْهِ الْبَرِّيَّةِ.²⁹ فَقَالَ بَلْعَامُ لِبَالَاؤَ، ابْنِ لِي هَهُنَا سَبْعَةَ مَذَابِخَ وَهَبِّئْ لِي هَهُنَا سَبْعَةَ شِيرَانٍ وَسَبْعَةَ كِبَاشٍ.³⁰ فَفَعَلَ بَالَاؤُ كَمَا قَالَ بَلْعَامُ، وَأَصْعَدَ تَوْرًا وَكَبِشًا عَلَى كُلِّ مَذْبَحٍ.

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.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.¹⁵ And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet the LORD yonder.¹⁶ And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus.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?¹⁸ And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: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?²⁰ Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.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.²² God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.²³ Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!²⁴ Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he

eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.²⁵ And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.²⁶ But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?²⁷ And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence.²⁸ And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon.²⁹ And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.³⁰ And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar.