

# Numbers 22:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.

## Analysis

The donkey responds to Balaam: 'Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee?' The rhetorical questions established the donkey's consistent faithfulness, making its unusual behavior a clear signal something was wrong. The phrase 'ever since I was thine' emphasizes long-term reliable service that should have alerted Balaam to supernatural interference.

## Historical Context

In ancient Near Eastern culture, domestic animals were valuable property requiring years of training. The donkey's question highlighted that its aberrant behavior contradicted established patterns, which should have alerted Balaam that God was intervening.

## Related Passages

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God use disruptions to normal patterns to get your attention when you're headed wrong direction?
2. What warning signs in your life might be God's attempt to stop you from persisting in error?

## Interlinear Text

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אָנָּכִּי בְּלוּאָן אַתְּנָבָן לֵי אַחֲרָן

said Am not I thine ass H413 unto Balaam H3808 H595

H559

H860

H1109

עַד מִשְׁׂרָךְ עַל אַתְּנָבָן אֲשֶׁר אַתְּנָבָן בְּכָבְתָּן

Am not I thine ass H834 upon which thou hast ridden H5921 H5750 H5704

H860

H7392

לְעַש וְתֵה הַסְכָּנָתִי בְּזַה

ever since I was thine unto this day H2088 was I ever was I ever to do so H6213

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was I ever

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לֹא: לֵי אָמַר כֵּה לֹא:

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said

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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Peter 2:16** (Sin): But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbade the madness of the prophet.