

# 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

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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

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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

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**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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וַיֹּאמֶר	אֶתְנֶבֶךְ	אֶל	בִּלְעָם	אֲנִי	הָלוֹא
said	Am not I thine ass	H413	unto Balaam	H3808	H595
H559	H860		H1109		
אֶתְנֶבֶךְ	אֲשֶׁר	כַּכְּ בָּתָּה	עַל יְ	מִעוֹדְךָ	עַד
Am not I thine ass	H834	upon which thou hast ridden	H5921	H5750	H5704
H860		H7392			
הֵי וּמִ	הַיּוֹם	הָיָה	הָסֵפְ נִתִּי	הָסֵפְ נִתִּי	לַעֲשׂוֹת
ever since I was thine unto this day	H2088	was I ever	was I ever	to do so	
H3117		H5532	H5532	H6213	
לָךְ	כִּי	וַיֹּאמֶר	לֵאמֹר:		
H0	H3541	said	H3808		
		H559			

## 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 forbad the madness of the prophet.