

# “The Last Two of Balaam’s Prophecies”

## Numbers Chapter 24

- Num 24:1 **1) The Third Prophecy** (continued) vs Chapter 23:27 - Chapter 24:11  
When Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times to seek omens but he set his face toward the wilderness.
- Num 24:2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camping tribe by tribe; and the Spirit of God came upon him.
- The pattern changes.
  - Balaam sees that blessing Israel pleases the Lord.
  - So he did not go off and seek divination or enchantment as other times.
  - Also this time the Spirit of the Lord came upon him.
    - Blessing the People of God is linked with the Spirit of God
    - This is good to remember the next time we are critical or speaking poorly about the Church. We are not under the leading or blessing of the Holy Spirit when we or anyone else is speaking poorly about the Church.
- Num 24:3 He took up his discourse and said, "The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened;
- Num 24:4 The oracle of him who hears the words of God, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered,
- Num 24:5 **How fair are your tents, O Jacob, Your dwellings, O Israel!**
- Num 24:6 "Like valleys that stretch out, Like gardens beside the river, Like aloes planted by the LORD, Like cedars beside the waters.
- Num 24:7 "Water will flow from his buckets, And his seed *will be* by many waters, And his king shall be higher than Agag, And his kingdom shall be exalted.
- Num 24:8 "God brings him out of Egypt, **He is for him like the horns of the wild ox. He will devour the nations who are his adversaries,** And will crush their bones in pieces, And shatter *them* with his arrows.
- Num 24:9 "He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him? **Blessed is everyone who blesses you, And cursed is everyone who curses you."**
- Balaam’s eyes were opened. If you are in a place that you see all the shortcomings in the church your eyes need to be opened.
  - The unsaved can only see the intolerant hypocrites in the church. Their eyes are not open. Some is true of the Christian who can only see what is wrong.
  - Balaam sees:
    - How they dwell is beautiful. (The valleys, gardens, aloes, cedars and waters)
    - He sees their strength of a (unicorn) wild ox. They will devour or crush their enemies.
    - Blessed is everyone who blesses them. Cursed is everyone who curses them.
      - Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."
      - Balak desires to curse Israel. You can sense his anger at these words without the scriptures even mentioning this.
- Num 24:10 Then Balak's anger burned against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, but behold, you have persisted in blessing them these three times!
- Num 24:11 "Therefore, flee to your place now. I said I would honor you greatly, but behold, the LORD has held you back from honor."
- Balak is furious. Balak is not going to honor (pay) Balaam. He tells him to leave.
  - Balak lies. "The Lord has held you back from honor." No it was Balak’s sin and Balaam’s disobedience.

Num 24:12 **2) The Fourth Prophecy** vs 12-25

- There is no pattern of the former prelude of the prophecy.
- Balaam is now going to let Balak know what will happen to Israel's enemies.

Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not tell your messengers whom you had sent to me, saying,

Num 24:13 "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything contrary to the command of the LORD, either good or bad, of my own accord. What the LORD speaks, that I will speak'?"

Num 24:14 "And now, behold, I am going to my people; come, *and* I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the days to come."

- Balaam states again his performance clause.
- Because he is not going to be paid he gives Balak a "free" prophecy.
- It will be just how blessed Israel will be in the future over all his enemies.

Num 24:15 He took up his discourse and said, "The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened,

Num 24:16 The oracle of him who hears the words of God, And knows the knowledge of the Most High, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered.

Num 24:17 "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth.

- "I see him but not now I behold him but not near" is speaking of someone in the future.
- "A Star ...from Jacob" "A Scepter ...from Israel" These two are speaking about the divinity and the Kingdom of someone in the future.
- That some one is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Genesis 49:10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes"
- The Star was seen by those wise men from the East.

Num 24:18 "Edom shall be a possession, Seir, its enemies, also will be a possession, While Israel performs valiantly.

Num 24:19 "One from Jacob shall have dominion, And will destroy the remnant from the city."

Num 24:20 And he looked at Amalek and took up his discourse and said, "Amalek was the first of the nations, But his end *shall be* destruction."

Num 24:21 And he looked at the Kenite, and took up his discourse and said, "Your dwelling place is enduring, And your nest is set in the cliff.

Num 24:22 "Nevertheless Kain will be consumed; How long will Asshur keep you captive?"

Num 24:23 Then he took up his discourse and said, "Alas, who can live except God has ordained it?"

Num 24:24 "But ships *shall come* from the coast of Kittim, And they shall afflict Asshur and will afflict Eber; So they also *will come* to destruction."

- All of Israel's enemies (Edom, Seir, Amalek, the Kenites) will all be destroyed.
- "God Has Ordained it"
  - Jeremiah 4:28 "Because I have spoken, I have purposed, And I will not change My mind, nor will I turn from it."

Num 24:25 Then Balaam arose and departed and returned to his place, and Balak also went his way.

- Balaam went his way, disappointed that Israel was not cursed for he went unpaid.
- Balak went his way, disappointed that Israel was not cursed for he knew he could not defeat Israel.

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