

THE PROPHECIES OF BALAAM

Numbers 22 - 24

One of the most unusual incidents in the history of Israel took place as they completed their journey and encamped just outside the Promised Land. Read about this incident and the literature which was written at this time:

A. The Problem of the Moabites: Read Numbers 22:1-41

1. Where were the people encamped at this time? Numbers 22:1 (Locate this place on the maps, pages 12 and 18).

2. How did the Moabites feel about this? Numbers 22:3-4

3. To whom did their king send for help at this time? Numbers 22:4b-6

4. What reputation did this man have? Numbers 22:6b

5. When the messengers arrived, what did Balaam tell them? Numbers 22:8

6. What was God's message to Balaam? Numbers 22:12

7. When a second group of messengers came, what did God permit Balaam to do?
Numbers 22:20

8. How did God feel about his going with them? Numbers 22:22

9. What miraculous thing took place as he journeyed? Numbers 22:22-33

10. What did Balaam then realize about his action? Numbers 22:34

11. What final caution did God give Balaam before he reached Moab? Numbers 22:35

B. The Prophecies of Balaam: Read Numbers 23:1 - 24:25

1. What did Balaam do before he spoke to Balak? Numbers 23:1, 3-5

2. Read Balaam's first prophecy in Numbers 23:7-10. What was his main question?
Numbers 23:8

3. What was his main prediction concerning Israel? Numbers 23:10

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4. What did Balak ask Balaam to do after this? Numbers 23:13

5. What did Balaam again do before he spoke? Numbers 23:15

6. Notice Balaam's wonderful words about God in his second prophecy, verse 1c. What did he predict Israel would do? Numbers 23:24

7. When Balaam saw that God would only bless Israel and not curse them, what did he do at the next place? Numbers 24:1

8. What happened to him anyway? Numbers 24:2b

9. Read Balaam's third prophecy, Numbers 24:3-9. What did he predict at this time? Numbers 24:8

10. Before Balaam returned to his own land, about what did he tell the king of Moab? Numbers 24:14

11. Read Balaam's fourth prophecy, Numbers 24:15-24. About whom do you think Balaam is talking in verses 17 and 19?

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Could anyone or anything stop God from fulfilling His promises to Israel?

2. What should I remember about all of God's promises to me? Numbers 23:19
