

Balaam

Gentile name used 57 time in Bible;
54 times OT, 3 Times NT

2 Peter 2:15

¹⁵ Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Jude 1:11

¹¹ Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Revelation 2:14-15

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Psalms 106:28-30

- ²⁸ They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.
- ²⁹ Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.
- ³⁰ Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

Time-line Numbers

- 1-2 Census; how to set up camp
- 3-4 Moses, Aaron and Levites place in camp
- 13 The 12 spies
- 16 Korah's Rebellion
- 20 Water from rock/Aarons death
- 21 Bronze snake
- 22-25 Balam
- 26 Second census

Numbers 22

And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.

² And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

³ And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel.

⁴ And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

Instructions for going through Edom

Deuteronomy 2:8-9

- ⁸ And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.
- ⁹ And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.

Balak tells God what to do

- ⁵ He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:
- ⁶ Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.

Reward of divination

Numbers 22

⁷ And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

Acts 8:9-11,18-20

1 Sam 9:3-8 (shekel-1/2 ounce)= \$3.75

Gods answer

Numbers 22

¹² And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.

3 points:

- Thou shalt not go
- Thou shalt not curse
- They are blessed

Balaam answers:

Numbers 22

¹³ And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you.

Shows his true desire. Refuseth

The message but not the Word

- Didn't tell 2/3 of Gods command.

Acts 20:27

²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Numbers 22

¹⁴ And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

Balak thinks the problem is presentation or presents.

Numbers 22

- ¹⁵ And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they.
- ¹⁶ And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me:
- ¹⁷ For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

Numbers 22

¹⁸ And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

Still doesn't give Gods message

¹⁹ Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

I know their intention so they don't need to actual call me.

²⁰ And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

²¹ And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

Adversary

²² And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.

James 4:4, 1John 2:15, Mat. 5:25, 1Pet 5:8

Sword drawn

²³ And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.

Heb. 4:12, Rev. 2:16, Rev. 19:21

³² And the angel of the LORD said unto him,
Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these
three times? behold, I went out to withstand
thee, because thy way is perverse before me:

Pr. 16:25, Jer. 17:9

Now I'm ready to obey

³⁴ And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

...I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me..

Heart still not right!

...see the utmost part of the people.

⁴¹ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people.

What did he see

The camp of Reuben

Reuben	46,500
Simeon	59,300
Gad	45,600

	151,400

Numbers 2:10-16

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The Camp of Ephraim

Ephraim	40,500
Manasseh	32,200
Benjamin	35,400

	108,100

Numbers 2:18-24

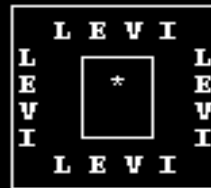
The Camp of Levi

Numbers 1:44-53

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The Camp of Judah

Judah	74,600
Issachar	4,400
Zebulon	57,400

	136,400

Numbers 2:3-9

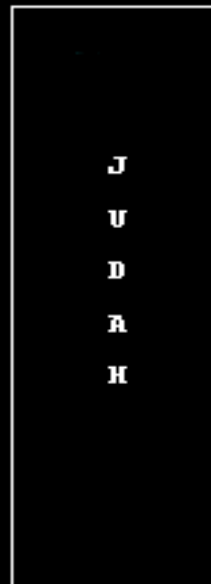
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The Camp of Dan

Dan	62,700
Naphtali	53,400
Asher	41,500

	157,600

Numbers 2:25-31

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Right is always determined by 'religion'

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Religion of Balak and Balaam

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Nikao= to conquer

Laos= the laity or ordinary people

Not Biblical:

1 Peter 5:1-4

5 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Justification for Balaams doctrine

- God is love, love is God
- God is life, life is God
- Because man is a creator (of physical life) Man is God.
 - The worship of life is the highest worship, therefore to commit fornication is only the act of man being God.