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Numbers 22-24 Balam. "A Prophet For Hire"

Balah, King of Moab, was an idolater, wicked and demon possessed king. He was fearful and frightened of Israel's victories and Israel's God, & His power. Balah being a type of Satan is in crippling fear of God's powerful people. "Even today many believers are available for hire." He knew that the only way to destroy them from conquring Moab was to bring them under a curse. Enter "Balam".

~~XX~~ Balam was determined to go against God's Word, and God's people in order to secure financial gain. He was determined to do the impossible, just for money. He was determined to attempt to bestow a divine curse on Israel.

v. 7 & v. 18 - The devil never gave up. He (Balah) gradually wore the prophet down.

v. 34. God rebuked Balam's greed through a donkey &

v. 40 The booty & bribe is increased. Now Balam dwells on the high places, in Bal's temple. Unclean spirits begin to torture and oppress him.

v. 13 ~~XX~~ Not only does the devil wear us down with larger temptations, he also wears us down with different approaches. Satan will often put you in a different place to disobey God. (John 8:12). Balam's error was

religious servia for gain.

v. 25 - Balah settles for outright trickery and deception. He withdraws a request for an outright curse, instead asking Balam to "merly withhold blessing". That is the same as cursing.

"If Balam's donkey had not rebuked the prophet, this prophecy would not have taken place." Eventually the Lord got his way & as "God's Spirit" came upon him, he brought forth "key messianic prophecies" about Yeshua. Numbers 24:14-19. Numbers 23:21. Numbers 24:7

Numbers 23:9. (the 4th part of Yeshua). Balam (v.10) seeks the end of Yeshua. (Glorified)

Close: 2 Peter 2:15-16. Many of us like Balam are tempted to be double-minded, lukewarm and deceived by the love of money. 1 Timothy 6:6-10. It is God's per grace &

protection, that ~~God~~ causes him to put this roadblock in ~~the~~^{our} path to acquire money. God will often put a rebuke through unlikely people, in our lives to rebuke our mad & crazy behavior, ~~and~~ which often runs contrary to God's Word, & contrary to God's blessings.

Luke 16:9. God's sarcastic humor as a warning. Luke 16:13. We constantly need to be taught and reminded, that we cannot serve God & money.

2 Pet 15. Loving money is called loving unrighteous wages. God U/L6 called Balaam crazy. Let's not be crazy. Let's be submitted. Let's begin to thank God for the dumb asses that He places to prevent error in our lives. We must be like Daniel not Balaam. Daniel refused the wages of unrighteousness.

Daniel 5-17 ✖