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## **Numbers Chapters 22 Balaam Friend or Foe?**

The last few chapters of the book of Numbers that we have ventured through have had a lot to do with both the pitfalls and the conquests of the house of Israel. On the one hand, the house of Israel finally did go in and conquer the land of Canaan and they also overtook King Sihon who was the king of the Amorites, and they also overran King Og who was the king of Bashan who was also the last of the giants or the Rephaim according to Deuteronomy chapter 3. And yet... in the middle of all of this we read about the story of the bronze serpent which has everything to do with the rebellion and the sinful nature of the house of Israel.

And so, even though the house of Israel was making progress, we can still see the serpent working within the house of Israel to do all that he can to deceive them and to turn them away from Yehovah the Elohim of Israel. And even though they were beginning to go in and to overrun the land that God had promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to take possession of it... they were still getting caught up in the traps and the snares of the serpent himself who has always been a representation of sin and transgression.

And once again, I would submit to you that there's really nothing new here in the book of Numbers. Today we who have been grafted into the house of Israel are still stumbling and bumbling from time to time because of the pull that the serpent has over the flesh. And so, keeping

that in mind, the last thing that we should be doing is pointing our fingers at the house of Israel here in the book of Numbers.

Some may think that the house of Israel was nothing but a nation of fools who just couldn't get it straight. But I would submit to you that we ourselves become fools when we point our fingers at the stumbling's of the house of Israel while we ourselves are still learning how to walk properly and what it means to pick up our crosses and to follow our Messiah back to his Father where we belong.

We must remember that for thousands of years man has been corrupt largely because of his human flesh. Today in these last days our Father in heaven is indeed pouring out his Spirit upon his people calling us back after thousands of years to put away our stumbling's and to put away our fleshly desires and to return to him as his children and to walk in his ways as he intended from the very beginning. And this is no small matter. These things do indeed take time. Just to study these things out takes a great deal of time. And it does indeed take effort and the willful and intentional commitment of obedience to justify the commitment that we have made. These things are often times not learned or taught overnight. And I think that we can all agree that wandering in the wilderness is not where any of us want to be. But sometimes it is beneficial and even necessary for us to wander in the wilderness and to walk through the fire of persecution because it is through these things that we grow and it is through these things that our character is built upon.

If there is anything that we can learn from the Torah, it's human nature. Our Father in heaven wants us to understand our own human nature. He wants us to understand that we were indeed born into this world sinful creatures in the direct line of sinful Adam who willfully and intentionally sinned against Yehovah God. And this is exactly why we as sinful creatures need to be re-created through the watery grave of baptism. It is because we are sinful creatures of the flesh that we need to take off the perishable in order to put on the imperishable.

Therefore, we must strive to understand the message that is being delivered to us right here in the book of Numbers. When we read about the house of Israel conquering and yet stumbling... we are essentially looking into a mirror of our own humanity and our own struggle. And this is the greater message of not only the book of Numbers alone but the Torah itself. We must ask ourselves why it is that our Father in heaven made sure that we would have this Torah to read in these last days. Why was it that these words have been preserved for us for thousands of years? When the Roman Catholic Church back in the dark ages attempted to steal this Bible from the world, and to covet these very words, we must understand why it was that God saw fit for there to be a Reformation so that these God breathed Scriptures could once again be read by all mankind.

We must understand why it was that the devil's church wanted to conceal these God breathed Scriptures in the first place. Why was the Roman Catholic Church murdering millions of people for even reading a Bible back in the dark ages? Why was the Roman Catholic Church murdering people for even owning a Bible back in the dark ages? Why was the Roman Catholic Church murdering people for translating these God breathed Scriptures out of Latin and into their own native tongues so that people could once again have these God breathed Scriptures? The Roman Catholic Church was attempting to steal the Bible back in the dark ages because it is indeed the devil's church and the last thing that the devil wants is for us to have and to read and to believe the word of the Most High Elohim of Israel! There should be no doubt in our minds... that these people like the Waldensians and the Albigenses and the Hussites are indeed true heroes who laid their lives down so that we could have these God breathed Scriptures before us today in our time just as our Father in heaven had intended.

The Roman Catholic Church was willfully and intentionally murdering true Christians for owning or for reading or for translating the Bible into their own native tongues back in the dark ages because the devil does

not want you to have these God breathed Scriptures. And the Roman Catholic Church still today denounces the Bible as an un-historical book that is fatal to the virtue of faith and a book that cannot lead to salvation because the Bible does not include the words of her man-made god... the Pope of Rome.

There has literally been a war in the physical that has been fought in human blood in order for you and I to even have these God breathed Scriptures before us to read today. Men and women and even children... whole societies of people were murdered in cold blood by the Roman Catholic Church during the dark ages and during the inquisitions because they were fighting for the right for every man, woman, and child to have these God breathed Scriptures in front of them. These God breathed Scriptures have been washed in blood time after time after time after time. And most modern-day professing Christians today are so oblivious... so ignorant... so unstudied... so misguided... so preprogramed... that they don't even have a clue. Their own history is unknown to them because the devil has once again hidden it by constructing his own church and by thinking to change the times and the law of God himself. The devil has done all that he can to keep these God breathed Scriptures out of our hands throughout history.

Make no mistake about it, the God breathed Scriptures that we are reading from here today were bought and paid for through the blood of our brothers and sisters who fought and gave their very lives in order for us to have these God breathed Scriptures. And the Roman Catholic Church who is the devil's church who attempted to steal these Scriptures from mankind is indeed a wretched and foul bird... a snake in the grass that crawls on its belly... the offspring of the serpent himself who still to this very day denies the Bible and these God breathed Scriptures and claims that her own man-made god on earth now has the power to change the times and the law of God just as Daniel prophesied that the beast would do in Daniel chapter 7 verse 25.

I tell you the truth... we are working feverishly on a documentary right

now as we speak that we already know is going to be very difficult to bring to the attention of the public because of the truth that it divulges. Even now we are very concerned about what platform we are going to be able to post this documentary on without having it taken down and scrubbed from the Internet and hidden from the eyes of the world just as the Bible was hidden from the eyes of the world during the dark ages and during the rule and the reign of Roman Catholicism.

You see, things really haven't changed at all when it comes to human nature. We today face the same deceptions, the same dangers, the same obstacles, and the same enemies as the house of Israel did here in the book of Numbers. The nations and the rulers of the world's nations are not our friends, nor will they ever be. And it is because the nations and the rulers of the world covet the power and the glory that they have been given by the little "g" god of this world that you and I have become the enemy in their eyes. We who speak the truth... we who study to show ourselves approved... we who know our history... we who see the enemy for who he is as plain as day are indeed hated just as the world hated our Messiah and the truth that he brought to the world. And we will soon see the devil's church rise up right here in the book of Numbers when we get done reading about Balak and Balaam, and we will clearly see the deceptions that the house of Israel faced here in the Torah are no different than the deceptions that we face today in our time through the very same... Devil's church.

Yehovah is my shepherd I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restores my soul, he leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his namesake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will... and I will... dwell in the house of Yehovah forever.

These words are no cliché. These words are not a joke. These words... are a battle cry. They are a battle cry for those of us who fear no evil because his rod and his staff does indeed comfort us. And what is his rod and his staff? His rod and his staff is his Torah, his law, his spoken word that our Messiah became in the flesh. But in order for these words to have any meaning at all whatsoever... we must get into the fight. We must endure the battle. We must walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and we must fear... no evil.

The house of Israel right here in the book of Numbers was facing a testing. They were being called to choose whom it is that they would serve. They were being called to make a decision. They were being called to identify good versus evil, righteousness versus unrighteousness, and truth versus deception. They were being called to be a spiritual people and not a fleshly people. Once again, it is written, that many will be called but only few would be chosen, and this is something that we as modern-day Christians cannot forget as we forge on through these evil and wicked days that we now live in here... at the end of the age.

As we venture into Numbers chapters 22 through 24 here this evening, we're going to see just how important it is to be able to identify friend... from foe... good versus evil... right versus wrong... and truth versus deception.

As we read through Numbers chapter 22 through 24, we are going to be able to see very clearly that evil is as evil does and that evil will always be innately evil. Narcissism and vanity are the pinnacle of... evil. And we're going to see this as we read through these next three chapters and then next week when we finally get into Numbers chapter 25 we're going to see how the fruit of evil spreads throughout the whole earth through the devil's church. And there is not much else that I can say without presenting these next three chapters to you word for word from these God breathed Scripture and so without further ado... let us dive into the story of Balak and Balaam and let us see if we can decipher

between friend and foe here this evening. Because I promise you that what we are about to read holds a great understanding that is tectonically important for us to grasp if we are ever going to truly have the ability to navigate through these evil days that we are now living in at the end of the age. Let's begin by once again reading through Numbers chapter 22 so that we can know exactly what it says and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Numbers chapter 22 E1**

### **Balak Summons Balaam**

**Num 22:1** Then the people of Israel set out and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho.

**Num 22:2** And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

**Num 22:3** And Moab was in great dread of the people, because they were many. Moab was overcome with fear of the people of Israel.

**Num 22:4** And Moab said to the elders of Midian, "This horde will now lick up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field." So **Balak the son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time,**

**Num 22:5** sent messengers **to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor,** which is near the River in the land of the people of Amaw, to call him, saying, "Behold, a people has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of the earth, and they are dwelling opposite me.

**Num 22:6** **Come now, curse this people for me,** since they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land, for I know that **he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed."**

**Num 22:7** So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the fees for divination in their hand. And they came to Balaam and gave him Balak's message.

**Num 22:8** And he said to them, "Lodge here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, as the LORD speaks to me." So the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

**Num 22:9** And God came to Balaam and said, "**Who are these men with you?"**

**Num 22:10** And Balaam said to God, "Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying,

**Num 22:11** 'Behold, a people has come out of Egypt, and it covers the face of the earth. Now come, **curse them for me.** Perhaps I shall be able to fight against them and drive them out.'"

Num 22:12 God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."

Num 22:13 So Balaam rose in the morning and said to the princes of Balak, "Go to your own land, for the LORD has refused to let me go with you."

Num 22:14 So the princes of Moab rose and went to Balak and said, "Balaam refuses to come with us."

Num 22:15 Once again Balak sent princes, more in number and more honorable than these.

Num 22:16 And they came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor: 'Let nothing hinder you from coming to me,

Num 22:17 for I will surely do you great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do. Come, curse this people for me.'"

Num 22:18 But Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of the LORD my God to do less or more."

Num 22:19 So you, too, please stay here tonight, that I may know what more the LORD will say to me."

Num 22:20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men have come to call you, rise, go with them; but only do what I tell you."

Num 22:21 So Balaam rose in the morning and saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab.

### **Balaam's Donkey and the Angel**

Num 22:22 But God's anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him.

Num 22:23 And the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road.

Num 22:24 Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side.

Num 22:25 And when the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall. So he struck her again.

Num 22:26 Then the angel of the LORD went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left.

Num 22:27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

Num 22:28 Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said

to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

Num 22:29 And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you."

Num 22:30 And the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?" And he said, "No."

Num 22:31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face.

Num 22:32 And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me.

Num 22:33 The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let her live."

Num 22:34 Then Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you stood in the road against me. Now therefore, if it is evil in your sight, I will turn back."

Num 22:35 And the angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only the word that I tell you." So Balaam went on with the princes of Balak.

Num 22:36 When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, on the border formed by the Arnon, at the extremity of the border.

Num 22:37 And Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?"

Num 22:38 Balaam said to Balak, "Behold, I have come to you! Have I now any power of my own to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that must I speak."

Num 22:39 Then Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath-huzoth.

Num 22:40 And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent for Balaam and for the princes who were with him.

Num 22:41 And in the morning Balak took Balaam and brought him up to Bamoth-baal, and from there he saw a fraction of the people.

And so, here in Numbers chapter 22 we are introduced to a king by the name of Balak and a Gentile diviner... a soothsayer... by the name of Balaam. And this king of Moab "Balak" had seen the devastation of the

house of Israel and what they had done to the Amorites and he was struck in his heart with a great fear of the house of Israel because he knew that Moab was next.

And so, this king of Moab “Balak” summonses this Gentile diviner, this pagan soothsayer by the name of Balaam to come and to curse the house of Israel.

Now, the first thing that we need to understand is that Balaam is not an Israelite. Balaam is a pagan diviner who worships many different gods. Balaam does not just worship the Elohim of Israel, but he worships many different Elohim. And this is the downfall of Balaam. The very idea that this Balaam was a diviner, and a soothsayer breaks and transgresses the very word of Yehovah who tells us very clearly not only not to do these things but not to be yoked together with those who do these things. Let’s turn this evening to **Deuteronomy 18:9-14 E2**

### **Abominable Practices**

Deu 18:9 “When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations.

Deu 18:10 There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer

Deu 18:11 or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead,

Deu 18:12 for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.

Deu 18:13 You shall be blameless before the LORD your God,

Deu 18:14 for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do this.

Once again, it’s important to understand what our Father in heaven is conveying to us right here in the book of Deuteronomy. How many people do you know of today that talk to the dead? How many people do

you know of today that are taught that grandma and grandpa are right now in heaven? How many people do you know of today that are always repetitively saying that grandma or grandpa or that mom and dad are looking down upon us from heaven right now and that they are with us? How many people do you know today that run to these very same people who tell fortunes and interpret omens who are sorcerers and charmers and mediums and necromancers and those who inquire of the dead?

Television programs have been broadcast across the airwaves, advertisements on billboards around the world, movies and documentaries, videogames and music videos all portray these mediums... these sorcerers... these charmers and necromancers and fortunetellers and those who inquire of the dead to be some kind of connection between us and the dead. These people are made out to be heroes, they are made out to be special. And just as they were clear back in the days of the Torah... most of them are filthy stinking rich because of the spells that they cast upon the ignorant and the unstudied. They walk among the rich and the famous and the movie stars and the talk show hosts of the world. All of this goes directly back to the story of Balaam right here in the book of Numbers. And just as we have just read in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 18... whoever does these things is an abomination to Yehovah. Yehovah your God has not allowed you to do this. Why? Because it is written that the dead know nothing. You are not speaking to dead relatives if you are indulging in this pagan tradition. What you are speaking to are demons who also have known your relatives and who also know your human weakness.

And this is extremely important for us to touch on today in our time because there is a very thin line between a prophet... and a medium or a charmer or a diviner or necromancer. One gets his information from Yehovah directly... and the other gets his information from the devil himself. And there is a whole study that we could do on Ouija boards and demon possession that does indeed still take place today in our time. There's a whole study that we could do on fortunetellers and sorcerers and charmers and mediums and necromancers. But it should suffice to

say that just as our Father in heaven has already told us right here in Deuteronomy chapter 18 verse 12... whoever does these things is an abomination to Yehovah.

This should be enough for us. This should be the end of the story, the end of the discussion. No other study should be needed. No other information needs to be found or uncovered. If you do these things... if you believe these things... if you are chasing after these things... you yourself are an abomination to Yehovah. Yehovah your God has not allowed you to do this. Not says I... But says our God breathed Scripture! And we can also find this in Leviticus chapter 19 verse 31, first John chapter 4 verse one, Acts chapter 16 verse 16, Daniel chapter 2 verses 27 through 28, Leviticus chapter 19 verse 26, Revelation chapter 21 verse eight, Micah chapter 5 verse 12, Isaiah chapter 47 verses 13 through 15, second Corinthians chapter 11 verse 14... Do I need to go on? Because I can!... Acts chapter 8 verses nine through 13, Micah chapter 1 verses one through 16, Ezekiel chapter 13 verse three, do I need to go on? Because I can!... Leviticus chapter 20 verse six, James chapter 1 verse 27, first Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 22, Daniel chapter 2 verse 27, do I need to go on? Because I can!... But I digress... for the moment.

My friends I could go on all day long... about the Scripture that is riddled all throughout the Bible in almost every chapter of the Bible that warns us against these kinds of children of the devil who make prey on of God's ignorant and unstudied people. The wicked and the demonic denominational empires of Christianity today... are part and parcel of their mother church of Rome who prays to dead Mary... and to dead to Peter... and to the dead saints. Once again... she is an abomination to Yehovah. And those who practice such things with her are also abominations to Yehovah. Come out of her my people lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues for her sins are heaped is high is heaven God has remembered her iniquities.

If you want to lose your salvation... go talk to a fortuneteller. If you

want to lose your salvation... go worship the Pope of Rome. If you want to lose your salvation... go ahead and pray to the dead. If you want to lose your salvation... go ahead and dance with the devil in the pale moonlight in front of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and see where it leads you.

But if you truly value the gift of salvation that your Father in heaven has unfolded before you through the blood of his only begotten Son in order to save you from this debauchery and from this wickedness and from this deception, this evil, this vomit of the world... you will keep yourself and your children and your children's children far, far away from these children... of the devil.

And I say all of that to say this... Balaam... was indeed an abomination to Yehovah. Balaam did not worship only Yehovah. Balaam was much like our modern-day Oprah Winfrey who worships many different god's and believes that there are many different ways to heaven other than the only begotten Son of God. A woman who has created for herself her own religion because she has been deceived and has no eyes to see and no ears to hear.

This is dangerous business that were reading about right here in these next few chapters of the book of Numbers. This is no joke. This is nothing to laugh at. And this is nothing to get wrong. We must... and I repeat must... get this right.

Balak the king of Moab went directly to a Gentile sorcerer in order to get this Gentile sorcerer to curse the house of Israel. But Balaam because he did worship many different god's was very familiar with the God of the house of Israel. And so, Balaam very wisely uses his black magic to summons the God of Israel just like the witch of Endor in order to ask him about these people that the king of Moab wanted to curse. And Yehovah the Elohim of Israel warned Balaam against cursing his people. And Balaam was wise enough to know not to go against the will of Yehovah the Elohim of Israel.

As we read through these next couple of chapters were going to see this Gentile diviner... this Gentile medium receiving information from Yehovah and even blessing Yehovah and the house of Israel but let there be no mistake about it... this Balaam was indeed an abomination to Yehovah. And we need to also make no mistake about the fact that this Balaam did indeed fear Yehovah to the point that he was ready to die by the hand of King Balak. But just so that we are not deceived by exactly who this “Balaam” actually was as we read through the book of Numbers... we need to also read the rest of what Scripture says about this particular fellow by the name of “Balaam”. What does the rest of Scripture say about Balaam? Let’s take a quick look. **E3**

### **Vengeance on Midian**

**Num 31:1** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**Num 31:2** “Avenge the people of Israel on the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people.”

**Num 31:3** So Moses spoke to the people, saying, “Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian to execute the LORD's vengeance on Midian.

**Num 31:4** You shall send a thousand from each of the tribes of Israel to the war.”

**Num 31:5** So there were provided, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

**Num 31:6** And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand from each tribe, together with Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.

**Num 31:7** They warred against Midian, as the LORD commanded Moses, and killed every male.

**Num 31:8** They killed the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain, Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. And they also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

And so, what’s important to understand here is that Balaam was indeed someone who practiced divination which made him once again an abomination to Yehovah. Joshua also makes mention of how Balaam was killed by the sword and exactly why Balaam was killed by the

sword in **Joshua chapter 13 verse 22 E4**

**Jos 13:22** Balaam also, the son of Beor, the one who practiced divination, was killed with the sword by the people of Israel among the rest of their slain.

And so, there is a lot that we can learn through the study of Balaam and exactly who he was and why it was that Balaam was an abomination to Yehovah. And by the same token we ourselves can learn how not to become an abomination to our Father in heaven by being yoked together with and believing in the same demonically inspired divination that Balaam was entrenched within. But there's more!

These are not the only chapters that we find Balaam in. We also find Balaam in the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Deuteronomy where we also find some more information that is extremely striking. Let's turn now to **Deuteronomy chapter 23 verses one through eight E5**

#### **Those Excluded from the Assembly**

**Deu 23:1** "No one whose testicles are crushed or whose male organ is cut off shall enter the assembly of the LORD.

**Deu 23:2** "No one born of a forbidden union may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of his descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD.

**Deu 23:3** "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the LORD forever,

**Deu 23:4** because they did not meet you with bread and with water on the way, when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

**Deu 23:5** But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam; instead the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loved you.

**Deu 23:6** You shall not seek their peace or their prosperity all your days forever.

**Deu 23:7** "You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were a sojourner in his land.

Deu 23:8 Children born to them in the third generation may enter the assembly of the LORD.

If you will remember, we have spoken an awful lot about how it is that the wheat is growing up amongst the weeds. God's chosen set apart remnant people are growing up amongst the children of the devil. And the truth is, that many modern-day professing Christians today have no concept of the difference between the children of God and the children of the serpent.

But right here in Deuteronomy chapter 23 we read about people that are excluded from being the children of Yehovah. No Amorite or Moabite may enter the assembly of Yehovah even to the 10<sup>th</sup> generation. Yehovah is very clear that none of them may enter the assembly of Yehovah forever. And one of the reasons is because they did not meet his children with bread and water on their way when they came out of Egypt. And the second reason given is that they hired Balaam to curse his children.

And I want to stop right here, and I want us to realize why these things are so. (scrn 1)

**The Call of Abram**

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

Gen 12:2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



Once again it was written from the very beginning that Yehovah would bless those who bless Abraham and his children but that he would curse those who would dishonor Abraham and his children. And we must remember that the children of Abraham are not the children of Abraham by blood... but are children of Abraham by spirit (**scrn 2**)

**It Is Not The Children of The Flesh!**

Rom 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,

Rom 9:7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

Rom 9:8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.



Once again, it is not the children of the flesh who are descendants of Abraham, but it is the children of the promise that are counted as his offspring. We must remember that our Messiah is the true offspring of Abraham according to the flesh. We are adopted as children through the flesh of Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek) if... and that's a big "if"... we are subordinate to him and have picked up our crosses and are following him back to his Father. Which brings us right back to **Deuteronomy chapter 23 E5**

#### **Those Excluded from the Assembly**

**Deu 23:1** "No one whose testicles are crushed or whose male organ is cut off shall enter the assembly of the LORD."

Deu 23:2 "No one born of a forbidden union may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of his descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD.

Deu 23:3 "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the LORD forever,

Deu 23:4 because they did not meet you with bread and with water on the way, when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

Deu 23:5 But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam; instead the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loved you.

Deu 23:6 You shall not seek their peace or their prosperity all your days forever.

Deu 23:7 "You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were a sojourner in his land.

Deu 23:8 Children born to them in the third generation may enter the assembly of the LORD.

There are people who are excluded from the assembly of Yehovah. No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of Yehovah not just to the 10<sup>th</sup> generation... but forever. Once again, these people are cursed by God because they did not honor the offspring of Abraham and Yehovah had already predetermined that he would bless those who blessed his children and curse those who cursed his children.

When you hire someone like Balaam... a diviner... a child of the serpent himself to curse God's children... you yourself become an abomination to God. When you pay a fortune teller or a diviner or a soothsayer for their service because you want to know the future or you want to speak to a dead relative... you become an abomination to God. And this is tectonically important to understand. When you make yourself an abomination, you don't only make yourself an abomination, but you also make those around you objects of abomination as well. Because those who see you doing it are also going to want to also do it. And this is why it is written that a true believer is not to be yoked together with an unbeliever. Because if we are yoked together with unbelievers, we ourselves will become like them. And if you doubt that for one moment,

you need to go back and read the story of King Solomon who married a slew of pagan women and wound up worshiping other pagan gods. In other words... our Father in heaven is wise enough to know that people tend to become what they associate with. If you associate with losers and drug addicts you will become a loser and a drug addict. If you associate with bikers, you yourself will most likely become a biker. If you associate yourself with cowboys, you will most likely become a cowboy. If you associate with sinners... you yourself will most likely become a sinner. However... if you associate yourself with the assembly of Yehovah... who by the way will hold you accountable... then you will most likely become part of the assembly of Yehovah. It simply human nature. It's a choice that we are given to choose. Which brings us right back to the book of Numbers and what we are reading about in the book of Numbers.

Yehovah is showing us human nature right here in the book of Numbers. He is showing us what to associate with and what not to associate with. He's showing us how to become true spiritual warriors. He's showing us what to teach our children and our children's children and whatnot to teach them. He's showing us what to protect them from. He's showing us how to walk in his ways and how to navigate through these end times that we are now living in.

Why is it that Yehovah commanded the house of Israel not to intermarry with the nations of the world? Because he knew that these other nations were pagan. This was the quintessential downfall of King Solomon who was known to be one of the wisest men that ever walked the face of the earth. And if these things could fool Solomon... we should not be so vanity filled as to think that these things could not also fool us if we are not on guard.

As we continue on to read on through the next couple of chapters we are going to see Balaam seemingly siding with Yehovah to the point that Balaam himself even blesses the house of Israel. Balaam himself was allowed to see the beauty and the majesty and the purpose of the house

of Israel. And we'll see that in the next couple of chapters. But this in no way saved Balaam from destruction. Balaam still continued to be a diviner. Balaam still continued to talk to the dead. Balaam still continued to worship other pagan gods alongside of the Elohim of Israel. And this is exactly why Balaam himself was done away with and eradicated by the house of Israel because once again... Balaam was an abomination to Yehovah because of what he practiced.

And so, as we continue our study next week into the next couple of chapters of the book of Numbers let us not be fooled into thinking that Balaam was some kind of convert. He was not! And there is another who came much later after Balaam who many think was a convert and was not. A man by the name of Constantine who literally built the devil's church that we know today as Catholicism.

You see it's extremely important to know the difference between friend and foe today in our time because the devil loves to dress himself up like an angel of light and so too... do his ministers. The key in deciphering the difference between a friend and that foe is once again... obedience. It is written that you will know them by their fruits. Are they walking in truth? Are they keeping this seventh day... Sabbath of God?... Or are they keeping the first day of the week Sunday Sabbath of Roman Catholic popery? Are they keeping God's feast days or are they keeping man's festival and traditions? You will know them by their fruits. Not by what they say... but by what they do. The love of God according to first John chapter 5 verse three is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not a burden to us. For this is the very biblical definition of the love of God. And this is exactly why those who live in the flesh cannot please God. Because the flesh cannot submit to God's law. Not says I... But says the apostle Paul in Romans chapter 8 verses seven and eight. **(scrn 3)**

## The Flesh Does Not Submit To God's Law...

Rom 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.



And there is also something else very important that the book of Numbers teaches us. And that is, that not everyone who Yehovah speaks to is saved. Not everyone who Yehovah converses with is a prophet. Not everyone who is called is chosen. Not everyone who blesses Yehovah with their lips is accepted. We must always remember that Yehovah converses with the devil as well. Yehovah converses with demons. Yehovah converses with abominations in order for his good purpose to be made known and to be executed. Just because Yehovah converses with someone does not mean that they belong to him. And just because someone blesses Yehovah with their lips does not mean that they are accepted by him. And this is an extremely hard pill for today's modern day Christian denominational empires to swallow because they once again believe that it is all about... Lip service. But that's not what our Messiah says. **(scrn 4)**

## I Never Knew You

Mat 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 7:22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'

Mat 7:23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'



In other words... if you are not doing the will of his Father in heaven... Then you're out. And if that burst your religious bubble... let us give thanks to the Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Jacob... for bursted bubbles.

It is written that even the demons believe and that they shudder. Therefore... let us not be fooled into thinking that all we have to do is to say that we believe with our lips while our hearts are far from him. Obedience is the key to the love of God. Obedience is the key to the love of Yeshua his only begotten Son. Obedience is what is written across our hearts and in our minds. And as we will soon see, it will be through obedience that the house of Israel will finally enter into the promised land of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But not until their testing is finished in the wilderness.

There is much, much, much more to learn here from the book of Numbers and the pagan diviner Balaam. And although we have run out of time for this evening, we will pick up again in Numbers chapter 23 and 24 next week as we continue our journey into our Father's Torah next Thursday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard Time. Until then, stay

the course... and continue to not only read but to study... and above all... let us stay on our knees diligently asking for his discernment and his discernment alone.

And until that time... I will do as I always do, and I will once again ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here this evening to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here this evening be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that... and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.