

Sunday School Notes

March 7, 2021

The first commandment – You shall have no other gods before me. The lure of prestige, power, and riches.

Balaam ignoring circumstances and taking advantage of Balak and Moab's fear.

The First Oracle (Numbers 23:1-12) The expense and expectation of verses 1 and 6, Balaam takes credit for Balak's compare verse 3 and 4. A people who live apart see verse 9. Balaam leading Balak and the princes on verse 10.

Balaam's Second Oracle (Numbers 23:13-26) Another location only seeing part of Israel. Again the expense and the expectation to Balak verses 14-15 and 17. How does verses 19-20 to Balaam's life? The fate and strength of Israel verses 21-24. No sorcery against Israel... verse 23. Balak's response verses 25-26.

Balaam's Third Oracle (Numbers 23:27-24:13) What is the difference of this oracle compared to the first two (verses 1-4)? Balak's anger at Balaam verses 10-11, Balaam supposedly shuns Balak's offer of riches verses 12-13

Balaam's Parting Words, his Fourth and Final Oracle (Numbers 24:14-25) A prophecy about the rise of the Davidic dynasty which conquered the surrounding peoples. What Balaam threatens in verse 14, he does in verse 25.

Joshua 24:9-10 God's protection; Balaam's problem Jude 11

No public curses but devastating advice Numbers 25:1-9; (Deuteronomy 4:3-4; 1 Corinthians 10:8 compare with Numbers 25:7-9) 2 Peter 2:13-16 and Revelation 2:14

God rewards Phinehas' bold action Numbers 25:10-13; Psalm 106:28-30

God's vengeance on the Midianites Numbers 31:1-18 (Optional Deuteronomy 23:3-6; Joshua 13:22 Balaam's trade; and Nehemiah 13:1-2 the fate of Balaam.)

Divination: *the art or practice that seeks to foresee or foretell future events or discover hidden knowledge usually by the interpretation of omens or by the aid of supernatural powers.*

The first commandment – You shall have no other gods before me. Ex. 20:1-3 and Deut. 5:6-7; God's name: Exodus 34:11-17.

The second commandment – You shall not make for yourself an idol. Ex. 20:4-6 and Deut. 5:7-10; Duet. 4:23-24

The third commandment – Misusing the Lord's name. Ex. 20:7 and Deut. 5:11

The fourth commandment – The Sabbath Ex. 20:8-10 and Deut. 5:12-15

The fifth commandment – Honoring dad and mom. Ex. 20:12 and Deut. 5:16

The sixth commandment – You shall not commit murder. Ex. 20:13 and Deut. 5:17; Matthew 5:21-26

The seventh commandment – You shall not commit adultery. Ex. 20:14 and Deut. 5:18; Matthew 5:27-32

The eighth commandment – You shall not steal. Ex. 20:15 and Deut. 5:19

The ninth commandment – You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. Ex. 20:16 and Deut. 5:20

The tenth commandment – You shall not cover your neighbor's wife and property. Ex. 20:17 and Deut. 5:21

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The first commandment – You shall have no other gods before me. Ex. 20:1-3 and Deut. 5:6-7; God's name: Exodus 34:11-17.

A related story: Numbers 22:1-39 Balak summons Balaam; Jeremiah 17:9-10 the problem with our hearts; Proverbs 4:23 guarding; Proverbs 17:3 God testing the heart; James 1:13-15 the process of being led away by our desires.

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