

**“The Pentateuch”**  
**Numbers 22**  
**Wednesday January 19, 2011**

- 1. Numbers 1:1-10:10 – Order and Organization**
- 2. Numbers 10:11-22:1 – Testings and Failures**
- 3. Numbers 22:2-36:13 – Repair and Reorganization**

- 1. Numbers 1:1-10:10 – At Sinai**
- 2. Numbers 10:11-22:1 – To Moab**
- 3. Numbers 22:2-36:13 – At Moab**

**Edom – Deut 2:5**

**Moab – Deut 2:9**

**Ammon – Deut 2:19**

**Numbers 22:1-41 – Balaam and God’s Will:**

Numbers 22: 1-6 – Moab’s Fear: Numbers 22: 1-3

Num. 21:21-25 – Three Kings conquered

Numbers 22: 4

Balak, king of Moab, didn’t realize that God had told Israel not to attack Moab Deut. 2: 9

Numbers 22: 5

Balaam – name means “devourer of the people”

Pethor, which is near the River, distance of 300 miles

Balaam and the Church Today:

1. The Way of Balaam: 2 Peter 2: 15-16 – Balaam knew the right way, but deliberately chose the wrong way because he wanted to make money and loved money. He kept “playing with the will of God” by trying to get “a different viewpoint”
2. The Error of Balaam: Jude 11 – “The error of Balaam” is thinking that one can get away with this kind of rebellion. Balaam prostituted his gifts and sought to destroy God’s people. God turned Balaam’s curses into blessings (Deut. 23:4-5).

3. The Doctrine of Balaam: Rev. 2:14 – “You can violate your separated position and get away with it!” “You are God’s chosen people, certainly a little friendship with your neighbors will not hurt you! “Turning the grace of ... God into lasciviousness”

Numbers 22:6

3 Factors At Play:

1. The Words of Balak
2. The Words of Balaam
3. The Words of God

Eph 6:12-13

Numbers 22:7-14 – Balak’s First Offer to Balaam: Numbers 22:7-12

“Do not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.”

Numbers 22:13

Balaam Held Back God’s Message: for the Lord has refused to let me go with you.” “I should like to go with you, but I am not allowed; I should love to curse Israel, but I do not dare.”

God Had Said - “Do not go with them; you shall not curse the people; for they are blessed.”

Rom 13:14

Numbers 22:14

Numbers 22:15-21 – Balak’s Second Offer: Numbers 22:15-19

What more can God say to Balaam? Numbers 22:12

Numbers 22:20

God gave permission but not His sanction

Prov 14:12

Numbers 22:21

Wasted no time to do what he wanted to do!

Numbers 22:22-30 – Balaam’s Donkey: Numbers 22:22

Whenever we insist on going against God, He will allow us to go

James 5: 19-20

Numbers 22: 23

Isaiah 1: 2-3

Numbers 22: 24-27

Balaam is beating his source of protection, kicking against the goads!

Numbers 22: 28-30

Numbers 22: 31-35 – The Angel's Revelation: Numbers 22: 31-34

Micah 6: 8

Numbers 22: 35

"Go with the men," – In His permissive will

Numbers 22: 36-24: 25 – Balaam and God's Message: Numbers 22: 36-41

### **Application:**

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3. The Doctrine of Balaam: Rev. 2: 14 – "But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality." "You can violate your separated position and get away with it!" "You are God's chosen people, certainly a little friendship with your neighbors will not hurt you! "turning the grace of ... God into lasciviousness"