

Numbers 22-25

LW – Moses Striking/Rock/Misrepresenting & Bronze Serpent

TW – New Style of Study – 3X5 Bible Study – Topics/Chapters/Q's

* Feigning (Faking/Pretending) to Feinting (Not Fainting)

Chapter 22

1. V1-21 & V32 & V35 – Balaam Really Seeking God's Will?

2 Peter 2:15¹⁵ They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

* Balaam was Feigning/Faking/Pretending with God!

* When we ask God...

* Are we really honest/asking? Or going/motions?

* Have our minds made up already?

* Do we wait for an answer – Teenagers on the way out the door?

* Try/"trick God" into thinking/following him/ do our own thing?

Joshua 14:8, 9, 14 – Wholly followed the LORD God of Israel

Chapter 22

2. V28 – "If God can use a Donkey/Ass(KJV)"

Chapter 23

3. Caution Regarding Speaking Cursings

V8 – How shall I curse...

James 3:8-10⁸ But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

Examples – Speak Condemning or "Cursing" "S.O.B." ; "Go to Hell"

Matthew 5:44⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Romans 12:14¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

* We say we are Christians – We Don't Live Like We are One?!?!?

* Not Only Call Ourselves Christians – Need to Live Like One!

Chapter 24

4. V1 & 9 - No Counsel can Stand Against the Lord!

Deuteronomy 23:(3-5)^{3,4,5} "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his descendants shall enter the assembly of the Lord forever, ⁴because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you. ⁵Nevertheless the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.

Isaiah 54:17¹⁷ No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord.

Chapter 25

5. V1-3 – Balaam's Deceptive Counsel

What happened?

Numbers 31:16¹⁶ Look, these women caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the Lord in the incident of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the Lord.

Revelation 2:14¹⁴ But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

* Frontal Attack didn't work, a Feint did!

Feint - A deceptive action calculated to divert attention from one's real purpose. See synonyms at [wile](#).

Ephesians 6:10-11¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 4:14¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head— Christ—