

## Numbers 24:1-25 **Balaam's Last prophetic Utterance**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness. <sup>2</sup> And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him. <sup>3</sup> Then he took up his oracle and said:

"The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, The utterance of the man whose eyes are opened, <sup>4</sup> The utterance of him who hears the words of God, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes wide open:

<sup>5</sup> "How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel! <sup>6</sup> Like valleys that stretch out, Like gardens by the riverside, Like aloes planted by the LORD, Like cedars beside the waters. <sup>7</sup> He shall pour water from his buckets, And his seed shall be in many waters.

"His king shall be higher than Agag, And his kingdom shall be exalted.

<sup>8</sup> "God brings him out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox; He shall consume the nations, his enemies; He shall break their bones And pierce them with his arrows. <sup>9</sup> 'He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him?'

"Blessed is he who blesses you, And cursed is he who curses you."

<sup>10</sup> Then Balak's anger was aroused against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, and look, you have bountifully blessed them these three times! <sup>11</sup> Now therefore, flee to your place. I said I would greatly honor you, but in fact, the LORD has kept you back from honor."

<sup>12</sup> So Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying, <sup>13</sup> 'If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the LORD, to do good or bad of my own will. What the LORD says, that I must speak'? <sup>14</sup> And now, indeed, I am going to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the latter days." <sup>15</sup> So he took up his oracle and said:

"The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, And the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened; <sup>16</sup> The utterance of him who hears the words of God, And has the knowledge of the Most High, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes wide open:

<sup>17</sup> "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult.

<sup>18</sup> "And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession, While Israel does valiantly. <sup>19</sup> Out of Jacob One shall have dominion, And destroy the remains of the city."

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked on Amalek, and he took up his oracle and said:

"Amalek was first among the nations, But shall be last until he perishes."

<sup>21</sup> Then he looked on the Kenites, and he took up his oracle and said:

"Firm is your dwelling place, And your nest is set in the rock; <sup>22</sup> Nevertheless Kain shall be burned. How long until Asshur carries you away captive?"

<sup>23</sup> Then he took up his oracle and said:

"Alas! Who shall live when God does this? <sup>24</sup> But ships shall come from the coasts of Cyprus, And they shall afflict Asshur and afflict Eber, And so shall Amalek, until he perishes."

<sup>25</sup> So Balaam rose and departed and returned to his place; Balak also went his way. NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ By this time Balaam realized that it was indeed God's Will to bless Israel so he did not go as before to use sorcery, but he looked and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes.

- ✧ The Spirit of Elohiym came upon Balaam proving that God is able to come to a man with a message whenever God desires to do so without any need to use sorcery.
  - ✧ This time the Holy Spirit came upon a pagan sorcerer because God wanted to continue the blessing of Israel.
- ✧ The Message seems to suggest that this has been a new experience for Balaam:
  - ✧ The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened, the utterance of him who hears the words of El, who sees the vision of Shadday, who falls down with eyes opened wide.
  - ✧ How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel. Like Valleys that stretch out, like gardens by the riverside, like aloes planted by Yehowah, like cedars beside the waters.
  - ✧ He shall pour water from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters.
  - ✧ His king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.
  - ✧ El brings him out of Egypt. [Numbers 23:22]
  - ✧ He has strength like a wild ox. [Numbers 23:22]
  - ✧ He shall consume the nations, his enemies; he shall break their bones and pierce them with his arrows.
  - ✧ He bows down, he lies down as a lion, and as a lion, who will arouse him? [Numbers 23:22]
  - ✧ Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you. [Genesis 12:3, 27:29]
- ✧ Balak was angry and withdrew his offer of great reward from Balaam because he had called Balaam to curse the people of Israel, and instead, Balaam has pronounced three blessings on Israel.
  - ✧ Balak told Balaam to flee to his place, saying, “I said I would greatly honor you, but Yehowah has kept you back from honor.”
  - ✧ This is so typical of human tendency to resent the true message from God just because he did not received what He had desired. Refusing to believe the messages actually came from God, he blamed the messenger as though the man had the power to determine the fate of the people of Israel at his own whim just because he had a reputation. [Numbers 22:6]
- ✧ Balaam said to Balak:
  - ✧ Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me saying, “Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of Yehowah, to do either good or bad of my own will; but what Yehowah says, that I must speak?”  
*(By this statement it appears that Balaam is attempting to be a faithful godly man with righteous motives. However we know that after he had given these faithful messages of prophetic utterance declaring that he could not curse Israel, he also privately advised Balak how to involve the Children of Israel in sin so God would destroy them). [Numbers 31:16, 2 Peter 2:15, Jude 1:11, Revelation 2:14]*
  - ✧ And now, indeed, I am going to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the latter days.
- ✧ Balaam’s forth and final prophetic utterance:
  - ✧ The utterance of Balaam son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened, the utterance of him who hears the words of El, and knows the knowledge of Elyown, who sees the vision of Shadday, who falls down with eyes opened wide.
  - ✧ I see Him, but not now, I behold Him, but not near; a **Star** shall come out of Jacob, a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and batter the brow of **Moab**, and destroy the sons of tumult.  
*(This is the Star the men of the east were still looking for when they saw the Star that led the wise men to Bethlehem to find the baby Jesus) [Matthew 2:1-11]*

- ✧ Edom shall be a possession, Seir also, his enemies shall be a possession, while Israel does valiantly.
- ✧ Out of Jacob One shall have dominion, and destroy the remains of the city.  
*(This is a reference to the Kingdom Age when Jesus will purge the earth of all that offends God and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords)* [Mathew 13:40-43]
- ✧ Amalek was first among the nations, but shall be last until he perished.  
*(Amalek was descended from Esau through his son Eliphaz and his concubine Timna. The Amalekites and Midianites were counted as the people of the East)* [Judges 7:12]
- ✧ Of the Kenites he said, “Firm is your dwelling place, and your nest is set in the rock; Nevertheless Kain shall be burned. How long until Asshur carries you away captive?”  
*(The Kenites were the people of Midian from which was Moses’ father-in-law Jethro the Priest of Midian who is also known as Reuel, and Hobab was his son who traveled with Israel to the Promised Land)* [Exodus 2:18-21, 3:1, Judges 1:16]
- ✧ Alas! Who shall live when El does this?
- ✧ Ships shall come from the coasts of Cyprus (Chittim, Kittim) and they shall afflict Asshur and Eber, and they also shall perish.  
*(Eber and Asshur are descendants of Shem the second son of Noah whose descendants are the people of the east).* [Genesis 10:21-31]
  
- ✧ Balaam rose and departed, and returned to his place.
- ✧ Balak also went his way.