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On the Trail of the Beast: Balaam, the Prophet Who Became a Witch

Part VII – Part II

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Review from Last Time

- When King Balak of Moab saw what the Israelites did to his enemy Amorites to the north, he grew concerned that his country was next.
- When he consulted the elders of Midian (likely descendants of Jethro, the wise men of the area), he explained to their country was doomed to be destroyed:
 - Now shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field... (Numbers 22:4b)
- According to Rabbi Ginzberg, the elders of Midian told King Balak that his magic was not going to be enough to destroy the Israelites. They needed a prophetic “curse” to get the job done.
- The only gentile prophet they could consult was Balaam, the son of Beor. However, to get him to come to Moab, they would have to bribe him with “rewards of divination.”

Review from Last Time

- Initially, Balaam was not interested in coming to Moab. It was a long trip and YHWH told him NOT to go.
- The first delegation from Moab went to Balaam and was told to go home.
- King Balak was persistent, so he sent higher ranking princes who did persuade him to come. However, YHWH told Balaam that he could only say what He told him to say.
- On the way, Balaam would encounter an Angel of YHWH. The Angel tried to block him, but when He saw Balaam's heart was for money, he let him pass.
 - And Balaam said unto the angel of YHWH, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. And the angel of YHWH said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak. (Numbers 22:34-35)

Review from Last Time

- Balaam finally reached Moab and was received well. Apparently, King Balak set Balaam up in the “Royal Moab Hotel.”
- In three different locations, Balaam set up a sacrifice to YHWH and three times, he prophesied.
- All three prophecies were Prophetic Blessings... this made King Balak rather unhappy.
- However, King Balak did not understand what Balaam was trying to accomplish.
- The prophecies did have a goal, which Balaam would eventually twist to his advantage.

Balak is Unhappy with Balaam

- And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times.
- Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, YHWH hath kept thee back from honour.
- And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,
- If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of YHWH, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what YHWH saith, that will I speak? (Numbers 24:10-13)

Balaam's Salvage Attempt

- And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.
- And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: He hath said, which heard the words of Elohim, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: (Numbers 24:14-17)

Balaam's Final Oracle

- I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.
- And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.
- Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.
- And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever. (Numbers 24:18-20)

Balaam's Final Oracle

- And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwelling place, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.
 - Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.
 - And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when El doeth this! And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.
 - Chittim (Heb. כְּתִים) = “bruisers”
 - Eber (Heb. עֵבֶר = 372) = “The region beyond”
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- And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way. (Numbers 24:21-25)

Trouble in Paradise

- And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.
- And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their elohim: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their elohim.
- And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of YHWH was kindled against Israel. (Numbers 25:1-3)

Ginzberg's Summary

- Although Balaam had not been able to fulfil Balak's wish and curse Israel, still he did not leave him before giving him advice as to how he might bring ruin to Israel, saying:
- "The God of this people loathes unchastity; but they are very eager to possess linen garments. Pitch tents, then, and at their entrances have old women offer these articles for sale.
- Induce them in this way to enter the interior of the tents where they will be surprised by young harlots, who will seduce them to unchastity, so that God may punish them for their sin." (*Ginzberg's Legends of the Jews*, Vol. III, ¶785)

Trouble in Paradise

- And YHWH said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before YHWH against the sun, that the fierce anger of YHWH may be turned away from Israel.
- And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.
- And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. (Numbers 25:4-6)

Trouble in Paradise

- And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;
- And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.
- And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. (Numbers 25:7-9)

Avenging Balaam

- And YHWH spake unto Moses, saying,
- Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.
- And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge YHWH of Midian.
- Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war. (Numbers 31:1-4)

Avenging Balaam

- So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.
- And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.
- And they warred against the Midianites, as YHWH commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.
- And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword. (Numbers 31:5-8)

Avenging Balaam

- And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, with the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle.
- And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?
- Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against YHWH in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of YHWH.
- Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. (Numbers 31:14-17)

The End of Balaam

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- Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them. (Joshua 13:22)
 - Apparently, Balaam went down to Midian, which is next to Egypt, and chose to peddle his wares there. Where he lived in Bethor (an unknown location on the Euphrates River), he had plenty of occult practitioners to compete with. A similar type of place would be Cassadaga, Florida where there are hundreds of occult practitioners.
 - In Midian, he had few, if any competitors. Plus, he would get a residual income from the Egyptians, who were always in need of soothsayers.

A Curse on the Moabite and the Ammonite

- An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of YHWH; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of YHWH for ever:
- Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.
- Nevertheless YHWH thy Elohim would not hearken unto Balaam; but YHWH thy Elohim turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because YHWH thy Elohim loved thee.
- Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.
(Deuteronomy 23:3-6)

Joshua's Summary

- And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you.
- Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:
- But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand.
- And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand.
- And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, [even] the two kings of the Amorites; [but] not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. (Joshua 24:8-12)

Nehemiah's Summary

- On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of Elohim for ever; (See Deuteronomy 23:3)
- Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our Elohim turned the curse into a blessing.
- Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. (Nehemiah 13:1-3)

Micah's Summary

- Hear ye now what YHWH saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.
- Hear ye, O mountains, YHWH's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for YHWH hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel.
- O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.
- For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of YHWH. (Micah 6:1-5)

Comments on Micah's Summary

- The people were starting to think that because they followed the Torah, they were righteous in their own eyes.
- Micah makes it clear that it was YHWH's righteousness that saved Israel, not anything they had done.
- He made it clear that they needed to do three things:
 - He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth YHWH require of thee,
 1. but to do justly, and
 2. to love mercy, and
 3. to walk humbly with thy Elohim? (Micah 6:8)

Peter's Declaration

- But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
- And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;
- Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:
- Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
- But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbade the madness of the prophet. (II Peter 2:12-16)

Comments on Peter's Declaration

- Peter gives us a look at Balaam that the Old Testament never considers.
 - He gives us a picture of what a person is like that follows in the “Way of Balaam.”
 - They are “brute beasts” they speak evil of things they know nothing about. They will eventually destroy themselves.
 - They are continually finding ways to get money from their Christian followers, using that money to “riot in the day time.” They have no problem visiting your assemblies and teaching false doctrines.
 - They have no problem seducing “unstable souls” for their own benefit.
 - They do it all to accumulate wealth for themselves.

Jude's Declaration

- Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.
- Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, YHWH rebuke thee.
- But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.
- Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. (Jude 8-11)

Comments on Jude's Declaration

- Jude's small epistle repeats and expands on Peter's declarations.
 - They have dreams, visions, and prophecies designed to financially enhance themselves.
 - They manipulate assembly leaders to follow their untoward visions, dreams, and prophecies. Those leaders who object to them are denounced by them.
 - They speak evil of those things they know nothing about.
 - They follow after:
 1. the Way of Cain, (works religion, earning your way into heaven)
 2. run after the Error of Balaam, (manipulating prophecy for their own benefit)
 3. engage in the Gainsaying of Korah. (subverting assembly leaders to give themselves leadership)
- Everything they do is a function of their greed to obtain money.

Warning to the Church at Pergamum

- And to the angel of the assembly in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
- I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.
- But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
- So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
- Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. (Revelation 2:12-16)

Comments on the Warning to the Church at Pergamum

- Pergamos had the second-largest library in the world at the time of Christ. When Nazi Germany came to power, they acquired what was left of this library (the Islamics destroyed many of the volumes) and the Seat of Satan, moving them to Berlin, where they are to this day.
 - Normally, Turkey would want these items back, but the Islamic religion is glad to see them gone.
 - With Satan's seat in Germany, the country began to persecute Jews, just like they did in the first century.
- The doctrine of Balaam became the Nicolaitans, who set up a clergy class to rule over the rest of the assembly. Once they were set up, they used their system to support their lavish lifestyles.

Balaam in the End Times

- The New World Order (Beast) System likes churches where there is a two-tier system of management.
 - The first tier (the clergy) rules the assembly, passes their own rules and regulations based upon their manipulative interpretation of the Bible.
 - The second tier (the laity) sits in the pews and obeys the rules and regulations that they clergy puts forth.
 - Like Balaam, many of them twist the scripture, wresting it to get their own interpretation, so as to financially enhance their lives.
 - As also in all his (Paul's) epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. (II Peter 3:16)

Balaam in the End Times

- The Beast uses the Harlot Church System to enforce their dictates.
 - The Harlot Church System employs “tourist” Bibles to teach a watered-down approach to Christianity with a “form of godliness, but which denies the true power thereof.”
 - This watered-down approach makes Christians vulnerable to every spiritual scam these charlatans want to push.
 - The Event 201 program used church leaders to promote their program and convince their congregations to participate.
 - When COVID-19 came around, the churches voluntarily closed and had “Zoom Meetings” where they have fake church services.
 - Many of these church leaders have promoted the COVID-19 vaccination programs.

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