

Numbers 22:12-19

God said to Balaam,
“You shall not go with them.
You shall not curse the people,
for they are blessed.”

So Balaam rose in the morning
and said to the princes of Balak,
“Go to your own land,
for the LORD has refused
to let me go with you.”

Numbers 22:12-19

So the princes of Moab rose
and went to Balak and said,
“Balaam refuses to come with us.”

Once again Balak sent princes,
more in number and more honorable than these.
And they came to Balaam and said to him,
“Thus says Balak the son of Zippor:
‘Let nothing hinder you from coming to me,
for I will surely do you great honor,
and whatever you say to me I will do.
Come, curse this people for me.’”

Numbers 22:12-19

But Balaam answered and said
to the servants of Balak,
“Though Balak were to give me
his house full of silver and gold,
I could not go beyond the command
of the LORD my God to do less or more.
So you, too, please stay here tonight,
that I may know what more
the LORD will say to me.”

Numbers 22:27-30

When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD,
she lay down under Balaam.

And Balaam's anger was kindled,
and he struck the donkey with his staff.

Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey,
and she said to Balaam,
“What have I done to you,
that you have struck me
these three times?”

Numbers 22:27-30

And Balaam said to the donkey,
“Because you have made a fool of me.
I wish I had a sword in my hand,
for then I would kill you.”

Numbers 22:27-30

And the donkey said to Balaam,
“Am I not your donkey,
on which you have ridden
all your life long to this day?
Is it my habit to treat you this way?”

And he said,
“No.”

Numbers 23:7-11

And Balaam took up his discourse and said,
“From Aram Balak has brought me,
the king of Moab from the eastern mountains:
‘Come, curse Jacob for me,
and come, denounce Israel!’

“How can I curse
whom God has not cursed?
How can I denounce
whom the LORD has not denounced?”

Numbers 23:7-11

“For from the top of the crags I see him,
from the hills I behold him;
behold, a people dwelling alone,
and not counting itself among the nations!

“Who can count the dust of Jacob
or number the fourth part of Israel?
Let me die the death of the upright,
and let my end be like his!”

Numbers 23:7-11

And Balak said to Balaam,
“What have you done to me?
I took you to curse my enemies,
and behold, you have done nothing
but bless them!”

Numbers 23:25

And Balak said to Balaam,
“Do not curse them at all,
and do not bless them at all.”

Numbers 24:5-10

How lovely are your tents, O Jacob,
your encampments, O Israel!

Like palm groves that stretch afar,
like gardens beside a river,
like aloes that the LORD has planted,
like cedar trees beside the waters.

Water shall flow from his buckets,
and his seed shall be in many waters.
His king shall be higher than Agag,
and his kingdom shall be exalted.

Numbers 24:5-10

God brings him out of Egypt and is for him
like the horns of the wild ox;
he shall eat up the nations, his adversaries,
and shall break their bones in pieces
and pierce them through with his arrows.
He crouched, he lay down like a lion
and like a lioness; who will rouse him up?

“Blessed are those who bless you,
and cursed are those who curse you.”

Numbers 24:5-10

And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam,
and he struck his hands together.

And Balak said to Balaam,
“I called you to curse my enemies,
and behold, you have blessed them
these three times.”

Numbers 24:15-16

And he took up his discourse and said,
“The oracle of Balaam, the son of Beor,
the oracle of the man whose eye is opened,
the oracle of him who hears the words of God,
and knows the knowledge of the Most High,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
falling down with his eyes uncovered.”

Numbers 24:17

“I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near:

“A star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
it shall crush the forehead of Moab
and break down all the sons of Sheth.”

Numbers 25:1-3

While Israel lived in Shittim,
the people began to whore
with the daughters of Moab.

These invited the people
to the sacrifices of their gods,
and the people ate
and bowed down to their gods.

So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor.
And the anger of the LORD was kindled
against Israel.

Numbers 31:16

Behold, these, on Balaam's advice,
caused the people of Israel to act treacherously
against the LORD in the incident of Peor,
and so the plague came among
the congregation of the LORD.

Joshua 22:17-18

“Have we not had enough of the sin at Peor,
from which even yet
we have not cleansed ourselves,
and for which there came a plague
upon the congregation of the LORD,
that you too must turn away this day
from following the LORD?

“And if you too rebel against the LORD today
then tomorrow he will be angry
with the whole congregation of Israel.”

Mark 9:42

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James 3:1

Not many of you should become teachers,
my brothers, for you know that we who teach
will be judged with greater strictness.

Luke 16:27-31

And he said,
“Then I beg you, father,
to send him to my father’s house –
for I have five brothers –
so that he may warn them,
lest they also come into this place of torment.”

But Abraham said,
“They have Moses and the Prophets;
let them hear them.”

Luke 16:27-31

And he said,
“No, father Abraham,
but if someone goes to them from the dead,
they will repent.”

He said to him,
“If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets,
neither will they be convinced
if someone should rise from the dead.”

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race
all the runners compete,
but only one receives the prize?
So run that you may obtain it.

Every athlete exercises self-control in all things.
They do it to receive a perishable wreath,
but we an imperishable.
So I do not run aimlessly;
I do not box as one beating the air.
But I discipline my body and keep it under control,
lest after preaching to others
I myself should be disqualified.

Psalm 100:3, 5

Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his.
We are his people,
and the sheep of his pasture...

For the LORD is good.
His steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

2 Peter 2:1-3a

But false prophets also arose among the people,
just as there will be false teachers among you,
who will secretly bring in destructive heresies,
even denying the Master who bought them,
bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

And many will follow their sensuality,
and because of them
the way of truth will be blasphemed.

And in their greed
they will exploit you with false words.

2 Peter 2:15-16

Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray.
They have followed the way of Balaam,
the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing,
but was rebuked for his own transgression;
a speechless donkey spoke with human voice
and restrained the prophet's madness.

2 Peter 2:17-18

These are waterless springs and mists
driven by a storm.

For them the gloom of utter darkness
has been reserved.

For, speaking loud boasts of folly,
they entice by sensual passions of the flesh
those who are barely escaping
from those who live in error.

2 Peter 2:19

They promise them freedom,
but they themselves are slaves of corruption.
For whatever overcomes a person,
to that he is enslaved.

Revelation 2:14

“But I have a few things against you:
you have some there who hold
the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak
to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel,
so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols
and practice sexual immorality.”

Isaiah 1:2-3

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!
For the LORD has spoken:

“Children have I reared and brought up,
but they have rebelled against me.
The ox knows its owner,
and the donkey its master’s crib,
but Israel does not know,
my people do not understand.”

Nehemiah 13:1-2

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Genesis 50:20

“As for you, you meant evil against me,
but God meant it for good,
to bring it about that many people
should be kept alive,
as they are today.”