

“TO THE PROMISED LAND - PT. 7” (NUMBERS 22-27)

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INTRO: We're in a series of messages journeying with the people of God **“TO THE PROMISED LAND”**, which represents abundant life in Christ (Jn. 10:10; Rom. 8:37).

I. BALAK & BALAAM (Num. 22-24).

A. King Balak Summons Prophet Balaam (Num. 22:1-8).

1. Balak wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites (vv. 2-3).
2. Balak believed in the authority of prophets and the power of their words (blessings & cursings) (22:6)!

B. Balaam's refusals to Balak's Requests (Num. 22:9-20).

1. God told Balaam not to go, but eventually allowed him to go (Num. 22:12, 20).
2. God was angry with Balaam for going (Num. 22:22).

C. The Angel of the Lord & The Donkey of Balaam (vv. 21-30).

1. God sent an angel to block their path, which was recognized by Balaam's donkey, but not by Balaam.
2. Are you cursing a donkey God is using to speak to you?

D. Balaam's Conversation with The Angel (Num. 22:31-35).

E. Balaam's Conversation with Balak (Num. 22:36-24:25).

1. Balak believe in strategic places in the spirit.

F. God's people shouldn't fear curses (Num. 22:6; 23:8, 20)!

G. Balaam's Bad Counsel & Death.

1. Idolatry & immorality through his counsel (25:1-2; 31:8, 16).
2. Balaam the soothsayer (Josh. 13:22; Lev. 19:26; Dt. 18:10).

II. OTHER SCRIPTURES ABOUT BALAAM.

A. Curses into blessings (Deut. 23:5; Josh. 24:9-10; Neh. 13:1-2).

B. Love of money & prostituting his gifting (2Pet. 2:15-16).

C. Balaam's leading into idolatry & immorality (Rev. 2:14).

III. ISRAEL'S HARLOTRY IN MOAB (Num. 25).

IV. THE SECOND CENSUS OF ISRAEL (Num. 26).

V. GUIDELINES FOR INHERITANCES (Num. 27:1-11).

VI. JOSHUA BECOMES THE NEXT LEADER (Num. 27:12-23).

A. Let's raise up & release the next generation (Acts 2; Joel 2).

B. Are you ready?

CONCLUSION: Let's believe God to turn curses against us into blessings! Don't follow the doctrine of Balaam!