

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

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INTRODUCTION

- Can someone witness God's miracles, even work miracles, receive specific instructions from God, receive prophecies from God, and still not be a heaven-bound saint? of [Matthew 7:22](#)

Passage	Comments
23:1-29 24:1-25	<p>Balaam's Blessings on Israel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Israel will always be a segregated people 2. Israel will conquer their enemies 3. Israel will be a prosperous and peaceful nation 4. Israel will produce a mighty King
Numbers 24:15-16	<p>The Oracle of Balaam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God used a heathen prophet for His own bidding • God actually forced Balaam to complyJosh 24:10 (God channels the king's heart like water, Pr 21:1) • Balaam, a Midianite prophet/diviner, was used by God to bless Israel and to thwart Israel's enemy • Balaam did God's bidding for a while before greed took over.....2Peter 2:15; Jude 1:11 • v16. "The oracle of him who hears the words of God" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Though a non-Jew, was Balaam a true believer? ♦ "...they professed to know God, but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate"..... Titus 1:16 ♦ So, people can know the Christmas story, but that doesn't make them a Heaven-bound saint ♦ To Balaam's credit, recall that he did refer to God as "his God", so we might see him in Heaven..... 22:18
24:17-19	<p>"A Star and a Scepter shall Arise from Israel"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v17. God gives a greedy prophet a special revelation about the future Messiah.....Why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God can use any one – believer or non-believer ♦ Consider the woman at the well and her impact • vv18-19. Edom & Seir (Moab) shall be a possession of Israel (fulfilled by David in history, 1King 11:15,16 and by Christ in mystery – Obadiah 1:18; Rev 19:21)
25:1-18	<p>Balaam's Legacy – 24,000 Died</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev 2:14 conveys that Balaam told King Balak how to defeat Israel – through idolatry & immorality (i.e., befriend them, intermingle, and intermarry) • vv1-5. God said in essence, "Slay all the immoral leaders" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ How do we apply this today? • vv6-9. ...and 24,000 other Israelites died for their idolatrous and immoral behavior. • vv10-13. And Phinehas took matters into his own hands and stopped the plague by slaying 2 fornicators, and he received a covenant of perpetual priesthood from God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Why is God so militant against immoral behavior? ♦ Should we take immoral behavior more seriously? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe. HOW should we do this? • vv17-18. God said, "Be hostile toward the Midianites"

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall the Midianites were Moses' in-laws .. Exodus 3:1 ♦ Who has first priority in our lives? God or family? ♦ Recall in Exodus 32:26-28 – The Levites, who chose to serve God, slew about 3,000 of their own idolatrous kinsmen throughout the camp. Family relationships did not matter. The wicked were to be destroyed. ♦ What is the principle for us to glean from all this? ♦ Consider this: If God is not in 1st place, He is last. God is a jealous God Deut 6:15; Josh 24:19
Numbers 26:1-65	<p>vv1-2, 51. It is Time to Count Again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 601,730 men were counted over 20 years of age • 40 years earlier they had 603,550 (1,820 difference) • The largest loss was in the tribe of Simeon (22,200 – 59,300 = -37,100); Issachar had the largest gain (64,300 – 54,400 = 9,900).....cp 1st census, Num 1 <p>vv52-56. Divide the Land by Lot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casting of the lot is in God's hand Prov 16:33 • Note: The casting of the lot was at God's direction, so, don't go off rolling dice & laying down fleeces thinking we can discern God's will as they did. Recall Heb 1:1-2, "God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways" - but today, God is operating differently
27:1-23	<p>Daughters of Zelophehad had a Valid Complaint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v5. Moses brought their complaint to God, and God ruled in their favor – Let them inherit Dad's estate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Principle #1. God is flexible and fair..... Ps 9:8 ♦ Principle #2. Land stays within the family ..Lev 25:10 <p>vv15-23. Time for New Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God did not pick a leader from the younger generation • Instead, God chose Joshua, the 2nd oldest person in Israel. He had personal experience of the Exodus, he was an accomplished military leader, he knew the enemy from his spying days, but his strongest qualification was his indomitable faith in God.

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- God, being a jealous God, desires 1st place in our lives.
- Idolatry and adultery seem to be sins that God reserves His highest retribution. God had no problem wiping out Noah's generation, Sodom and Gomorrah, the Canaanites, and even His own children (Israel) when they forsook Him and delved into sexual immorality.
- The people of Israel and their Land rank high with God..... [Zech 2:8](#)

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

[Rev 2:14](#) "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 (NKJV).

NEXT WEEK: Numbers 28-36. In these last chapters, we cover over 260 verses dealing with sacrifices and offerings, change of leadership, equitable land distribution, rights of inheritances, fasting, dividing war booty, making vows, executing vengeance, genocide, consequences of rash judgments, capital punishment, and possibly how to address war-induced Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) – so hang on.

