

“A Bronze Serpent” Numbers 21 – 22 2/12/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “A Bronze Serpent” in Numbers 21-22.

To Online Word's people, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([_____ Maranatha Worship Songs](#). Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In 21:4-5, “Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses: ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread,’” why did Israelites speak against God and Moses? And what are generally the bases of such a complaint among believers? And what can we learn from here?

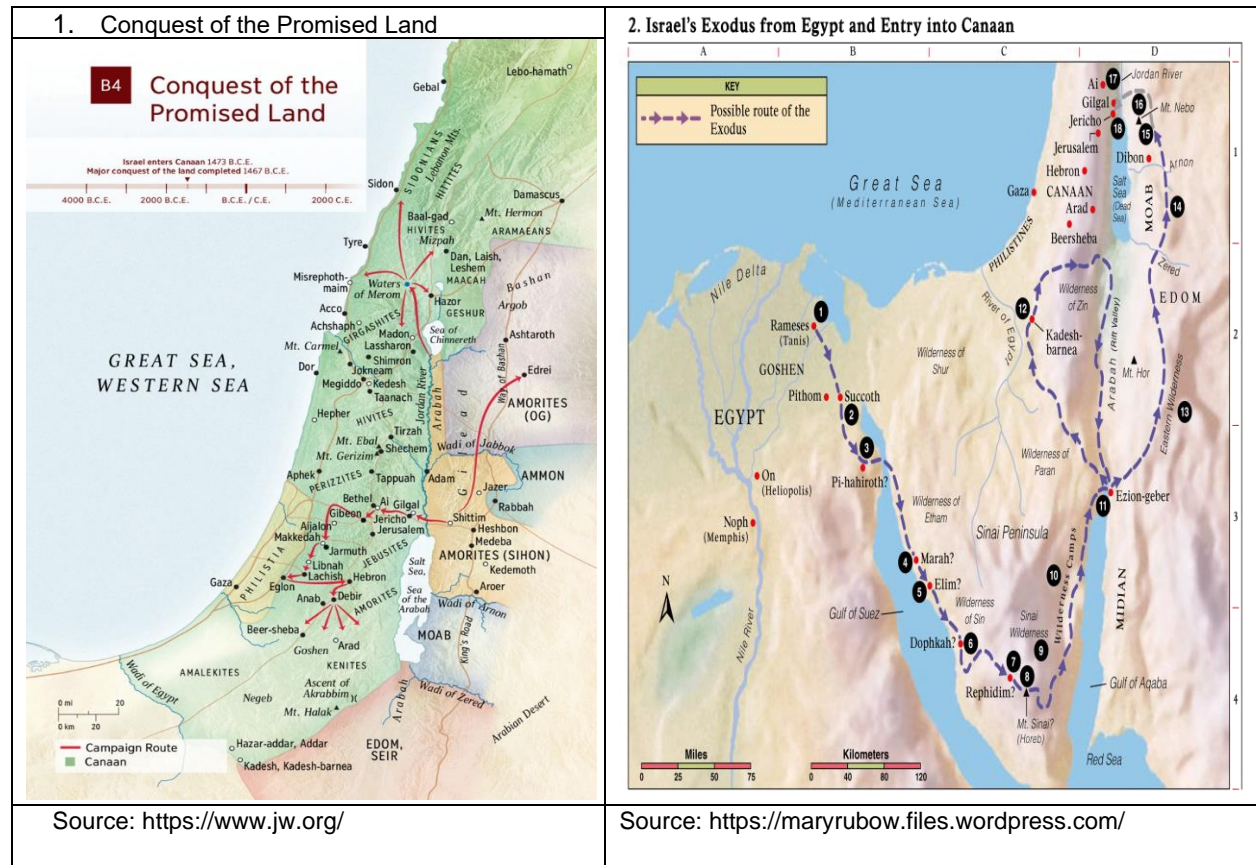
Q2. In 21:9, “So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived,” what does it mean, especially the “bronze serpent” in the Scripture? And how can we apply it to our lives, such as a shrine, a relics, an ossuary, a grave, a cross post, paints of Jesus, Mary, Paul, or Peter?

Q3. In 22:12, “And God said to Balaam, ‘You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they *are* blessed,’” what does it mean in the context? And what kind of person was Balaam in the Scripture? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time in Numbers 20:23, 24, & 29, “²³ And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom saying: ²⁴ Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the water of Meribah. ²⁹ Now when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days,” at the Aaron's funeral service in Mount Hor, the people mourned or expressed deep sorrow for 30 days because they missed Aaron – in OT time, Aaron had been in Abraham's bosom until Jesus' resurrection, and now he is with the Lord in heaven *Luke 16:22-23; Mat 27:53*; in NT time, at a funeral service we the Christians would not weep so much but be comforted and joyful by faith of the hope to see the decedent believers with the Lord in heaven at either death or rapture – Note we will move either into heaven by the body made from heaven, not by the present body made from the earth, at rapture -- *1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-52*, or into the incorruptible house in heaven at death -- *2 Cor 5:1-2*.

For our comprehension, it's suggested with the following 2 maps close to the texts through internet search.



TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

21 ¹The king of Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the South, heard that Israel was coming on the road to Atharim. Then he fought against Israel and took *some* of them prisoners. ² So Israel made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities." ³ And the LORD listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites, and they utterly destroyed them and their cities. So the name of that place was called Hormah. ⁴ Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way.

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1-3= Arad....he fought against Israel...Lord listened to the voice of Israel...Hormah(The left South side of the salt sea or dead sea – see the maps; in the battle between Arad, a city country, and Israel, the almighty God answered Israel's prayer. Arad and other cities utterly destroyed were called Hormah)

4=Q1 ... Mount Hor....go around the land of Edom... the soul of the people became very discouraged (from the Mount Hor the burial place of Aaron, Israel went around the land of Edom whose king forbade them coming through his land. So, they were upset – see the above 2nd right map *Num*

⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is no food and no water*, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.”

⁶ So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. ⁷ Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.”

⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

20:18¹)

5=Q1..... spoke against God and against Moses ...Why... brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness....For there ...no food and no water...loathes this worthless bread (Israelites were tired of manna, wanting different food. And there was no water. So, they complained against God and Moses the instrument of God. In general, the bases of a complaint by believers are the lack (1) of faithfulness to God, (2) of obedience to God’s word, and (3) of remembrance of His past work, with which we should discern ourselves lest we are tempted by Satan. *Numbers 11:7-8; Ps 78:8,10,11²*)

6-8= (God sent fiery serpents which bit the complaining people. Many of them died. The surviving people admitted their sin the complaint and asked Moses to pray for themselves. Moses did so. God asked Moses to make a fiery servant and set it on a pole and to let people look at it for life)

9=Q2 ...a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole....when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived (Moses made the fiery serpent with bronze and put it on a pole. And whoever looked at it by faith in His word – not in the bronze serpent per se -- lived. The bronze or brass is a symbol of judgment, while the serpent is a symbol of sin, So, the bronze or brass serpent is a symbol for judgment against sin. Jesus explained this just as whoever looks at Jesus’ -- the author and finisher of our faith-- death on cross, is saved with everlasting life by the rebirth of the Spirit from the death by the birth of the flesh, i.e., believes the Jesus. However, God prohibited a carved image to be worshipped by people because of a jealous God. So, the bronze serpent is not an object worshipped but a reminder about God’s judgment against sin toward the love of God for life. For example, Hezekiah king broke the bronze serpent in pieces, called as Nehushtan, because they worshipped it as an idol. For example, the cup in the communion service is the reminder about the new covenant from Jesus’ bloodshed for our sin, not an idol. There are reminders such as a shrine, a relics, an ossuary, a

¹ *Num 20:18* ¹⁸Then Edom said to him, “You shall not pass through my *land*, lest I come out against you with the sword.”

² *Numbers 11:7-8* Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium. ⁸ The people went about and gathered *it*, ground *it* on millstones or beat *it* in the mortar, cooked *it* in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil; *Ps 78:8,10,11* ⁸ And may not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious generation, A generation *that* did not set its heart aright, And whose spirit was not faithful to God. ¹⁰ They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law, ¹¹ And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them.

<p>¹⁰ Now the children of Israel moved on and camped in <u>Oboth</u>. ¹¹ And they journeyed from Oboth and camped at <u>Ije Abarim</u>, in the wilderness which <i>is east of Moab</i>, toward the sunrise.</p> <p>¹² From there they moved and camped in <u>the Valley of Zered</u>. ¹³ From there they moved and camped on the other side of the <u>Arnon</u>, which <i>is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites; for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.</i></p> <p>¹⁴ Therefore it is said in <u>the Book of the Wars of the LORD</u>: “<u>Waheb in Suphah, The brooks of the Arnon</u>,</p> <p>¹⁵ And the slope of the brooks That reaches to <u>the dwelling of Ar</u>, And <u>lies on the border of Moab.</u>”</p> <p>¹⁶ From there <i>they went to Beer</i>, which <i>is the well</i> where the LORD said to Moses, “Gather the people together, and I will <u>give them water.</u>”</p>	<p>grave, a cross post, paints of Jesus, Mary, Paul, or Peter, not idols at all against our jealous God. Whoever tends to worship an object rather than a reminder often lacks the present consciousness of the omnipresent God <i>John 3:5-6; John 3:14-18; Heb 12:2; Ex 20:2-6; 2 Kings 18:3-4; 1 Cor 11:25³</i>)</p> <p>10-11= (Oboth the south east bound of Mt Hor - # 13 in the 2nd map – Ije Abarim, and the eastbound of Moab)</p> <p>12-13= (Zered the south board of Moab and Arnon the north board of Moab toward the king Sihon of Amorites - #14 on the 2nd map; see also the 1st map in the right side of the salt sea)</p> <p>14= ...the Book of the Wars of the Lord (it was likely a collection of victory songs or poems)</p> <p>15= ...the dwelling of Ar...lies on the boarder of Moab (Ar or Aroer in the 1st map)</p> <p>16= (Beer the place of the well near to Arnon river or Wadi of Arnon)</p>
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³ *John 3:5-6* Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit; *John 3:14-18* And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God; *Heb 12:2* looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God; *Exodus 20:2-6* “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments; *Kings 18:3-4* And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done. ⁴ He removed the high places and broke the *sacred* pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it *Nehushtan*; *1 Cor 11:25* In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.”

17 Then Israel sang this song:

“Spring up, O well!
All of you sing to it—

18 The well the leaders sank, Dug by the nation’s nobles, By the lawgiver, with their staves.” And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah, ¹⁹ from Mattanah to Nahaliel, from Nahaliel to Bamoth, ²⁰ and from Bamoth, in the valley that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah which looks down on the wasteland.

21 Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, ²² “Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into fields or vineyards; we will not drink water from wells. We will go by the King’s Highway until we have passed through your territory.” ²³ But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. So Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel in the wilderness, and he came to Jahaz and fought against Israel. ²⁴ Then Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as the people of Ammon; for the border of the people of Ammon was fortified.

25 So Israel took all these cities, and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and in all its villages. ²⁶ For Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and had taken all his land from his hand as far as the Arnon.

27 Therefore those who speak in proverbs say: “Come to Heshbon, let it be built; Let the city of Sihon be repaired. ²⁸ “For fire went out from Heshbon, A flame from the city of Sihon; It consumed Ar of Moab, The lords of the heights of the Arnon. ²⁹ Woe to you, Moab! You have perished, O people of Chemosh! He has given his sons as fugitives, And his daughters into captivity,

17 = (Israel praised God for the springing well dug by men)

18-20= (they moved to Mattanah, Nahaliel, Bamoth, and Mount Pisgah close to the Sihon king of Amorites at Heshbon in the 1st map and #14 route of the 2nd map)

21-24= (Sihon king of Amorites refused Israel to pass through his territory. So, in the battle at Jahaz near to Ar, Israel defeated him and possessed his land from Arnon river to Jabbok river, bordered by Ammon land in the 1st map)

25-26= (Israel took all the cities ruled by Sihon king of Amorites including the capital city Heshbon – Even if Sihon had been a mighty king to take Moab’s cities including Heshbon and Ar, the almighty God gave the promised land to Israel and so any country who was against Israel was destroyed unless Israel was against the word of God -- see the 1st map the right side of Jerusalem)

27-31= (Israel praised God by proverbs for their completely possessing the Amorites and their land including their conquering former Moab’s land, destroying all idols on the heights of the Arnon and Chemosh the war idol of Moab. Heshbon and Medeba seen in the 1st map were near to Dibon & Nophah)

To Sihon king of the Amorites. ³⁰ “But we have shot at them; Heshbon has perished as far as Dibon. Then we laid waste as far as Nophah, Which *reaches* to Medeba.” ³¹ Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

³² Then Moses sent to spy out Jazer; and they took its villages and drove out the Amorites who were there.

³³ And they turned and went up by the way to Bashan. So Og king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ³⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Do not fear him, for I have delivered him into your hand, with all his people and his land; and you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.” ³⁵ So they defeated him, his sons, and all his people, until there was no survivor left him; and they took possession of his land.

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¹ Then the children of Israel moved, and camped in the plains of Moab on the side of the Jordan across from Jericho.

² Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. ³ And Moab was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and Moab was sick with dread because of the children of Israel. ⁴ So Moab said to the elders of Midian, “Now this company will lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.” And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.

32-35 = (Israel conquered Jazer and drove out its Amorites. Upon Og king's refusal, Israel battled at Edrei and possessed his land up to Bashan – see the 1st map)

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1= (They camped in the plains of former Moab across from Jericho on the right side of the Jordan river – see the 2nd map # 15 & 16 around Mt Nebo)

2-4 = (Balak king of Moab saw all the Amorites conquered by Israel, fearing greatly. And so Moab allied with Midian because Israel would eat up all territories around them like an ox – see the 2nd map Midian close to the gulf of Aqaba. E.g., Jethro was the priest of Midian Ex 18:1⁴)

⁴ Ex 18:1 And Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people—that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

⁵ Then he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which *is near the River* in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying: “Look, a people has come from Egypt. See, they cover the face of the earth, and are settling next to me!” ⁶ Therefore please come at once, curse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.”

⁷ So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the diviner’s fee in their hand, and they came to Balaam and spoke to him the words of Balak.

⁸ And he said to them, “Lodge here tonight, and I will bring back word to you, as the LORD speaks to me.” So the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

⁹ Then God came to Balaam and said, “Who are these men with you?” ¹⁰ So Balaam said to God, “Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, *saying*, ¹¹ ‘Look, a people has come out of Egypt, and they cover the face of the earth. Come now, curse them for me; perhaps I shall be able to overpower them and drive them out.’ ”

5-11=(Balak the Moabite king asked Balaam the Israelite diviner or soothsayer, near the Jordan River, to curse Israel who mightily conquered all territories around Moab, through the elders of Moab and of Midian with the diviner’s fee. But Balaam asked them to wait until God gave His word. God talked with Balaam about their inquiry to curse Israelites and drive them out powerfully. Why did God speak through a diviner like Balaam? The diviner, soothsayer, or one who calls up the dead is abominated by God. But God has allowed this evil instrument to fulfill His good purposes although we don’t understand all the purposes. Then, His purposes are worked by people and nations who do not serve God. Here, God might have the good purpose to deliver a message for Moabites and Balaam to repent not to perish and for those who love God and are called by God to know the truth of His word – error of Balaam the diviner for unrighteous profit, whose counsel caused Israel to trespass against the Lord. For example, Pharaoh was allowed for His good purpose of the almighty God like the potter’s bringing up Israel from Egypt and of fully known His name on the earth. Saul the king was allowed to call Samuel through a diviner for His good purpose for Saul to repent not to perish and for those, who love God and are called by God, to know the truth of His word – unrepentant Saul’s last life; Judas betrayal was allowed for His good purpose both of the ransom of Jesus’s death on cross for all human sins and the message of Judas’ last life *Deut 18:10-12; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Peter 2:15-16; Jude 1:11; Num 31:16; Rom 9:17, 21; Ex 10:1; 1 Sam 28:11, 18-19; Luke 22:48; Rom 8:28⁵*)

⁵ *Deut 18:10-12* There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or *one* who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, ¹¹ or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. ¹² For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you; *2 Peter 3:9* The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance; *2 Peter 2:15-16* They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹⁶ but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man’s voice restrained the madness of the prophet; *Jude 1:11* Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah; *Num 31:16* Look, these *women* caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD; *Rom 9:17,21* For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.” ²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?; *Ex 10:1* Now the LORD said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him; *1 Sam 28:11, 18-19* ¹¹ Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” And he said, “Bring up Samuel for me.” ¹⁸ Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD nor execute His fierce

<p>12 And God said to Balaam, “<u>You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.</u>”</p> <p>13 So Balaam rose in the morning and said to the princes of Balak, “<u>Go back to your land,</u> for the LORD has refused to give me permission to go with you.”</p> <p>14 And the princes of Moab rose and <u>went to Balak,</u> and said, “Balaam refuses to come with us.”</p> <p>15 Then Balak again sent princes, <u>more numerous and more honorable than they.</u> 16 And they <u>came to Balaam</u> and said to him, “Thus says Balak the son of Zippor: ‘Please let nothing hinder you from coming to me; 17 for I will <u>certainly honor you greatly,</u> and I will do whatever you say to me. Therefore please come, <u>curse this people for me.</u>’ ”</p> <p>18 Then Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, “<u>Though</u> Balak were to give me <u>his house full of silver and gold,</u> I could <u>not go beyond the word of the LORD my God,</u> to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, <u>please,</u> you also stay here tonight, that I may know <u>what more the LORD will say to me.</u>”</p> <p>20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, “If the men come to call you, rise <u>and go with them;</u> but only the word which I speak to you—that you shall do.”</p>	<p>12-20 = Q3shall no go with them...not curse the people for they are blessed (God’s direct will was expressed to Balaam, but Balaam influenced by the unrighteous profit of Balak’s pursuant tempts, in verses 13- 17 over his pure will in verse 18, was pushing in the phrase of “what more the Lord will say to me” in verse 19 – faith with impure conscience -- until God permitted him to go in verse 20, ended up his disaster. The desire in his heart hesitated not to go with them and gave birth to the sin of lust full grown to death, as we should discern with His word <i>1 Tim 3:9; Phil 4:8; James 1:15</i>⁶)</p> <p>15-17= (Balak’s pursuant tempts to Balaam)</p> <p>18= (Balaam’s initial faith with pure conscience was shown)</p> <p>20= (God allowed the permissive will to Balaam from His direct will in verse 12 in order to discipline him in verses 32 & 35)</p>
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wrath upon Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day. 19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons *will be* with me. The LORD will also deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.”; *Luke 22:48* But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”; *Rom 8:28* And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

⁶ *1 Tim 3:9* holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.; *Phil 4:8* Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things; *James 1:15* Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

21 So Balaam rose in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 Then God's anger was aroused because he went, and the Angel of the LORD took His stand in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 Now the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road. 24 Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side. 25 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he struck her again. 26 Then the Angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 And when the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam; so Balaam's anger was aroused, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

28 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?"

29 And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have abused me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you!"

30 So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?" And he said, "No." 31 Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face.

22= (the Angel of the Lord may be explained with theophany or Christophany which means God or Christ appeared in the OT time)

28= (The Lord the almighty opened the mouth of donkey to speak with human words, supernaturally. The word of "almighty" means nothing impossible)

³² And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me." ³³ The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live."

³⁴ And Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases You, I will turn back."

³⁵ Then the Angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

³⁶ Now when Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of Moab, which is on the border at the Arnon, the boundary of the territory. ³⁷ Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not earnestly send to you, calling for you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?" ³⁸ And Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I have come to you! Now, have I any power at all to say anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I must speak." ³⁹ So Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kirjath Huzoth.

⁴⁰ Then Balak offered oxen and sheep, and he sent some to Balaam and to the princes who were with him. ⁴¹ So it was, the next day, that Balak took Balaam and brought him up to the high places of Baal, that from there he might observe the extent of the people.

32= (Balaam was rebuked by the Angel of the Lord because the Lord saw the heart of Balaam – the faith with impure conscience in verse 19 – perverting His direct will not go to with them, "your way is perverse before Me.")

35= (Continually, the Lord through the Angel of the Lord or the Lord said, "only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak," as every word minister should do so. But Balaam did not so in the end 2 Cor 2:17⁷)

40-41= (Balak and Balaam went to Moab land around the Arnon river. Balak offered oxen and sheep to Baal at Kirijath Huzoth around Mt Pisgah. Balaam took some sacrifice meat, which was a question of impure conscience. Balaam went to the vintage point the high places of Baal near to Heshbon where they could see the entire Israelite camp across from Jericho in verse 1– see the 1st map)

⁷ 2 Cor 2:17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

GOD's Continuing Work Through His Church Acts 29

Pray for continually "Let go, let God" because CCAH church (His sheep) is His church. "The Commentary of the Bible By Verse" is coming for this & future generation. E.g. 2020 <https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/letGod.pdf>

<https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/OnlineSermon2023.htm>

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

Who can be against the Word (λόγος LOGOS or the written word, i.e., the Bible)?

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"How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103).

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Pray for the Children's Rescue at Latin America from extremely Abusive Sex Trafficking, Slavery, & Torture.

FAR REACHING MINISTRIES

BY GOD'S DESIGN, WE HAVE MEN THAT HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO RESCUE

SICARIO ASSASSIN

This is an extremely important newsletter to share with you, because we are at war with the cartel in Latin America. Gabriel is the director of our orphanage, and we have given him a code name for his own safety. Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) takes precautions because all information we share is a potential weapon to be used for good or for evil. We do not take the sharing of information lightly, because we know one little slip can result in a man being tortured beyond human understanding and then death.

Gabriel received a call from a senator in this Latin American country; at first, it seemed like an answer to our prayers when the senator stated that he had heard about the orphanage and wanted to help. As we have previously shared, this orphanage is specifically for children rescued from extremely abusive sex trafficking, slavery, and torture. One of our five-year-old girls is awaiting reconstructive surgery because of repeated rape and sodomization. She needs her entire genital and anal area surgically reconstructed. This young girl has also tested positive for HIV. She was sold to as many as ten men a day. Luke, a trusted member of my staff, and former FBI agent has visited our team on the ground multiple times and told me that even though the children were severely traumatized, they now seem happy because they feel safe with us.

Another seven-year-old girl was violated so forcefully that she has liver and kidney damage and has to wear a catheter, and she will probably need to do so for the rest of her life. She also needs reconstructive surgery and a few other operations due to the extent of the damage done to her little body. On top of all this, she has syphilis. A little boy needs reconstructive surgery from being sodomized so many times that his body can no longer function correctly.

The senator promised to ensure all the money and political protection we would ever need. It sounded

THE LORD HAS GIVEN US A CALLING TO RESCUE AND PROTECT

Pray for Comfort to the Michael Loudermilk the missionary's family and for faithful word ministry until our Lord is coming again.



Pastoral Training of Asia
Ministering to Ministers

CALVARY CHAPEL DAEJEON
Loudermilk Family Newsletter – February 2023



	<p>IN MEMORY OF George Howard Loudermilk <i>aka: Hubby / Pop / Skippy / Dad / Sunshine</i></p> <p>BORN December 29, 1942 Glendale, California</p> <p>PASSED AWAY January 8, 2023 Springdale, Arkansas</p> <p>MEMORIAL SERVICE 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2023 Benton County Funeral Home 306 N. 4th St., Rogers, Arkansas</p> <p>OFFICIATING Chaplain Chuck Bevington</p> <p><i>Rest in Peace We Love you!</i></p>		
<p>John 14:1 - 3 <i>Let not your hearts be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.</i></p>			
			
			

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Pray for Comforts to the Bereaved Family of the Decedents from Turkey and Syria earthquake devastation and for Having the True Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior.



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