"No Observed Iniquity" Numbers 23-24 2/18/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of "No Observed Iniquity" in Numbers 23-24.

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- Q1. In 23:19 "God *is* not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?," what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?
- Q2. In 23:21, "He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, And the shout of a King is among them," what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?
- Q3. In 24:20, "Then he looked on Amalek, and he took up his oracle and said: 'Amalek was first among the nations, But shall be last until he perishes,' "what does it mean? 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 22:40-41, "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," 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.



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Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

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¹Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build seven altars for me here, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams." ² And Balak did just as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on *each* altar. ³ Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go; perhaps the LORD will come to meet me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a desolate height. ⁴ And God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered on *each* altar a bull and a ram."

⁵ Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak." ⁶ So he returned to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, he and all the princes of Moab.

⁷ And he took up his oracle [parable] and said:

"Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram.

From the mountains of the east.

'Come, curse Jacob for me,

And come, denounce Israel!'

⁸ "How shall I curse whom God has not cursed? And how shall I denounce *whom* the LORD has not denounced?

⁹ For from the top of the rocks I see him, And from the hills I behold him; There! A people dwelling alone, Not reckoning itself among the nations. ¹⁰ "Who can count the dust of Jacob, Or number one-fourth of Israel? 1-12 = (Seven (7) signifies a perfect number. Balaam followed Balak to worship Baal on the high places in the last above verse 22:41, "up to the high places of Baal", being a false prophet who worshipped both God and other gods, i.e., the Baal or sorcery in 24:1 – the 1st type false prophet of 4 types in Jeremiah 23. But God directed Balaam to speak to Balak the king of Moab and his princes in verses 5 & 6. Balaam delivered His word to them not to curse Israel but to bless Israel accordingly *Jer 23:13; Mat*

7= ("his oracle or parable" means what God revealed to Balaam in the context.)

¹ *Jer 23:13* And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: They prophesied by Baal And caused My people Israel to err.; *Mat* 6:24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Let me die the death of the righteous, And let my end be like his!"

¹¹ Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and look, you have blessed *them* bountifully!"

¹² So he answered and said, "Must I not take heed to speak what the LORD has put in my mouth?"

¹³ Then Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from which you may see them; you shall see only the outer part of them, and shall not see them all; curse them for me from there." ¹⁴ So he brought him to the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bull and a ram on *each* altar.

¹⁵ And he said to Balak, "Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet *the LORD* over there."

¹⁶ Then the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back to Balak, and thus you shall speak." ¹⁷ So he came to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the LORD spoken?" ¹⁸ Then he took up his oracle and said: "Rise up, Balak, and hear! Listen to me, son of Zippor!

19 "God is not a man, that He should lie,Nor a son of man, that He should repent.Has He said, and will He not do?Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

13-26= (Balaam's 2nd prophecy; Balak led Balaam to different place to curse Israel but God directed Balak to bless Israel in verse 16. Balak prophesied accordingly. Changing places can't change God's word to bless Israel)

19=Q1 (God's nature is described. God has no lie and no mistake to repent because He knows all things greater than our knowledge. Because finite humans describe infinite God's nature, there are inexpressible or difficult human languages. At the time of Noah, the Lord was "sorry." because of God's love, that He had made man on the earth because of human great wickedness. The "sorry" means the Lord feels sorrowful for their wickedness, described even as KJV "it is repented the Lord that he had made man..." Also, God keeps His word faithfully. God is good. E.g., "See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down," from "When I Survey The Wonderous Cross" the Hymn, Heb 6:18; Gen 6:5-6; 1 John 3:20; 1 Cor 1:9; Luke 18:19²)

² Heb 6:18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.; Gen 6:5-6 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart; 1 John 3:20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things; 1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.; Luke 18:19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God..

²⁰ Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. ²¹ "He has not observed iniquity in Jacob, Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him. And the shout of a King is among them. ²² God brings them out of Egypt; He has strength like a wild ox. ²³ "For there is no sorcery against Jacob, Nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob And of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!' ²⁴ Look, a people rises like a lioness, And lifts itself up like a lion; It shall not lie down until it devours the prey, And drinks the blood of the slain."

²⁵ Then Balak said to Balaam, "Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all!" ²⁶ So Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not tell you, saying, 'All that the LORD speaks, that I must do'?"

²⁷ Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please come, I will take you to another place; perhaps it will please God that you may curse them for me from there." ²⁸ So Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, that overlooks the wasteland. ²⁹ Then Balaam said to Balak, "Build for me here seven altars, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams." ³⁰ And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on *every* altar.

21=Q2 (Jacob is filled with iniquity, but God doesn't observe it because blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. Likewise. God doesn't observe iniquity in me because I'm His child. I'm trusting in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. My position is in Christ in the grace of God. But I shouldn't go out whatever I want because of no excuse for willful disobedience. Now I stand in the grace of God. Love covers a multitude of sins. Therefore, we are no condemnation in Christ, walking not after the flesh, but after Spirit. So, if we confess our sins according to the truth after the Spirit, faithful Lord forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Psalm 32:1; 1 Peter 4:8; Rom 8:1; 1 John 1:8-9³)

27-30= (Balaam's 3rd prophecy the 1st part; Balak led Balaam again to a different place. The different locations can't change God's will.)

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³ Psalm 32:1 Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven, *Whose* sin *is* covered; *Rom* 8:1 There *is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." 1 John 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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¹Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness. ² And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw Israel encamped according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him.

³ Then he took up his oracle and said:

"The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor,
The utterance of the man whose eyes are opened,

The utterance of him who hears the words of
God, Who sees the vision of the Almighty,
Who falls down, with eyes wide open:

How lovely are your tents, O Jacob!

Your dwellings, O Israel!

⁶ Like valleys that stretch out, Like gardens by the riverside, Like aloes planted by the LORD, Like cedars beside the waters.

⁷ He shall pour water from his buckets,

And his seed *shall be* in many waters. "His king shall be higher than Agag,

And his kingdom shall be exalted.

⁸ "God brings him out of Egypt;

He has strength like a wild ox;

He shall consume the nations, his enemies;

He shall break their bones

And pierce *them* with his arrows.

⁹ 'He bows down, he lies down as a lion;

And as a lion, who shall rouse him?'

"Blessed is he who blesses you,

And cursed is he who curses you."

1- 14 = (Balaam's 3^{rd} prophecy 2^{nd} part. Balaam also blessed Israel in verse 9, despite Balak's wish to curse Israel. The "to seek to use sorcery" in verse 1 shows that Balaam practiced sorcery.)

7= (Agag was the title for the king of the Amalekites like Pharaoh the king of Egypt. Saul the king of Israel defeated Amalekites. God told Moses about Amalek who was the long time enemy of Israel to ultimately perish away. See verse 19. 1 Sam 15:6; Ex 17:14-16⁴)

9= (the phrase "Blessed is he who blesses you, And cursed is he who curses you," is God's promise first to Abraham *Gen 12:3*⁵)

⁴ 1 Sam 15:6Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites; Ex 17:14-16Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this *for* a memorial in the book and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." ¹⁵ And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; ¹⁶ for he said, "Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

⁵ Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed

¹⁰ Then Balak's anger was aroused against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, and look, you have bountifully blessed them these three times! 11 Now therefore, flee to your place. I said I would greatly honor you, but in fact, the LORD has kept you back from honor." 12 So Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying, 13 'If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the LORD, to do good or bad of my own will. What the LORD says, that I must speak'? 14 And now, indeed, I am going to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the latter days." 15 So he took up his oracle and said: "The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, And the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened;

¹⁶ The utterance of him who hears the words of God, And has the knowledge of the Most High, *Who* sees the vision of the Almighty, *Who* falls down, with eyes wide open:

¹⁷ "I see Him, but not now;

I behold Him, but not near;

A Star shall come out of Jacob;

A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,

And batter the brow of Moab [shall smite the corners of Moab],

And destroy all the sons [children] of tumult.

10= (So far there were Balaam's prophecies for 3 times)

11= (Although Balaam followed Balak for Baal idol worship, God's word was delivered by Balaam against Balak's wish. Thus, should Balaam curse Israel against God's word, Balaam would receive the earthly honor, reward, or wealth from Balak. So, such earthly honor was forfeited by Balaam's following God as he said in verse 13. We should seek incorruptible rewards from heaven because such honor against God's word would be destroyed. *Mat 6:19-21*⁶)

13= (That's Balaam's good confession to Balak, but Balaam should have been consistent or faithful to the Lord because faithfulness character is required for the stewards, ministers, or instruments of the faithful Lord. The faithfulness character is a type of Agape love the fruit of the Spirit; e.g., There are many ministers but few faithful ministers around us. 1 Cor 4:2; Gal 5:22⁷)

15- 25 (Balaam's 4th prophecy)

17= (The star out of Jacob and a scepter out of Israel refer to the coming Messiah "the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star." Although God prohibited - neither disinterest in nor approval of, the sorcery who Balaam practiced, God used Balaam the false prophet to do this good prophecy, such as Judas Iscariot the betraver whom God used to accomplish His good redemption purpose for us. It's shown God's sovereignty over good and evil. So, all things work together for Good to those who love God and are called according to His good purpose. Rev 22:16; Ex 22:18; 2 Chron 33:6; Rev 18:23; Mat 26:24, 49-50; Rom 8:288)

⁶ Mat 6:19-21 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

⁷ 1 Cor 4:2Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.; Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

⁸ Rev 22:16 I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star;. Ex 22:18You shall not permit a sorceress to live; 2 Chron 33:6 Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger; Rev 18:23The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived; Mat 26:24, 49-50²⁴ The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.

18 "And Edom shall be a possession;
Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession,
While Israel does valiantly.
19 Out of Jacob One shall have dominion,
And destroy the remains of the city."

²⁰ Then he looked on Amalek, and he took up his oracle and said: "Amalek *was* first among the nations.

But shall be last until he perishes."

²¹ Then he looked on the Kenites, and he took up his oracle and said: "Firm is your dwelling place, And your nest is set in the rock;
²² Nevertheless Kain shall be burned.
How long until Asshur carries you away captive?"

²³ Then he took up his oracle and said:

"Alas! Who shall live when God does this?

24 But ships *shall come* from the coasts of Cyprus,
And they shall afflict Asshur and afflict Eber,
And so shall *Amalek*, until he perishes."

²⁵ So Balaam rose and departed and returned to his place; Balak also went his way.

20=Q3 (Amalek in the scripture is always a type of the flesh; God's commandment to utterly destroy Amalek but Saul spared Agag the king of Amalek, see verse 7, and the best of animals. The obedience to God's word was better than burnt offerings and sacrifices without full obedience. Saul's disobedience caused God's rejection to his throne. Later, Haman the descendant of Agag planned to destroy all Jews against Mordecai. Always Satan works in the flesh because flesh is always against God. We should watch the flesh and pray to God who may mortify the flesh and work though the Spirit in us. E.g., fleshly desire for a drug to be mortified by the Spirit 1 Sam 15:3,9, 22-23; Esther 3:10; Esther 4:7; Rom 8:7 9)

⁴⁹ Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him; *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. ⁹ *1 Sam 15:3,9, 22-23*³ Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.' " ⁹ But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was* good, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed. ²² So Samuel said: "Has the Lord *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams. ²³ For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king."; *Esther 3:10*So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews; *Esther 4:7*And Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries to destroy the Jews. *Rom 8:7* Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be

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 Expositional 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 literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

Please pray for safety from record rainfall in Southern California, "Serious flooding and landslides."



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Keep on Prayer & Love for the unborn babies, widows, and Ukraine in perilous times.

900 BABIES RESCUED



Calvary Chapel Old Bridge purchased a van equipped with a sonogram machine to show women contemplating abortion their unborn child.

It is estimated that 90 percent of women who see their unborn child do not go through with an abortion. The purchase of the van resulted in the rescue of over 930 children not being aborted and 120 men and women giving their lives to Christ. The church is seeking to purchase another van, which is projected to save another 400 lives a year. To make this a reality, they need to raise about \$200,000. Far Reaching Ministries wants to help in this noble cause.

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Europe, Far Reaching
Ministries (FRM) will be
starting a program here in
the US to care for widows.
We are told in James

We are told in James
1:27 to care for widows
and orphans in their

time of distress and we will start by providing for Spenser who will most likely lose her husband due to cancer before Christmas. She will be left alone with her three children, all under the age of five.

As the Body of Christ, we want to show Spenser God's love not only with the message of eternal hope through the Scriptures, but tangibly also. FRM has committed to helping Spenser with her rent for the next six months.

If you would consider it a privilege to help this family to survive, please mark "Help for Spenser" on the enclosed gift card, along with your donation.

FUEL FOR UKRAINE



Our chaplains in Ukraine are with the soldiers at the front and leading many to Christ. Winter conditions make fighting very difficult, and they need your prayers. With the war in Ukraine having gone on for almost two years, supplies are extremely limited.

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