

Numbers 24

King James Version (KJV)

(Some prophecies about Israel's future; from God, though Balaam's mouth)

24 And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. (Balaam see the way the wind is blowing. He's joining the winning side)

²And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. (The Spirit of God is who gave the true prophets the Word of God. Balaam finally speaks what God says – and not what he's paid to say)

³And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

⁴He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: (his spiritual eyes are finally open)

⁵How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! (This is God's Word, spoken word for word by Balaam)

⁶As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. (Lign aloe trees are used to make incense and medicines)

⁷He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. (He - Israel) (Agag is a name and a title for the king of the Amalakites; like Pharaoh is to Egypt. Amalek was a descendant of Esau) (Water is a rare commodity in the desert. God will bless Israel so much; that they will have more water than they know what to do with)

⁸God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. (unicorn= wild ox -> bad translation)

⁹ He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee. (curse what God blesses and He will curse you)

¹⁰ And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. (Balaam didn't bless Israel, God did)

¹¹ Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour. (Balak is blaming God for costing Balaam money. He is appealing to Balaam's greed)

¹² And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

¹³ If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

¹⁴ And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days. (advertise= advise – better translation)

¹⁵ And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: (God opened Balaam's eyes)

¹⁶ He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: (Balaam got a glimpse into God's plan through his vision)

¹⁷ I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. (Sheth = confusion, babble, tumult – this word should have been translated, not transliterated. It's the meaning of the word that matters, not the word itself) (The Star is Jesus as King of kings, Lord of lords) Revelation-1:16

(This prophecy is about Jesus Christ and His truth will destroy the people of confusion and false teaching – the antichrist and the Kenites)

¹⁸ And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. (Edom figured out that God forbade Israel from attacking them. They took advantage of Israel, until God lifted the ban, and King David subdued them)

¹⁹ Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

²⁰ And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever. (Amalek was the first of the Canaanite tribes to war against Israel) Exodus-17:8

²¹ And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock. (This is Petra; a fortress built into solid rock) (Kenites= descendants of Cain)

(Spiritually, their rock is not our Rock. Our Rock is Jesus Christ. Their rock is Satan) Deuteronomy-32:31-33

²² Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive. (wasted = consumed by fire) (Asshur - the Assyrian would take them captive) (In the end days, the Assyrian is Satan. The Kenites will all fall in line behind Satan as antichrist)

²³ And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! (Those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ shall live at that time)

²⁴ And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever. (The ships of Chittum- the bruisers- a name for the Elect that will bruise the Assyrian <Asshur> - a type for antichrist)

²⁵ And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.