

# MOSES

THE MAN OF GOD



THE STRANGE CASE OF BALAAM

Numbers 22:27 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.<sup>28</sup> 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?"<sup>29</sup> 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!"<sup>30</sup> 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."<sup>31</sup> 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.



**Numbers 31:1** And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:<sup>2</sup>“Take vengeance on the Midianites for the children of Israel. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people.”



**2 Peter 2:15** They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

**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.

**Revelation 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.”



**Luke 16:13** “No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”



## — THE PERSON OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 22:3** And Moab was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and Moab was sick with dread because of the children of Israel.<sup>4</sup> 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.



— THE PERSON OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 22:6** “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.”<sup>7</sup> 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.



— THE PERSON OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 22:8** 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 with Balaam.<sup>9</sup> Then God came to Balaam and said, “Who are these men with you?”<sup>10</sup> So Balaam said to God, “Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me, saying,<sup>11</sup> ‘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.’”<sup>12</sup> And God said to Balaam, “You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.”





— THE PERSON OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 22:18** Then Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, “Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.”



— THE PERSON OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 22:20** And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, “If the men come to call you, rise and go with them; but only the word which I speak to you—that you shall do.”<sup>21</sup> So Balaam rose in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab.<sup>22</sup> 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.



## — THE PERSON OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 22:30** 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.”<sup>31</sup> 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.<sup>32</sup> 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.<sup>33</sup> 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.”



— THE PROPHECY OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 24:1** 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.<sup>2</sup> And 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 PROPHECY OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 24:3** 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,<sup>4</sup> the utterance of him who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes wide open.”



— THE PROPHECY OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 23:8** “How shall I curse whom God has not cursed? And how shall I denounce whom the LORD has not denounced?<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number one-fourth of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his!”



— THE PROPHECY OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 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.”



— THE PROPHECY OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 24:8** “God brings him out of Egypt and is for him like the horns of the wild ox; he shall eat up the nations, his adversaries, and shall break their bones in pieces and pierce them through with his arrows.

<sup>9</sup>He crouched, he lay down like a lion and like a lioness; who will rouse him up? Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you.”





— THE PROPHECY OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 24:14** “And now, behold, I am going to my people. Come, I will let you know what this people will do to your people in the latter days.”



— THE PROPHECY OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 24:16** “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:<sup>17</sup> 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, and destroy all the sons of tumult.<sup>18</sup> And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession, while Israel does valiantly.<sup>19</sup> Out of Jacob One shall have dominion, and destroy the remains of the city.”



— THE PRAYER OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 23:10** “Who can count the dust of Jacob, or number one-fourth of Israel? **Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my end be like his!**”

**Numbers 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.”



## — THE PRAYER OF BALAAM —

**Numbers 31:7** And they warred against the Midianites, just as the LORD commanded Moses, and they killed all the males.<sup>8</sup>They killed the kings of Midian with the rest of those who were killed—Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. **Balaam the son of Beor they also killed with the sword.**