THE LIVES OF THE PROPHETS MOSES 27

NUMBERS 25:1

1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

NUMBERS 25:2

2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

NUMBERS 25:3

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

NUMBERS 25:4

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

II PETER 2:15

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

II PETER 2:16

But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

53-0614A EARNESTLY. CONTENDING. FOR. THE. FAITH. THAT. WAS. ONCE. DELIVERED. TO. THE. SAINTS_ CONNERSVILLE. IN SUNDAY_

E-42. Now, Balaam, or Balak, rather, the king of Moab, he wasn't a infidel. He was a believer. Sure he was.

And Balaam wasn't a infidel. Balaam, the prophet, he was a believer. But a two. . . Here's two sets of believers, them same spirit, like Cain and Abel, they'd come right down again.

64-0311 GOD. IS. IDENTIFIED. BY. HIS. CHARACTERISTICS_ BEAUMONT. TX V-13 N-1 WEDNESDAY_

35. Moses had Abraham's promise, going to the promised land. Balaam, also a prophet of the Lord, standing down there. And the only way that you could identify,

not from their fundamental teaching, but by the characteristic of God.

36 There was the sound of a--a shout of the voice of the King down here with Israel. The atonement was in effect, a Brass Serpent, a smitten Rock. And God was with them, identifying Himself in a supernatural Light,

and healing their sickness and diseases as they went on. The characteristics proved what He was, staying in a line of the Word for that age, for the age that they were living in.

64-0320 GOD. IDENTIFYING. HIMSELF. BY. HIS. CHARACTERISTICS_ DENHAM. SPRINGS. LA FRIDAY_

But, you see, Moses, being the correct prophet of God, not only had the fundamental parts, but had the identification of God.

See, he was in line of duty, exactly what was promised for that age; not for the age of Noah, but for the age then.

"I will take you to a land that's flowing with milk and honey. " They were on their way, and Israel was identified with their prophet,

Moses, with the Message of that age. God characteristics identified in Moses. A Pillar of Fire was following him. He also had the atonement in action; not speaking of it, but had it in action. Not what will be; what is right now!

Then, they were traveling in the line of promise. That was another identification, to showing God's characteristic. No matter how fundamental this other one was with the Word; he had the fundamentalism,

plus the identification, and the characteristic of God among them. God identified Himself. Two prophets, both of them prophets, and both of them fundamental; but God identified His characteristics in Moses, because he had the characteristics of God with him.

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68. And now, many people has tried to make Balaam just a, oh, a soothsayer or something. But Balaam was not a soothsayer. He was a prophet of the Lord.

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107....... Moses, the prophet of God, his King was God. That's where he got his orders, the Word of the Lord. And Balaam, he also, he had a king,

and that king was Balak, the king of Moab, and that's where he got his orders and his blessings.

Now, we want to notice that this man was a prophet ordained of God, but he sold his birthrights for political reasons. Just as the church did today, like Luther, Wesley, Pentecost, and the whole group of them, sold it out for pulls in their organization.

Moses, under God; Balaam, under Balak. Yet, both prophets were called men of God, and both spiritual. Notice the difference. Each had a head; Moses' was God; Balaam, was Balak.

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But what happened? Balaam, he succeeded in weakening Israel. What did he do? He weakened their camp. God let him go and weaken their camp,

and it polluted the whole camp.

And when some doctrine starts, that's not the Bible Truth, it pollutes the whole camp. Somebody raise up with a different idea, like Korah, and say, "Well, this, that, and the other, and I got a different idea,"

it pollutes the whole camp. And that's what's done the whole church camp today. That's right.

173 Teaching as he did, weakening the whole camp for Kadeshbarnea, the Word showdown. And then finally when they listened to this false teacher, come in among them and teach wrong, he weakened the camp, and prospered by it.

He might have built a million-dollar buildings. He might have had great denominations. He might have added thousands times thousands, and done great works, and mighty works, and was a prophet. That's alright, but,

as long as it's not with the Word of God, you better stay away from it.

65-0725M THE. ANOINTED. ONES. AT. THE. END. TIME_ <code>JEFFERSONVILLE</code>. IN V-5 N-3 <code>SUNDAY_</code>

Balaam, anointed with the same Spirit that was upon Moses. What was the difference? The teaching of Moses was perfect. The Bible said here in Second Peter,

that it was "the teaching of Balaam" that Israel received, that God never did forgive. Unpardonable sin! Not a one of them got saved, though they had come out under the blessings of God, and seen the hand of God moving by this mighty prophet,

and seen it exactly vindicated by God. And, because, another prophet come in with a teaching, contrary, and disputed with Moses, and tried to prove to the people that Moses was wrong.

65-1031M POWER. OF. TRANSFORMATION_ PRESCOTT. AZ V-17 N-1 SUNDAY_ 256. Balaam seemed to be a more instructive man than Moses was, see. He had come from a great nation where there was great people, and was all organized together, the land of Moab, great armies,

and great things that the people in them days would have feared. And here come a prophet down, a prophet, anointed one, false anointed one, see, come down to an anointed one (look how close), and taught the people, and many of them went after that.

Don't you never forget that. See, went after the thing that wasn't the Word, the vindicated proven Word!

Just let us take a little look at Balaam. He was religious, he worshipped God. He understood the proper method of sacrificing and approaching unto God,

but he was not a True Seed prophet for he took the wages of unrighteousness, and worst of all he led the people of God into sins of fornication and idolatry.

Yet who would dare to deny that the Spirit of God manifested through him in one of the most beautiful portions of absolutely accurate prophecy the world has ever seen? But he never had the Holy Ghost.

NUMBERS 31:16

Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

REVELATION 2:14

- 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
- 205-1 PERGAMEAN. CHURCH. AGE CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 5
 Now in spite of the fact that Balaam knew the proper approach to
 God and could bring forth a revelation from the Lord by means of
 a special enduement of power,

he was still for all of that a bishop in the false group. For what did he do now in order to win favor with Balak? He formulated a plan wherein God would be forced to deal with Israel in death. Just as Satan knew that he could beguile Eve

(cause her to fall in fleshly sin) thus causing God to pass His pronounced sentence of death against sin, so Balaam knew that if he could get Israel to sin, God would have to deal with them in death.

So he planned a way to get them to come over and join in sin. He sent out invitations to come to the feast of Baal-peor (come over and worship with us). Now Israel, no doubt, had seen the feasts of the Egyptians so they did not feel

it was too wrong to go and just look on and perhaps eat with the people. (What is wrong with fellowship any way? We are supposed to love them aren't we, or how can we win them?) Being friendly never hurt anyone--or so they thought.

But when those sexy Moabitish women began to dance and undress while they whirled around doing their rock and roll and twist, the lust rose up in the Israelites and they were drawn into adultery and God in wrath slew forty two thousand of them. 206-4 PERGAMEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 5
So Balaam got Israel to commit fornication. Do you know that physical fornication is the very same spirit that lies in organized religion?

I said that the spirit of fornication is the spirit of organization. And all fornicators will have their place in the lake of fire. That is what God thinks of organization. Yes sir, the whore and her daughters will be in the lake of fire.

370-3 A. RESUME. OF. THE. AGES - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 10 This second step was the doctrine of Balaam, (described in Revelation 2:14) wherein Balaam taught Balak to stumble the children of Israel by a 'united meeting. '

There the guests would do two more things contrary to the Word of God. You will recall that Balak needed help to keep his kingdom. He called on the most dominant spiritual figure of his day, Balaam.

Balaam gave the advice that trapped and destroyed Israel. It was, first of all, to suggest that they all get together and talk things over, and eat together and get things ironed out. After all, understanding each other goes a long way.

Once you accomplish that you can go from there. The next step would be worshipping together, and of course, a little pressure from the host usually makes the guests go a lot further than they intended.

Now that didn't only happen back there to God's church of the Old Testament but it happened to the church of the New Testament, for there was an emperor, who like Balak needed help to secure his kingdom.

371-2 A. RESUME. OF. THE. AGES - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 10

Now watch this doctrine of Balaam most carefully. Notice above all, that it is the deliberate maneuver of a corrupt clergy to bind the people to them,

by leading the people deliberately into the sin of unbelief. The Nicolaitane doctrine was the corruption of the clergy as they sought political power amongst themselves,

while Balaamism is the subjection of the people to their system of creed and worship in order to hold them. Now watch this carefully. What was it that bound the people to the nominal church and thereby destroyed them?

It was the creeds and dogmas formed into church tenets. It was the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. They were not given the true food, the Word.

They were given the food that came from idol worship, Babylonian paganism wrapped up in Christian terminology. And that very same spirit and doctrine is right amongst all Protestants and it is called DENOMINATION.

Nicolaitanism is organization, humanizing the leadership of the church, and thereby deposing the Spirit. Balaamism is denominationalism which takes the church manual instead of the Bible.

And right to this hour, many of God's people are caught in the snare of denominationalism and God is crying to them, "Come out of her My people, lest ye be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues. " You see they are ignorant.

But if the rapture should take place at this moment, ignorance would be no court of appeal from the judgment of God for being in the wrong ranks.

NUMBERS 25:3

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Archaeological discoveries have revealed that the devotees of Baal practiced prostitution as a part of their worship. This sordid practice was adopted by the Israelites.

NUMBERS 25:4

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

NUMBERS 25:5

5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor.

NUMBERS 25:6

And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses,

and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

NUMBERS 25:7

And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

NUMBERS 25:8

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

TENT. Heb. kubbah, a high and vaulted pleasure tent, used in the worship of Baal.

PSALM 106:30

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

PSALM 106:31

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

NUMBERS 25:9

9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

I CORINTHIANS 10:8

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

NUMBERS 25:10

10 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

NUMBERS 25:11

11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.