

Numbers 23:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all.

Analysis

Balaam describes Israel's future: 'Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.' This warrior imagery prophesies Israel's conquest of Canaan with fierce, unstoppable power. The lion, king of beasts, symbolizes royal dominion and irresistible strength—characteristics fulfilled in Judah's lion, Jesus Christ (Genesis 49:9, Revelation 5:5).

Historical Context

The lion became symbol of the tribe of Judah from whom the Messiah would come. This prophecy looked beyond immediate conquest to the ultimate Lion of Judah who conquers sin, death, and Satan through His death and resurrection.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does Christ as the Lion of Judah fulfill this prophecy of Israel's conquering power?

2. What does Christ's lion-like conquest of spiritual enemies mean for your daily battles?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	בָּלָק	אֶל	בְּלָעַם	גַּם	קִבְּלָם	לֹא	תִקְבַּל נֹכַח
said	And Balak	H413	unto Balaam	H1571	them at all	H3808	Neither curse
H559	H1111		H1109		H6895		H5344

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	H1288		H1288

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