

# Numbers 23:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I must do?

## Analysis

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Balaam concludes 'He shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.' This graphic victory imagery intensifies the lion metaphor, prophesying total conquest of enemies. Yet Israel's history shows incomplete fulfillment in Canaan conquest, pointing toward Christ's ultimate victory over all spiritual enemies (1 Corinthians 15:25, Colossians 2:15, Revelation 19:15-21).

## Historical Context

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Israel did conquer Canaan but never fully subdued all enemies as this oracle predicted. This partial fulfillment pointed to a greater Lion who would completely vanquish all God's foes—the Messiah who crushes Satan under His feet (Romans 16:20).

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How do Old Testament conquest promises find ultimate fulfillment in Christ's spiritual victories?
2. What enemies in your life will Christ's lion-like power ultimately vanquish?

## Interlinear Text

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| אָל יָבַע           | יְדַבֵּר   | כָּל       | לִאמְמָר   | רַבְלָעַם         | מִן        | וְיַעֲשֵׂה     |
| answered            | But Balaam | and said   | H413       | unto Balak        | H3808      | Told           |
| H6030               | H1109      | H559       |            | H1111             |            | H413           |
| רַבְלָעַם רַבְלָעַם | וְיַעֲשֵׂה | וְיַעֲשֵׂה | וְיַעֲשֵׂה | וְיַעֲשֵׂה        | וְיַעֲשֵׂה | וְיַעֲשֵׂה     |
| and said            | H3605      | H834       | Told       | All that the LORD | H853       | that I must do |
| H559                |            | H1696      |            | H3068             |            | H6213          |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 5:29** (Parallel theme): Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

**Numbers 22:18** (References Lord): And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

**2 Chronicles 18:13** (References Lord): And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

**Numbers 22:38** (Parallel theme): And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.