

Numbers 24

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Balaam's Fourth Oracle

- 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.
 - 2** 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.
 - 3** And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:
 - 4** He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:
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- 5** How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!
 - 6** As 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.
 - 7** He 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.
 - 8** God 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.
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- 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.

Balaam's Final Oracles

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
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- 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:
- 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:
- 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.
- 18** And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.
- 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.
- 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.
- 22** Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.
- 23** And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!
- 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.
- 25** And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Kingdom — מַלְכוּת (Malkhut)

Kingdom, reign, royal power

The Hebrew **malkhut** (מַלְכוּת) denotes kingdom or royal rule—the realm and reign of a king. God's kingdom represents His sovereign rule over all creation.

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

CROSS REFERENCES

Numbers 24:1 **References Lord:** Numbers 22:13; 23:3; 23:15; 31:16. **References Israel:** Numbers 23:23; 1 Samuel 24:20; 26:2; Revelation 2:14. **Blessing:** Numbers 23:20. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 23:28

Numbers 24:2 **Spirit:** 1 Samuel 10:10; 19:20; 19:23; 2 Chronicles 15:1

Numbers 24:3 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 23:7; 24:16

Numbers 24:4 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 1:28; Revelation 1:10; 1:17. **Word:** Numbers 12:6

Numbers 24:6 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 1:3. **References Lord:** Psalms 104:16; Isaiah 58:11

Numbers 24:7

Kingdom: 2 Samuel 5:12; 1 Chronicles 14:2. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 51:13; Revelation 17:1

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Parallel theme: Numbers 14:9; 23:24; Deuteronomy 32:23; Psalms 2:9; 21:12; 45:5; Isaiah 38:13; Jeremiah 50:9; 50:17. **References God:** Numbers 23:22

Numbers 24:9

Blessing: Genesis 12:3; 27:29. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 23:24; Genesis 49:9; Matthew 25:40; 25:45

Numbers 24:10

Parallel theme: Job 27:23; Ezekiel 21:14; 21:17; 22:13. **Blessing:** Numbers 22:6; 23:11; Nehemiah 13:2. **Curse:** Numbers 22:11; 22:17

Numbers 24:11 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 22:17; 22:37

Numbers 24:12 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 22:18

Numbers 24:14 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 49:1; Daniel 2:28; Micah 6:5; 2 Timothy 3:1; Revelation 2:14

Numbers 24:15 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 23:7

Numbers 24:16 **Word:** Numbers 24:4

Numbers 24:17 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 49:10; 1 Chronicles 18:2; Psalms 45:6; Zechariah 10:4; Luke 1:78; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 1:7; 11:15; 22:16. **Resurrection:** 2 Peter 1:19

Numbers 24:18 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 27:29; 2 Samuel 8:14; Amos 9:12

Numbers 24:19 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 49:10; Isaiah 11:10; Micah 5:2; Matthew 28:18

Numbers 24:20 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 17:14

Numbers 24:21 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 15:19

Numbers 24:23 **References God:** Numbers 23:23

Numbers 24:24 **Parallel theme:** Numbers 24:20; Genesis 10:4; Daniel 11:30

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