

# Numbers 24:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

Balaam says: 'I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.' The Hebrew 'acharit yomim' (latter days/end times) introduces eschatological prophecy extending far beyond Balaam's time to Messiah's era and beyond. Balaam's final oracle (v.14-24) encompasses near-term fulfillments (Israel conquering Moab, Edom) and distant Messianic prophecies (v.17, the Star and Scepter). This demonstrates that biblical prophecy often has dual or multiple fulfillments - immediate and ultimate. The phrase 'latter days' appears throughout Scripture pointing to Messiah's coming and final consummation (Gen 49:1, Isa 2:2, Dan 10:14, Acts 2:17).

## Historical Context

This introduction preceded Balaam's final oracles concerning various nations' fates (v.15-24). The term 'latter days' established prophetic scope reaching to Christ's era and beyond. The Star prophecy (v.17) was partially fulfilled in David's conquests but ultimately in Christ. Church fathers unanimously interpreted this Messianically, and the wise men followed a star to Christ (Matt 2:2). Balaam's ability to see Israel's distant future while being spiritually blind to his own destiny (dying among Midian's kings, Num 31:8) illustrates that prophetic gift doesn't equal personal righteousness. One can speak truth yet perish in falsehood (Matt 7:22-23).

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. Do you study biblical prophecy to understand God's sovereign plan while remembering that knowledge alone doesn't save?
2. How does prophetic confidence in Christ's ultimate victory encourage faithfulness despite current opposition?

## Interlinear Text

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הַנָּה וְעַתָּה הִ	לְכָה	לְעַמָּךְ	לְכָה
H6258	H2005	<b>And now behold I go</b>	<b>thee what this people</b>
		H1980	H5971
		<b>And now behold I go</b>	H1980
אַיִל אַבְּרָהָם	יִשְׁאָל הַ	לְעַמָּךְ	הַ
<b>therefore and I will advertise</b>	H834	<b>shall do</b>	<b>thee what this people</b>
H3289		H6213	H5971
			H2088
לְעַמָּךְ	בְּאַחֲר יְהִ	בְּתִימִים:	הַ
<b>thee what this people</b>	<b>in the latter</b>	<b>days</b>	
H5971	H319	H3117	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Micah 6:5** (Parallel theme): O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.

**Genesis 49:1** (Parallel theme): And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

**Revelation 2:14** (Parallel theme): 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.

**Daniel 2:28** (Parallel theme): But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

**2 Timothy 3:1** (Parallel theme): This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

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