

~BALAK (350)

(Ba'lak) [He Has Laid Waste]

- Baal-worshipping king of Moab in the **15th Century B.C.E**, son of Zippor. **Balak's** people were frightened and filled with a sickening dread when they saw what Israel had done to the Amorites. In league with Midian, **Balak** sent to the town of Pethor by the Euphrates River for Balaam to come from Mesopotamia and curse Israel with uncanny power, hoping thereby to gain a military advantage.
- He has not looked upon any uncanny power against Jacob, and no trouble has he seen against Israel. Yehowah his God is with him, and the loud hailing of a king is in his midst. (**Numbers 23:21**)
- Look! **Balak** said to Balaam; The Israelites have covered the earth as far as one can see, and they are dwelling right in front of me. At first Balaam declined to go, but after **Balak** sent a more honorable delegation of princes and raised his offer, the greedy prophet finally accepted, with Yehowah's allowance. Upon coming to the bank of the Arnon, Balak chided him; Why did you not come to me at first? Am I not really and truly able to honor you?
- And **Balak** the son of Zippor got to see all that Israel had done to the Amorites. (**Numbers 22:2**)
- And Moab became very frightened at the people, because they were many, and Moab began to feel a sickening dread of the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 22:3**)
- And Moab proceeded to say to the older men of Midian; Now this congregation will lick up all our surroundings like the bull licking up the green growth of the field. And **Balak** the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that particular time. (**Numbers 22:4**)
- He now sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is by the River of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying; Look! A people has come out of Egypt. Look! They have covered the earth as far as one can see, and they are dwelling right in front of me. (**Numbers 22:5**)
- And now do come, please, do curse this people for me, for they

are mightier than I am. Perhaps I may be able to strike them and I may drive them out of the land, for I well know that the one whom you bless is a blessed one and the one whom you curse is cursed. (**Numbers 22:6**)

- So the older men of Moab and the older men of Midian traveled with the payments for divination in their hands and went to Balaam and spoke to him **Balak's** words. (**Numbers 22:7**)
- At that he said to them; Lodge here tonight, and I shall certainly return you word just as Yehowah may speak to me. Accordingly the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. (**Numbers 22:8**)
- Then God came to Balaam and said; Who are these men with you? (**Numbers 22:9**)
- So Balaam said to the true God; **Balak** the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, has sent to me, saying; (**Numbers 22:10**)
- Look! The people who are coming out of Egypt, and they go covering the earth as far as the eye can see. Now do come, do execrate them for me. Perhaps I may be able to fight against them and I shall actually drive them out. (**Numbers 22:11**)
- But God said to Balaam; You must not go with them. You must not curse the people, for they are blessed. (**Numbers 22:12**)
- After that Balaam got up in the morning and said to the princes of **Balak**: Go to your country, because Yehowah has refused to let me go with you. (**Numbers 22:13**)
- So the princes of Moab got up and came to **Balak** and said, Balaam has refused to come with us. (**Numbers 22:14**)
- However, **Balak** sent again other princes in greater number and more honorable than the former. (**Numbers 22:15**)
- In turn they came to Balaam and said to him; This is what **Balak** the son of Zippor has said; Do not be detained, please, from coming to me. (**Numbers 22:16**)
- For I shall without fail honor you greatly, and everything you may say to me I shall do. So do come, please. Do execrate this people for me. (**Numbers 22:17**)

- But Balaam answered and said to the servants of **Balak**: If **Balak** were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I should not be able to pass beyond the order of Yehowah my God, so as to do something small or great. (**Numbers 22:18**)
- And now you men also stay here, please, tonight that I may know what further Yehowah will speak with me. (**Numbers 22:19**)
- Then God came to Balaam by night and said to him; If it is to call you that the men have come, get up, go with them. But only the word that I shall speak to you is what you may speak. (**Numbers 22:20**)
- After that Balaam got up in the morning and saddled his she-ass and went with the princes of Moab. (**Numbers 22:21**)
- And the anger of God began to blaze because he was going, and Yehowah's angel proceeded to station himself in the road to resist him. And he was riding upon his she-ass, and two attendants of his were with him. (**Numbers 22:22**)
- And the ass got to see Yehowah's angel stationed in the road with his drawn sword in his hand, and the ass tried to turn aside from the road that she might go into the field, but Balaam began to strike the ass in order to turn her aside to the road. (**Numbers 22:23**)
- And Yehowah's angel kept standing in the narrow way between the vineyards, with a stone wall on this side and a stone wall on that side. (**Numbers 22:24**)
- And the she-ass kept seeing Yehowah's angel and began to squeeze herself against the wall and so to squeeze Balaam's foot against the wall, and he went beating her some more. (**Numbers 22:25**)
- Yehowah's angel now passed by again and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn aside to the right or the left. (**Numbers 22:26**)
- When the ass got to see Yehowah's angel she now lay down under Balaam, so that Balaam's anger blazed, and he kept beating the ass with his staff. (**Numbers 22:27**)

- Finally Yehowah opened the mouth of the ass and she said to Balaam; What have I done to you so that you have beaten me these three times? (**Numbers 22:28**)
- At this Balaam said to the ass; It is because you have dealt ruthlessly with me. If only there were a sword in my hand, for now I should have killed you! (**Numbers 22:29**)
- Then the she-ass said to Balaam; Am I not your she-ass that you have ridden upon all your life long until this day? Have I ever been used to do to you this way? To which he said; No! (**Numbers 22:30**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to uncover Balaam's eyes, so that he saw Yehowah's angel stationed in the road with his drawn sword in his hand. At once he bowed low and prostrated himself on his face. (**Numbers 22:31**)
- Then Yehowah's angel said to him; Why have you beaten your she-ass these three times? Look! I, I have come out to offer resistance, because your way has been headlong against my will. (**Numbers 22:32**)
- And the she-ass got to see me and tried to turn aside before me these three times. Supposing she had not turned aside from before me! For by now even you I should have killed, but her I should have preserved alive. (**Numbers 22:33**)
- At this Balaam said to Yehowah's angel; I have sinned, because I did not know that it was you stationed in the road to meet me. And now, if it is bad in your eyes, let me go my way back. (**Numbers 22:34**)
- But Yehowah's angel said to Balaam; Go with the men, and nothing but the word that I shall speak to you is what you may speak. And Balaam continued going with the princes of **Balak**. (**Numbers 22:35**)
- When **Balak** got to hear that Balaam had come, he at once went out to meet him at the city of Moab, which is on the bank of the Arnon, which is on the extremity of the territory. (**Numbers 22:36**)

- Then **Balak** said to Balaam; Have I not for a fact sent to you to call you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not really and truly able to honor you? (**Numbers 22:37**)
- **Balak** took Balaam to three vantage points from which to view the host of Israel. At each point the same sacrificial procedure was followed, **Balak** was directed to construct seven altars upon which seven bulls and seven rams were sacrificed. However, at each place, instead of cursing Israel, Balaam blessed them.
- And it came about in the morning that **Balak** went taking Balaam and bringing him up to Bamoth-baal, that he might see from there the whole of the people. (**Numbers 22:41**)
- He bowed down, he lay down like the lion, and, like a lion, who dares rouse him? Those blessing you are the one's blessed, and those cursing you are the one's cursed. (**Numbers 24:9**)
- O my people, remember, please, what **Balak** the king of Moab counseled, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him. From Shittim it was, all the way to Gilgal, to the intent that the righteous acts of Yehowah might be known. (**Micah 6:5**)
- At this, **Balak's** anger blazed against Balaam. Clapping his hands in a rage, he exclaimed; It was to execrate my enemies that I called you, and, look! You have blessed them to the limit these three times. And now run your way off to your place. But before this prophet from Pethor departed, he foretold the Messianic star coming through Jacob's seed.
- At that **Balak's** anger blazed against Balaam and he clapped his hands, and **Balak** went on to say to Balaam; It was to execrate my enemies that I called you, and, look! You have blessed them to the limit these three times. (**Numbers 24:10**)
- And now run your way off to your place. I had said to myself I was without fail going to honor you, but, look! Yehowah has held you back from honor. (**Numbers 24:11**)
- In turn Balaam said to **Balak**; Was it not also to your messengers whom you sent to me that I spoke, saying; (**Numbers 24:12**)
- If **Balak** were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I should not be able to pass beyond the order of Yehowah so as to do

something good or bad out of my own heart. Whatever Yehowah may speak is what I shall speak? (**Numbers 24:13**)

- And now here I am going away to my people. Do come, let me advise you what this people will do to your people afterward in the end of the days. (**Numbers 24:14**)
- So he took up his proverbial utterance and said; The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor, and the utterance of the able-bodied man with the eye unsealed. (**Numbers 24:15**)
- The utterance of the one hearing the sayings of God, and the one knowing the knowledge of the Most High. A vision of the Almighty he got to see while falling down with the eyes uncovered. (**Numbers 24:16**)
- I shall see him, but not now. I shall behold him, but not near. **A star will certainly step forth out of Jacob, and a scepter will indeed rise out of Israel.** And he will certainly break apart the temples of Moab's head and the cranium of all the sons of tumult of war. (**Numbers 24:17**)
- Then **Balak** the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, got up and went fighting against Israel. So he sent and summoned Balaam the son of Beor to call down evil upon you. (**Joshua 24:9**)
- And I did not want to listen to Balaam. Consequently he blessed you repeatedly. Thus I delivered you out of his hand. (**Joshua 24:10**)
- And now are you any better than **Balak** the son of Zippor, the king of Moab? Did he ever contend with Israel, or did he ever fight against them? (**Judges 11:25**)
- Subsequent events show that Balaam also went teaching **Balak** to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication.
- Nevertheless, I have a few things against you, that you have there those holding fast the teaching of Balaam, who went teaching **Balak** to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication. (**Revelation 2:14**)

- Now Israel was dwelling in Shittim. Then the people started to have immoral relations with the daughters of Moab. (**Numbers 25:1**)
- And the women came calling the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people began to eat and to bow down to their gods. (**Numbers 25:2**)
- So Israel attached itself to the Baal of Peor, and the anger of Yehowah began to blaze against Israel. (**Numbers 25:3**)
- Hence Yehowah said to Moses; Take all the head one's of the people and expose them to Yehowah toward the sun, that the burning anger of Yehowah may turn back from Israel. (**Numbers 25:4**)
- Then Moses said to the judges of Israel; Each one of you kill his men who have an attachment with the Baal of Peor. (**Numbers 25:5**)
- But, look! A man of the sons of Israel came, and he was bringing near to his brothers a Midianite woman before Moses eyes and before the eyes of all the assembly of the sons of Israel, while they were weeping at the entrance of the tent of meeting. (**Numbers 25:6**)
- When Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest caught sight of it, he at once got up from the midst of the assembly and took a lance in his hand. (**Numbers 25:7**)
- Then he went after the man of Israel into the vaulted tent and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman through her genital parts. At that the scourge was halted from upon the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 25:8**)
- And those who died from the scourge amounted to twenty-four thousand. (**Numbers 25:9**)
- Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (**Numbers 25:10**)
- Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest has turned back my wrath from upon the sons of Israel by his tolerating no rivalry at all toward me in the midst of them, so that I have not exterminated the sons of Israel in my insistence

on exclusive devotion. (**Numbers 25:11**)

- For that reason say; Here I am giving him my covenant of peace. (**Numbers 25:12**)
- And it must serve as the covenant of a priesthood to time indefinite for him and his offspring after him, due to the fact that he tolerated no rivalry toward his God and proceeded to make atonement for the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 25:13**)
- Incidentally the name of the fatally struck Israelite man who was fatally struck with the Midianitess was Zimri the son of Salu, a chieftain of a paternal house of the Simeonites. (**Numbers 25:14**)
- And the name of the Midianite woman fatally struck was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, he was a head one of the clans of a paternal house in Midian. (**Numbers 25:15**)
- Later Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (**Numbers 25:16**)
- Let there be a harassing of the Midianites, and you men must strike them. (**Numbers 25:17**)
- Because they are harassing you with their deeds of cunning that they committed against you cunningly in the affair of Peor and in the affair of Cozbi the daughter of a chieftain of Midian, their sister who was fatally struck in the day of the scourge over the affair of Peor. (**Numbers 25:18**)