Torah Portion – Week 40 (24-25)
Numbers 22:2 – 25:9

**Ch 22:**

22:9 – Why would Elohim speak with Balaam - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=is%2010%3A5-6%2Crom%209%3A17%2C%20%20rev%2017%3A17&version=KJV) (tests his people w/ satan and man)

**Balaam history** – [Jasher 67:8-52](https://sacred-texts.com/chr/apo/jasher/67.htm)

* Pharaoah had a dream, Balaam was part of his court, gave advice to kill Hebrew babies in water
* Could he have repented after seeing the wonders in Egypt?
* His sons Jannes & Jambres (sorcerers)
* Was astray, repented, then gone back again? [2 Peter 2](2%20Peter%202)

Balaam and Moses’ first encounter – [Jasher 70:1-31](https://sacred-texts.com/chr/apo/jasher/70.htm)

* Interaction between infant Moses & Pharoah
* Coal in mouth

Balaam’s sons Jannes and Jambres – [Jasher 79:20-42](https://sacred-texts.com/chr/apo/jasher/79.htm)

It’s possible Balaam saw the works of Yahuah in Egypt and believed and sought after him, then he turned for riches like the parable - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=+rev+2%3A14-15%2C+2+pet+2%2C+numbers+31%3A16%2C+matt+13%3A22%2C+&version=NASB)

22:32 – Beating animals (correction is ok, but not beating – likewise with children) - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=pro%2012%3A10%2C%20eph%206%3A4&version=KJV)

The angel and the animal stood as two witnesses trying to keep Balaam from going in error

**Ch 23**

23:8 – Curse – [Gal 3](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians%203%3A13&version=KJV)

* A major theme in this torah portion is recognizing the enemy cannot curse whom YHWH has blessed. We can curse ourselves by giving into temptation; unto the enemy.

23:9 – Not reckoned among the nations – [Deut 32:8-9 Septuagint](https://ebible.org/eng-Brenton/DEU32.htm)

* We are bought with a price - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+9%3A12-14%2C+1+cor+6%3A20%2C+is+52%3A1-10&version=KJV)

23:15 – Elohim, Angel, YHWH

23:19 – Two entities (Pro 30)

23:21 – No iniquity? Because it was covered

* Heb 10:25 Reminder - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=heb%2010%3A25-27&version=KJV)

23:23 – No weapon formed against us! - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah%2054%3A17%2C%20ps%2091&version=KJV)

23:24 – YHWH’s army - [Verses](https://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=micah+5%3A7-15&version=KJV)

**Ch 24**:

24:5 – Sukkot testimony

**Ch 25:**

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Balaam taught sin and fornication, getting them to curse themselves (much like the world today)

[Rev 2](https://classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev+2%3A13-15&version=KJV)

25:4 – Against the Sun - [Verses](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Kings%2023%3A11%2C%20jer%208%3A1-7%2C%20ecc%201%3A9&version=KJV)

* Galatians 4 and Paul’s Christmas Warning
* Elements (instructions, course, order, direction of the world) – [Gal 4:3 interlinear](https://biblehub.com/interlinear/galatians/4-3.htm)
* Sun worship formed the basis of [Mithraism](https://www.vexen.co.uk/religion/mithraism.html), [Zoroastrianism](https://www.humanreligions.info/zoroastrianism.html), other Roman religions and many other pagan traditions. It is the reason Sun-day is a holy day in many religions, and why major festivals are held at spring and at the Solstices. The real meaning of Christmas is sun worship; a reminder to all life on Earth that we owe everything to the Sun. Sun worship is one of the main pillars of all religion, especially older religions. Sun worshippers and nature religions held major celebrations at the Winter Solstice the victory of the strength of the Sun over the forces of darkness that try to suppress it.

Targums: “And now, behold, I return to go to my people. Come, I will give thee counsel: Go, furnish tavern houses, and employ seductive women to sell food and drinks cheaply, and to bring this people together to eat and drink, and commit whoredom with them, that they may deny their God; then in a brief time will they be delivered into thy hand, and many of them fall. Nevertheless, after this they will still have dominion over thy people at the end of the days.”

“And Bileam rose up and went to return to his place, and Balak also went upon his way, and appointed the daughters of the Midianites for the tavern booths at Beth Jeshimotb, by the snow mountain, where they soldsweetmeats cheaper than their price, after the counsel of Bileam the wicked, at the dividing of the way.”

Balaam, possibly a wicked man, who repented and walked with Elohim, tricked YHWH’s people into sin and death for profit (gain).

25:19

[Phinehas (1 Mac 2)](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+mac+2%3A1-26%2C+49-64&version=RSV)