

Israel in Danger

Sin in the Camp - Part III

The Story of Balaam

Why is the Story of Balaam Relevant Today?

- Moses was concerned about Balaam:
 3. An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of YHWH; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of YHWH for ever: (*cf.* Genesis 19:30-38)
 4. Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.
 5. Nevertheless YHWH thy Elohim would not hearken unto Balaam; but YHWH thy Elohim turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because YHWH thy Elohim loved thee.
 6. Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever. (Deuteronomy 23:3-6)

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- Joshua was concerned by it:

13. Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them. (Joshua 13:22)

9. Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you:

10. But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. (Joshua 24:9-10)

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- Nehemiah was concerned by it:

1. On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of Elohim for ever;
2. Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our Elohim turned the curse into a blessing.
3. Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. (Nehemiah 13:1-3)

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- The prophet Micah was concerned by it:
 - 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 YHWH. (Micah 6:5)
 - Micah wanted the reader to understand the difference between the motives of Balaam, a witch, and the servants of the Most High, who obey the Word of Our Heavenly Father without exception. People who know what is right but do what is wrong are “workers of iniquity.”

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- Our Messiah was concerned by it
- John-Mark scribe for Yahusha (Jesus):

14. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. (Revelation 2:14)

- The Doctrine of Balaam – Using information given to him in an effort to obtain an earthly benefit.

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- Two apostolic-level writers were concerned by it.
- Peter:
 12. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;
 13. And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;
 14. Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:
 15. Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Besor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;
 16. But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. (II Peter 2:12-16)

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- Jude (the half-brother of the Messiah):
 11. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Korah.
 12. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;
 13. Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. (Jude 1:11-13)

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- If all these writers are concerned about the actions of Balaam, then we should be doing our own studies on him.
- Here, we studied all the scriptures with the exception of Numbers 22-24, which the story to begin with.
- When we went to the Book of Jasher, we got all the background we needed to understand who Balaam is and what he is trying to accomplish.
 - The Book of Jasher explains that Balaam was a witch and had been practicing witchcraft since he was 15... and that he was expert in those arts. It is not unusual for children to be competent witches.

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- Witchcraft is the art of manipulating situations either to their own advantage or for their clients. They do their work with a combination of spells, hexes, vexes, sigils, markings, and curses.
- Many of them became competent in their art when they were small children. Witchcraft often goes down family lines. If a woman in witchcraft has a child out of wedlock, her unfortunate descendants will have curses on them for ten generations.
(Deuteronomy 23:1)

Why is the Story of Balaam Relevant Today?

- Witches often locate near occult “portals” where they can regenerate their power. In Balaam’s case, he lived in Pethor, Mesopotamia where his portal is located. Do we not realize that those in power know about these things?
 - I. When Saddam Hussein met with U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie on July 25, 1990, he asked our ambassador about what position, the United States would take if he attacked Kuwait. April Glaspie was quoted in the *New York Times* as saying, “We have no opinion on the Arab-Arab conflicts, like your border disagreements with Kuwait.”

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- Witches often locate near occult “portals” where they can regenerate their power. Our leadership realized that they had a chance to enhance their power if they could capture and use that portal.

II. Many authorities argue that Ms. Glaspie’s statements encouraged Iraq to invade Kuwait.

III. Two days later, Iraqi troops invaded and occupied Kuwait.

IV. Months later, an American-led coalition invaded Kuwait and drove Iraqi troops out.

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V. The Bush family, heavily tied to occult interests in Central Europe, saw this as an opportunity to capture and control the “portal” in Pethor.

VI. However, President George “Poppy” Bush could not justify an invasion of Iraq to the “New World Order.” Instead, he started suggesting that there were “weapons of mass destruction” in Iraq.

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VII. When multiple inspections did not produce evidence of “weapons of mass destruction,” the Bush family had to come up with another reason to invade Iraq.

VIII. When the Twin-Towers fell at 9/11, President George W. Bush worked to place the blame fully on Iraq.

IX. When they finally invaded Iraq in 2003, our intelligence services set up “Camp Babylon” to find Pethor.

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X. Whether they found Pethor or not, this portal’s power can only last for a limited amount of time.

XI. Notice that in the Book of Daniel, Babylon fell apart during the Kingship of Ba`alsha’tsarsar. (Daniel 5:30-31)

XII. The United States has occupied Iraq for 21 years. Now, they are having trouble maintaining that occupation.

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- Witches can only stay near a “portal” for a limited period of time. They have to practice their art.
 - Balaam stayed in Edom until his brother was deposed from the throne of Edom.
 - Balaam and his Father then went to Egypt and worked there for a while. Balaam’s father Beor died at that time and Balaam had two sons: Jannes and Jambres. These sons were the ones who opposed Moses and Aaron. (II Timothy 3:8)
 - After the exodus, Balaam escaped to the portal to regenerate.

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- What about this portal at Pethor?
 - Witches will bide their time until the next opportunity arises.
 - Balaam went to Pethor in Mesopotamia because he, like other witches, could regenerate their power there.
 - Pethor is likely a demonic portal where witches and sorcerers could go to regenerate and restore their power.
 - They could do small jobs there to keep food on the table until another opportunity arises.
 - They will trust in their *elohim* (gods) to find them a new opportunity.

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- What about this portal at Pethor?
- Witches communicate with a number of spiritual entities who can get them what they want.
 - When they start out, they often call on rudimentary demons who are capable of performing small tasks.
 - As they advance in their craft, they get connections with higher ranks of demons which can do more for the witch.
 - Balaam was a high-ranking witch because he did communicate with our Heavenly Father.

Is the Evil of Balaam a Concern Today?

- A high-ranking witch will have many *elohim* doing their bidding:
 - This is where the fallen *elohim* get to work.
 - Most of them command legions of demons who scour the countryside looking for opportunities for their client witches and sorcerers.
 - When an opportunity is spotted, a demonic “advance team” is sent to the region to prepare for the witch’s or sorcerer’s arrival.

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam:
 - This is where the fallen *elohim* get to work.
 - In the case of Balaam, they find a situation with Sihon and Og, *Nephilim* kings of the Amorites.
 - They were getting pushed out of their homeland in Palestine and needed a new home.
 - They found the land of the Moabites, the sons of Lot very enticing. But they needed help...

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam:
 - While these *nephilim* kings were already descendants of the fallen *elohim* and could communicate directly their parents... They needed someone with a direct line to the top of the hierarchy.
 - The kings were told to secure the services of Balaam.
 - Balaam found the Moabites an easy target, because even though they were sons of Lot, they were horrible idolaters.
 - Balaam used that idolatry to curse the Moabites. This allowed the Amorites to take over a large portion of their land. The Moabite army was routed, and they were left with a bunch of desert land the Amorites did not want.
 - With a major war victory in their hand, the Amorites pay Balaam rather well but not well enough.

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam:
 - Balaam returned to Pethor rather rich... but even then, without a steady income, the money runs out after a while... he calls on his *elohim* for another job.
 - The next job comes to him... King Balak of Moab wants to hire him... do you really want to work for the people you just cursed? Do you want to upset your former clients, the Amorites? The answer to both questions is NO!
 - Balaam sent them on their way... there has to be another way to make some money.

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam?
 - Balaam is learning what a lot of witches know but refuse to realize, every time you practice your art, you die a little more.
 - As you get older, the customers are not so numerous.
 - The trouble is that you still broke, live and eat... also, with your sons dead, no money is coming in from them.
 - Finally, those guys from Moab return. This time, they have “sweetened the pot.”
 - Balaam still does not want to do it, but he is broke, and these guys are offering him a king’s ransom if he will come and work for them.

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam?
 - Balaam gets on his donkey and makes the long trip to Moab. Even his famous donkey tells him not to do it.
 - He runs into a powerful angel... but still, he must press on and on.
 - The temptation of untold riches and honor are too much to pass up.

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam?
 - Balaam gets to the royal city of Moab and is greeted to honor and glory. He meets the king and knows that things are about to get difficult.
 - He explains that to get the curse, he will have to sacrifice to YHWH and hope for a cursing prophecy. The prophecy does not come... not once, not twice, not three times... King Balak is furious! Balaam has to do something!

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam?
 - Balaam has one chance and one chance only.
 - He tells King Balak that the only way to curse Israel is to bring idolatry into their camp. (Numbers 31:16)
 - He explains that is how he cursed Moab and why they were routed by the Amorites...
 - King Balak likes the idea but decides that since bringing Balaam in was the Midianites idea, it was their women who would be the ones to seduce Israel.
 - Balak and Balaam go to Midian and hires a bunch of their women to visit the Israelite camp and seduce the Israelite men.

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam?
 - The women of Midian set up a party and invite the Israelite men to that party. They eat meat sacrificed to idols and end up joining themselves to Baal-peor, an idol of the Midianites.
 - The Israelite men come home from the party bringing with them a curse.
 - Before long, a plague breaks out in the Israelite camp.
 - King Balak is pleased and sends Balaam his reward.
 - Balaam has been vindicated and realizes that a home in Midian isn't such a bad thing.

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam?
 - The trouble is that Moses has dealt with witches before and knows what to do. Even if 24,000 people die from the plague, he does get things straightened out! But that is not the end of it.
 - When witches practice their arts for too long, the first thing to go for them is discernment and judgment.
 - Balaam should have taken his money, gotten on his donkey, and returned to Pethor.

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam?
 - Instead, he makes the mistake of hanging around to bask in the glory and spend his newly-found riches.
 - Moses begins to realize that the only one capable of this kind of mischief is Balaam the witch. He has his people make some inquiries and discovers that indeed, Balaam is in the neighborhood and has set up shop.
 - Moses remembers one of the first laws of the Torah:
 - You shall not suffer a witch to live. (Exodus 22:18)

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- What should we learn from the story of Balaam?
 - As the leader of the Israelites, he determines that it is time to deal with the Midianites and their torts against the Israelites.
 - Moses puts a “contract” out on Balaam.
 - Moses raises an army and sends them to deal with the Midianites.
 - Moses deals with the enemy directly!