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The following is a brief overview of the main topics.  
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### **BALAK SUMMONS BALAAM THE SON OF BEOR AT PETHOR.**

**Note;** this chapter continues from the previous one.

Then Israel set out and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan River at Jericho. At that time Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab and had seen what Israel had done to the Amorites. The Moabites were in great fear of Israel and said to the elders of Midian, Israel is a great multitude and will now lick up all that is around them, so King Balak sent messengers to the prophet Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor.

#### **King Balak told his messengers to tell Balaam: -**

A people who cover the face of the earth have come out of Egypt and are dwelling opposite me, I know that who you bless is blessed and he whom you curse is cursed, so come now and curse this people since they are too mighty for me, then I may be able to defeat them and drive them from the land.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> TIME; the Princes/Elders of Balak go to Balaam.**

The princes/elders of Moab and Midian departed with the fees for divination in their hand to get Balaam. They meet Balaam and give him King Balak's message, Balaam tells the elders, to lodge the night and he will bring back word as the LORD speaks to him, so they stayed with Balaam. God came to Balaam and asked who are the men with Balaam and Balaam tells God that King Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent them to him, because he fears the people that have come out of Egypt and now cover the face of the earth so Balak wants him to go and curse Israel so that he might be able to fight against them and drive them out.

God tells Balaam that he was not to go with them or curse them because they are blessed, so in the morning Balaam tells the Princes of King Balak that the LORD has refused to let him go and the princes of Moab return to Balak and told him Balaam refused to come with them.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> TIME; the Princes/Elders of King Balak go to Balaam.**

King Balak sent princes/elders more in number and more honourable to Balaam again to tell him that Balak has said let nothing hinder him from coming. The princes go to Balaam and tell him that Balak will give him great honour and whatever he says King Balak will do if he will curse Israel. Balaam tells King Balak's servants if Balak were to give him his house full of silver and gold he could not go beyond the command of the LORD, then tells them to lodge the night and he will see what the LORD will say to him. God visited Balaam in that night and said, "if the men come to call you to rise then go with them; but only do what I tell you." So Balaam rose in the morning and saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab.

**Notice;** the LORD was very specific in telling Balaam to only do (KJV) (speak) (ESV) what the LORD tells him, but Balaam never waited to see if the princes of King Balak would come to call him to rise, yet this is what the LORD had told him to do.

#### **God's Anger was kindled against Balaam.**

God's anger was kindled against Balaam because he went with the princess of King Balak.

### **1<sup>st</sup> TIME; The Angel of the LORD stood as an Adversary to Balaam.**

Balaam was riding on his donkey and his two servants were with him, the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand so the donkey turned off the road and went into the field, so Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back onto the road.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> TIME; The Angel of the LORD stood as an Adversary to Balaam.**

Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between vineyards with a wall on either side, his donkey saw the Angel of the LORD and pushed against the wall of the vineyard and pressed Balaam's foot against its wall so Balaam struck the donkey again.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> TIME; The Angel of the LORD stood as an Adversary to Balaam.**

Then the Angel of the LORD went ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn, the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD and laid down under Balaam, so his anger was kindled and he struck the donkey with his staff.

### **The Donkey Speaks to Balaam.**

The LORD opened the donkey's mouth, and said to Balaam, "What, has she done to him, that he has struck her three times? Balaam told the donkey, she has made a fool of him and if he had a sword in his hand he would kill her. The donkey then reminds Balaam that she has been his donkey on which he had ridden all his life and then asked him if it was her habit to treat him this way? Balaam replied to the donkey saying no. This story may sound bizarre, but remember God originally created the donkey simply by speaking and humans He created from dirt, so it is a simple thing for God to make an animal talk. The amazing thing is Balaam's reaction to the donkey when it spoke, but remember the Bible only records the minimum of information; it is most likely that Balaam was in shock and disbelief, but the Bible writers only record enough information so that the reader will get the principal of the story, they do not try to prove it.

### **The Angel of the LORD appears to Balaam.**

Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand, Balaam bowed down and fell on his face and the Angel of the LORD asked Balaam why have you struck your donkey these three times, he saw that I had come to oppose you because what you are doing is perverse before the LORD and if your donkey had not turned aside I would have killed you and let the donkey live. Balaam told the Angel of the LORD that he had sinned because he did not know that the Angel of the LORD stood in the road against him and what he is doing is evil in the LORD'S sight so he will turn back.

### **Balaam goes with the princes of King Balak.**

The Angel of the LORD told Balaam to go with the men, but only to speak the word that the LORD tells him so Balaam continued on with the princes of Balak, he arrives at the extremity of the border and King Balak goes out to meet him. Balaam told King Balak that he has no power of his own to speak anything, the only power he has is to speak the word that the LORD puts in his mouth and whatever that Word is that is what he must speak, good or bad. Balaam goes with King Balak and they came to Kiriath-huzoth and Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep and sent for Balaam and the princes who were with him, in the morning King Balak took Balaam up to Bamoth-baal, and from there he saw a fraction of the people of Israel.

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End.