



## Donkey Talk (Balaam)

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### Balaam, a story of God's Protection

*The Moabites were terrified because there were so many Israelites. In fact, the Moabites were filled with panic because of the Israelites. The Moabites spoke to the elders of Midian. They said, "This huge mob is going to destroy everything around us. They'll lick it up as an ox licks up all the grass in the fields."*

**Numbers 22:3-4 NIRV**

#### 1. King of Moab's plan - \_\_\_\_\_

*Balak told the messengers to say to Balaam, "A nation has come out of Egypt. They are covering the face of the land. They've set up camp next to me. So come and put a curse on these people. They are too powerful for me. Maybe I'll be able to win the battle over them. Maybe I'll be able to drive them out of the land. I know that whoever you bless is blessed. And I know that whoever you cursed is cursed."*

**Numbers 22:5-6 NIRV**

#### 2. Balaam's predicament

- \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (22:7-10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (22:12-20)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (22:21-35)
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*Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes. He saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road. He saw that the angel was holding a sword. The angel was ready for battle. So Balaam bowed down. He fell with his face to the ground. The angel of the LORD spoke to him. He asked him, "Why have you hit your donkey three times? I have come here to oppose you. What you are doing is foolish. The donkey saw me. It turned away from me three times. Suppose it had not turned away. Then I would certainly have killed you by now. But I would have spared the donkey." Balaam said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned. I didn't realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Tell me whether you are pleased with me. If you aren't, I'll go back." The angel of the LORD said to Balaam, "Go with the men. But say only what I tell you to say." So Balaam went with Balak's officials.*

**Numbers 22:31-35 NIRV**

#### 3. No one can \_\_\_\_\_

*Then Balaam spoke the message he had received from God. He said, Balak, rise up and listen. Son of Zippor, hear me. God isn't a mere human. He can't lie. He isn't a human being. He doesn't change his mind. He speaks, and then he acts. He makes a promise, and then he keeps it. He has commanded me to bless Israel. He has given them his blessing. And I can't change it.*

**Numbers 23:18-20 NIRV**

#### Next Steps:

- ☐ Read Balaam's story this week: Numbers 22-24
- ☐ Commit to follow God with my whole heart and not just go through the motions on the outside
- ☐ I trust in God's blessing in my life and commit today to love God and follow His will
- ☐ Pray for me. I struggle with doubts about God's love and blessing in my life
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