

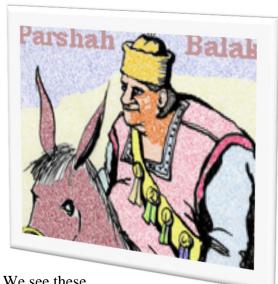
Balak Balak

Numbers 22.2—25.9

Micah 5.6—6.8 / John 13-14

and Balaam In Numbers 25, ארש" Yisra'el

Israel forsakes God for sexual immorality and idols. ארק had hired Balaam to curse ארשראלי. Balaam couldn't curse, so instead he arranges for ארשראלי to destroy itself.



Sexual immorality and idols are just as deadly now as then. We see these occur repeatedly through the Bible, even getting special mention as a problem for the Church of Pergamum in Revelation 2.14, and too often we see them in today's Church.

Some Examples of Covenant Promises, Apostasy, and Atonement

| Promise | Apostasy | Atonement |
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| Exodus 19.5 If we keep covenant, we will be God's treasure | Exodus 32.4 ישראל worships the Golden Calf | Exodus 32.28 About 3,000 die |
| | Numbers 25.1-5 אר ישראל commits harlotry with Moab's women and gods | Numbers 25.7-9 Phineas drives his spear through a couple, ending the plague that kills 24,000 |
| | Jude 11 Those who fall away follow Cain, Balaam, and Korah Revelation 2.14 The church of Pergamum follows Balaam Hebrews 6.4-8 Some turn away from grace and are cursed | Hebrews 6.9-12 Believers press forward and are blessed |
| Numbers 13.2 Accept the Land which God gives to אראלי | Numbers 14.4, אראל rejects the Land and wants to return to Egypt | Numbers 16.47-49 14,700 die in a plague, with Aaron standing between the living and the dead |
| Matthew 28.19 All authority has been given to אישוע, so make disciples of all nations | Hebrews 10.26 Deliberately sinning after receiving the truth leaves only an expectation of raging fire that consumes the enemies of God | Hebrews 10.39 We do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who believe and are saved |
| 1 Corinthians 10.11 All this happens as an example and warning for us | 2 Thessalonians 2.3 The man of lawlessness (ἀνομία <u>anomia</u> = ΠΠΠ <u>Torah</u> -lessness) is revealed | Revelation 12.10-11 Believers overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and not loving life so much as to shrink from death |



Today, many in the world urge the Palestinians to curse っなっとって、 The Palestinian Charter establishes this curse in Article 22:

Zionism is a political movement organically associated with international imperialism and antagonistic to all action for liberation and to progressive movements in the world. It is racist and fanatic in its nature, aggressive, expansionist, and colonial in its aims, and fascist in its methods. Israel is the instrument of the Zionist movement, and geographical base for world imperialism placed strategically in the midst of the Arab homeland to combat the hopes of the Arab nation for liberation, unity, and progress. Israel is a constant source of threat vis-a-vis peace in the Middle East and the whole world. Since the liberation of Palestine will destroy the Zionist and imperialist presence and will contribute to the establishment of peace in the Middle East, the Palestinian people look for the support of all the progressive and peaceful forces and urge them all, irrespective of their affiliations and beliefs, to offer the Palestinian people all aid and support in their just struggle for the liberation of their homeland. (Emphasis added.)

As an example of the double standard by which \(\frac{7}{N}\)\(\frac{7}{N}\)





Threat The reasoning 772 gives for wanting to curse 787W' in Numbers 22.1-5 is that he is overcome with dread because of how many they are, what they did to the Amorites, they "cover the earth," and he is afraid they will lick up Moab like an ox licks up the grass of the field. His feelings seem justifiable—just over 600,000 fighting men are counted in the census of Numbers 1.46. With an equal number of women the same age, plus all the children under age 20, 778W' is easily two to three million strong!

No Threat Moses relates in <u>Deuteronomy 2.9</u> how God warned him not to attack Moab, since that land was given to Lot and his descendants. Both the Moabites and the Midianites who join them are relatives of プメコピュ Abraham's nephew Lot is the father/grandfather of Moab, <u>Genesis 19.36-37</u>. And in <u>Exodus 2.15-22</u>, Moses marries Zipporah, daughter of the priest of Midian, Reuel/Jethro. In <u>Matthew 10.36</u>, ソコピュ says that a man's enemies will be the members of his own household. Here, even though フメコピュ poses no threat, members of the family of フォコピュ attack.



Blessing and Cursing ロップコ is hired to curse, but blessings instead. <u>James 3.9-12</u> says that blessing and cursing should not come from the same tongue. ソッツ in <u>Matthew 5.43-48</u> and Paul in <u>Romans 12.14</u> say to bless and not to curse.



As to what else this phrase could mean, here are some fun explanations from the web:

- This metaphor is drawn from the ancient process of smelting, where coals were heaped on top of the ore as well as being underneath. So exercising kindness will tend to soften the person and melt his hardness, separating evil impurities and bringing out the good in him.
- There are different interpretations of the verse. One suggests the "burning coals" represent a spiritual debt (and consequent punishment) accruing from the imbalance of justice. Another suggests that the debt is in the conscience, that the injustice will produce a "burning" guilt and remorse in the enemy's mind.
- This is an orientalism. In eastern villages one woman who had the flint would rise first and build a fire. Then a boy takes the burning coals in pottery balanced on his head. This was a pleasant task for the boy, because when the morning is cold he becomes warmed by the coals as he goes on his rounds.

Perhaps the best explanation: if my head is on fire, I'm going to fix it ASAP. If changing my heart toward the other person does the trick, I'm for it. And isn't it interesting that the disciples on Pentecost are *blessed* with *fire on their heads*?

Helping a Donkey God says in <u>Deuteronomy 22.4</u> to help a donkey that has fallen. After בלעם beats his donkey to the ground in <u>Numbers 22.27</u>, the Angel of הרוד and praises the donkey!



Sword of הוה against the

Doctrine of בלעם In Numbers 22,

בלעם sets out with the men from אבלעם sets out with the men from אבלעם. Three times, the Angel of הוה stands in the way with a drawn sword. The donkey sees the angel and the sword, but בלעם doesn't. A combination of rage at his donkey and embarrassment in front of the men from אבלעם results in בלעם striking his donkey, to the point he argues with his donkey that if he had a sword he would kill it. The

powerful prophet hired to curse ארשר 'loses an argument with his donkey! Then his eyes are opened and he sees the Angel of יהוה had threatened to kill his donkey, and now the Angel tells him that, but for the donkey, שראב שטול שוא לעם 'בלעם' to speak only the words of the Angel; no cursing of אישראב'.

About 1,500 years later, He who has the sharp, double-edged sword warns the Church in Pergamum, "There are some among you who hold to the teaching of ΔΫϽ, who taught ϜΫϽ to entice ϜΚϽΨ' to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the **sword** of my mouth," Revelation 2.14-16. Νικολαΐτης Nikolaïtēs

Nicolaitans means Destruction of People and ΔΫϽΔ is also ΨΫΔ bala swallow and ΔΨ am people, Swallow the People, same idea. Revelation links these two in sinning by leading ϜΚϽΨ' to eat food sacrificed to idols and to engage in sexual immorality. Both these sins lead to worship of idols and the punishment of Numbers 25, the Sword of ϜΚϽΨ'. Peter in 2 Peter 2 warns that as there were false prophets among ϜΚϽΨ' then, so there will be false prophets in the Church. In verse 14 he describes their adultery, sin, seduction, and greed, and he likens them to ΔΫϽΔ.

Such teachers are in the Church today, so it's important to recognize and to avoid them.

Acts 15 in a Different Light At the Jerusalem Council, James gives the Gentiles four rules to follow, <u>verses 19-21</u>: No food polluted by idols and no sexual immorality, the same two sins named in Revelation, plus no meat from strangled animals or blood. The Church has sometimes taken this to mean that only these four laws apply to us, or that now we can pick which laws still apply to us. Hebrew Roots has another perspective.

This divergence begins in Acts 10, with Peter's vision of a sheet full of all kinds of animals, clean and unclean, which he is told to kill and eat. He refuses. He is warned not to call impure what God has made clean, and then he goes into a Gentile's home. The Church takes from this that the food laws of Leviticus 11 no longer apply to us, such as not eating pork or shellfish. Is this the case? Or have we allowed libertine thinking, the Doctrine of Dy72 and the Nicolaitans to enter the Church? Many in the Church believe it is OK, "under grace," violate many other laws also.

A principle of biblical interpretation is to let the text interpret itself. Peter, a Torahobservant Jew, does not interpret his vision to have anything to do with food.

- 1. Compare Peter's refusal to <u>Ezekiel 4.12-15</u>. God tells Ezekiel to cook bread with human excrement. Like Peter, Ezekiel balks and God allows him to cook with cow manure instead. Is God testing Ezekiel and Peter in each case?
- 2. Just as the visitors from Cornelius arrive at Peter's home, the Spirit tells Peter to go with the Gentiles, whom till now Peter considered unclean. In Jewish tradition, the laws about clean and unclean carried to prohibitions against going into a Gentile's home or eating with a Gentile. We Gentiles miss the significance of this because we don't think of ourselves as unclean. And Church history is mostly Gentile history, so the Jewish perspective has been hidden. But this is the context of this passage. The result is that Peter travels and eats with Gentiles.
- 3. What is Peter's interpretation of his own dream? In <u>10.28</u>, he says that God showed him not to call any *man* impure or unclean.
- 4. How do others interpret the dream? In Acts 11.4-18, when Peter is accused of going into a Gentile's home and eating, he explains his interpretation, and other Jewish believers agree that God is no longer calling *Gentiles* unclean.
- 5. As a result, the Church for the first time opens its doors to Gentiles. Now, 2,000 years later, many Gentiles and Jews don't think Jews belong in the Church!

What is the purpose of James' four rules in Acts 15? James isn't saying, "This is all the Law you'll ever have to obey," for that would sanction lying, adultery, and murder, etc. Instead, James adds that since "Moses is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath," the Gentiles will get the rest of TIII as they continue in fellowship. He says in effect, "Until the Gentiles mature in obeying all the TIII, we will at least be able to stand fellowshipping with them if they obey four rules." Instead of a carte-blanche for Gentiles to break TIII, this is a selfless act on the part of Jews to submit to God's leading, break a life-long loathing for Gentiles, and welcome them into fellowship. By tossing TIII, however, the Church has convinced Jews that we are false teachers, Deuteronomy 13.

Replacement Theology Another way the Church has introduced teaching that causes Jews to believe we are false teachers is Replacement Theology, also known as Fulfillment Theology or Supersessionism. This is a belief that '\'\'\'\'\'\'\'\' has been replaced by the Church and/or that the Old Covenant (Tenach) has been replaced by the New Covenant. I first heard a version of this theory expressed to me while talking with a Jesuit priest in the early 1980s. I asked him why the Catholic Church teaches doctrines contrary to the Bible. He replied, "Well, we wrote the Bible, and we're still writing it."

First, the only place in the Tenach which mentions the "New Covenant" is <u>Jeremiah</u> 31.30-36. That passage is quoted in <u>Hebrews 8.7-12</u>. The New Covenant is the TITL written not on stone or parchment or paper, but on our hearts!

Second, in the Jeremiah passage, 7777 specifies that the New Covenant is with אראר, and only if the sun, moon, stars, and ocean waves depart, and only if the heavens above and the foundations of the earth can be measured, will ישראל לודע bechalzera Yisra'el all the seed of Israel will be cast off. Many other verses confirm that 7X7W7 is not forgotten by God, such as Joel 3.1-2 (Hebrew 4.1-2), where God promises to fight for "My people" and "My inheritance ל"," and against those who divide "My Land." In the Church today are those who would divide the Land between 78707 and their enemies, as well as those who believe that 'W' should keep all the Land.



Living in Laodicea Revelation 3.17-18 addresses the Church of Λ αοδικεύς *Laodikeus* Laodicea, which is from Λ αοδίκεια *Laodikeia* Justice of the People. The Church of Laodicea, which some characterize as the current Church age, is democratic. We get to decide what's right and wrong. This is the mindset we tend to bring to Π .

To this Church, אוש" says that, although we think we are rich and in need of nothing, we are really wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. As the lure of riches blinds בלעם to lead אוש ' astray in spite of God's clear warnings, we too are blind if we think God is finished with אוע" and חורה and maked. As the lure of riches blinds blinds to lead אושראל ' astray in spite of God's clear warnings, we too are blind if we think God is finished with אוער ' and אורה ' אורה ' says that He was sent only to the lost sheep of ' אורה, Matthew 15.24. We have no grounds for arrogance!

Source of Blindness This Church of Democracy is blind for two reasons. 1 John 2.9-11 says that he who hates his brother is in blinding darkness. See the footnote that this is referring to our fellow believer—which includes believing 787\overline{V}! If we hate 787\overline{V}', we are blind. Jews today consider international pressure against 787\overline{V}' to stop protecting its borders and people is the new ant-Semitism. Instead of openly coming out against Jews, people feel free to act against their state. "I'm not anti-Semitic, I just want their country given to their enemies." Another blindness is lacking the virtues goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, mutual affection, and love, 2 Peter 1.5-9.

Prophecy בלעם is a perfect fulfillment of the warning in <u>Deuteronomy 13</u>. His prophecies come true, but he desires to turn אר away from הורה and הורה וורה וורה איה מורה משראל away from מורה מורה אורה. In <u>Numbers 24.17-19</u>, his prophecy can be looked at like this:

I see Him
but not now
I behold Him
but not near
a Star shall proceed from Jacob
and a Scepter shall arise out of ארעי

עוע' appears—1st Coming
עוע' ascends to heaven
The Second Coming of אוע'
About 3,500 years after בלעב
to be a Light to the nations
עוע' will rule from אועראלי



Verse 20 adds that Amalek is the first of the nations. How is that? They were the first nation to attack アペフツ in the wilderness wanderings. Exodus 17.16 says that アデッ will fight with Amalek from generation to generation. Since then, Haman, an actual physical descendant of Amalek in the Book of Esther, and various nations in the spirit of Amalek, such as Hitler and Islam, have all tried to wipe out アスフツ. They are all unsuccessful.

Sin of ロンプコ Is the sin アペコピッ commits limited to this one time in the wilderness? We already saw how ソコピッ rebukes the church in Pergamum in Revelation 2.14 for having some who hold to the teaching of ロップコー, committing sexual immorality and eating food sacrificed to idols. Both the Nicolaitans/Destruction of People and ロップコ/Swallow the People lead アペコピッーthe Church included—into sin and judgment.

Child Sacrifice In Numbers 25.1-3, 787W° succumbs to sexual immorality with the women of Moab and worships their gods as well. This results in a plague that ends, Numbers 25.11, with the 837 kana zeal of 07379 Peenchas Phineas.

Who is the god of the Moabites? Numbers 21.29
names ピコン *Chemosh*. A similar god is ブカ *Molech* of the Ammonites. Both were worshipped by burning children alive in the arms of the idol, which was heated by building a fire in it. Leviticus 18.21 specifically prohibits offering a child to ブカ. 1 Kings 11.7 records that King Solomon built high places for both ピコンコ and ブカ, probably to appease wives from those nations. It is up to King Josiah in 2 Kings 23.10 to defile the high place of ブカ in カラカ *Topheth* Place of Fire of the Valley of コココ *Hinnom* Lamentation southwest of Jerusalem.



Abortion Here's a comparison between then and now, http://jeannie-ology.com/?p=863:

In order to insure the health of the economy or world peace, if asked to bring our first born to an altar to be incinerated we would bristle in disgust and refuse to comply. Regardless of how we perceive ourselves, the truth is we're no better than the Ammonites or irreverent Israelites. Blatantly, boldly and unabashedly, we follow in the path of their example worshiping at the altar of Baal. Unlike the heathens of Molech, we adulate in secret, in sterile environments, under the covering of perverted laws, not in open fields celebrating our bounty with dancing. We do not drown out the shrieks of our offspring with flutes and tambourines as they cremate. Rather our children burn and writhe in a clandestine conflagration hidden from the naked eye in a fiery inferno of saline deep within the womb.

We use words like "science" and "choice" in place of murder and slaughter and as we deceive ourselves, Molech is pleased. We have gods in our culture that demand "costly sacrifice" and we are more than willing to fulfill their call to abandon what should be considered sanctified. We rush to the fore in an effort to justify and cooperate with the never satisfied blood lust for innocence from a cadre of gods whom we look to for gratification in this life.

Wrath against うれつばっ The Moabites came against うれつばっ by offering their children to じっぱつ and offering their daughters in immorality to men of うれつばっ. Centuries later in 2 Kings 3.26-27, the king of Moab offers his eldest son as a burnt offering on the wall of the city. The result? Just as today, when Muslims offer their children in sacrifice to Allah as homicide bombers and blow themselves up in buses and cafes in ラネコピッ or on public transportation in America, England, or Spain, nations turn their wrath on ラネコピッ! As the violence increases, ラネコピッ is pressured to give up their Land to the very terrorists who initiate the killing.

Parents celebrate children's death

Creating a supportive social environment for terrorists has been a critical factor in the Palestinian Authority's successful promotion of suicide terrorism. To this end, PA policy has been to honor terrorists as Shahids (Martyrs for Allah), and to teach Palestinian mothers to celebrate when their children die as terrorist Shahids. Categorizing these dead terrorists as Shahids grants them the highest honor a Muslim can achieve, and is therefore cause for a mother to celebrate, according to this PA teaching.

An example of that happiness and celebration can be seen in Um Nidal, mother of a suicide terrorist:



Um Nidal is filmed with her son, Muhammad, who is armed and ready to carry out a terror attack:

"By Allah, today is the best day of my life. I feel that our Lord is pleased with me, because I am offering something [my son] for Him. I wish to sacrifice more [sons] for Allah's forgiveness, and for the flag [of Islam], 'There is no god but Allah', to fly over Palestine.... It's true that there's nothing more precious than children, but for the sake of Allah – what is precious becomes cheap."

http://www.palwatch.org/main.aspx?fi=479

Do Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with Your God This is what God requires of us. Walking humbly with a humble God—exactly what ソソビッ says we should do in Matthew 11.28-30.

Called into Court

One day, we will be called into court and 777 will ask us to remember His grace and mercy and how we responded. We often complain, but God continues to carry us.







Court—Scary!

Higher Court—Scarier!

Highest Court—Scariest!

God's Goals Micah 6.5 says to remember what アプコ and ロップコ did from Shittim to Gilgal. Joshua 3 tells how アペコン leaves Shittim to cross the Jordan. The next chapter says that they come out of the water at Gilgal. As the water dries up for them to cross, a man from each tribe picks up a stone from the middle of the dry riverbed and carries it across to Gilgal. This is done as a memorial for generations, Joshua 4.21-24, that all the peoples of the earth may know and fear the mighty hand of ココラブ.

God loves us, carries us, and serves us, and He wants the world to know it. He wants us to live justly with mercy and humility. These are His goals. This is the Covenant into which He calls us, a Covenant of Love. Too often, like the king of Moab or King Solomon sacrificing to a demon, or DDD building altars to God, we consider our covenant with God to be a contract instead. "You give me what I want and I'll give You what You want." That doesn't work. God loves us and He wants us to love Him too.

Glossary, in order of appearance:

to make void

ישראל Yisra'el Israel

Yeshua Jesus/salvation

Tsippor Zippor/Sparrow/Little Bird

בלעם Beel'am Balaam/Not of the People/Foreigner

heeney am yatsa meemeetsrayim

Behold! A people comes out of Egypt/Behold! Behold! A people is (still) coming out of Egypt.

גחלת gachelet coals of fire

esh fire

fire

rosh head

| resh head

| wx resh head

va'a'varcha mevarchecha

And I will bless them that bless you.

יהוה' YHVH the LORD

Νικολαΐτης Nikolaïtēs Nicolaitans/Destruction of People

בלע bala swallow עם am people

תורה Torah Law/Instruction

בכל-זרע ישראל bechal-zera Yisra'el all the seed of Israel

Λαοδικεύς Laodikeus Laodicea

Λαοδίκεια Laodikeia Justice of the People

קנא kana zeal סינחס *Peenchas* Phineas

עמוש Chemosh Chemosh, god of the Moabites מלך Molech, god of the Ammonites

חפת Topheth Place of Fire

הנם Hinnom (Valley of) Lamentation