

Numbers Bible Study Assignment

September 29, 2022

Reading Assignment: Numbers 22-25

Discussion Questions

1. What had happened to make Balak afraid of the Israelites?
2. In the Balak/Balaam episode, the keyword “see” (to see, saw, etc.) is repeated frequently. List three examples.
3. In Numbers 22:20, God tells Balaam, “If the men have come to summon you, get up and go with them, but do only what I tell you to do.” What do you think explains God’s reaction in verse 22?
4. How is Balaam’s reaction to his balky donkey similar to the reaction of Balak to Balaam’s oracles?
5. Have you ever resisted (or failed to see) a sign from God? What happened?
6. What point do you think the author was trying to make by telling of Balak taking Balaam to several different high places to see part of the people of Israel?
7. Compare the set up of each of Balaam’s first three oracles. How are they similar and/or different?

8. If you had to summarize the point of the Balak/Balaam episode, what would you say?

9. There is no direct link between what happens in Chapter 25 and the episode of Balak/Balaam that precedes it. Why do you think the author/editor included this story here?

10. In Numbers 25:4, God instructs Moses on how to deal with the Israelites worshiping the gods of Moab. How does Moses change those instructions? Why do you think he did this?

October 6 Assignment – Numbers 26-27