

# Sermon Series – “The History of Redemption”

## Vol. 5 – From Egypt to Canaan - Part 34 – A Donkey’s Testimony

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Scripture Reading: Numbers 22:28-31

After the first visit of the Moabite \_\_\_\_\_, Balaam was \_\_\_\_\_ permission to \_\_\_ as they requested. But the \_\_\_\_\_ does not easily give up on his prey as he is always \_\_\_\_\_ to have his way in bringing about \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s people. Here now continues the \_\_\_\_\_ of a man who once walked with God. Even after a startling \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. mute) creature, it never occurred to him that he was on a path that would only lead to his own \_\_\_\_\_. Is there a lesson for us to glean from this \_\_\_\_\_ exchange that is worth our attention for these \_\_\_\_\_? How should we relate to this unusual passage in Scripture without \_\_\_\_\_ its authenticity? Let us pray for God’s continued leading as we study.

### Lessons from the Donkey Drama

1. What indication is there that Balaam was \_\_\_\_\_ God? – *Num 22:20-22*
2. Why couldn’t Balaam \_\_\_\_\_ the Angel of the LORD? *Nm. 22:5&6; 2 Cor. 4:4*
3. What is revealed about Balaam for his treatment of the \_\_\_\_\_? – *Nm.22:23-27*
4. How is \_\_\_\_\_ forbearance scene in the subsequent exchange? – *Num. 22:28-33*
5. How is God’s protection for his people on full \_\_\_\_\_ in this story? *Nm. 22:34-40*

He who will abuse animals because he has them in his power is both a coward and a tyrant. A disposition to cause pain, whether to our fellow men or to the brute creation, is satanic. Many do not realize that their cruelty will ever be known, because the poor dumb animals cannot reveal it. But could the eyes of these men be opened, as were those of Balaam, they would see an angel of God standing as a witness, to testify against them in the courts above. A record goes up to heaven, and a day is coming when judgment will be pronounced against those who abuse God’s creatures.

When he beheld the messenger of God, Balaam exclaimed in terror, “I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.” The Lord suffered him to proceed on his journey, but gave him to understand that his words should be controlled by divine power. God would give evidence to Moab that the Hebrews were under the guardianship of Heaven, and this He did effectually when He showed them how powerless Balaam was even to utter a curse against them without divine permission.

-Patriarchs and Prophets, pp. 443

*May God grant us the vision we need to see His will and do it!*