

Sermon Series – “The History of Redemption”

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Scripture Reading: Numbers 25:10-13

After being under the _____ of the Holy Spirit and blessing _____ with a prophecy that would later _____ the minds of wise men with the timing of the birth of our Messiah, Balaam allowed himself to fall again to the _____ of another spirit that was set on _____ harm. But as long as _____ was not found among God’s chosen, Satan’s schemes were powerless. What then would Balaam do in attempt to _____ God’s displeasure on His people, now so close to the Promised Land? The _____ of what transpired next should forever be a reminder that the “friendly” _____ of the enemy are cruel, that though we are so close to the Heavenly Canaan, we must remain ___ step with our Lord until we are safely home! Let us pray as we study this _____ lesson.

Lessons from the Idolatry on the Border

1. Who successfully **invaded** the camp of Israel to bring its downfall? *Num. 25:1*
2. What **invitations** did the Israelites receive from these Moabites? *Num. 25:2-3*
3. Who’s evil **idea** was this, that caused Israel to stumble? – *Nm 31:15-17; Rev. 2:14*
4. Who **interposed** to stop the plague that was ? *Num. 25:4-9*
5. How does this teach us about our Heavenly **Intercessor**? *Nm. 25:10-13*

– The Priest	The Ultimate Priest

When Balaam was called to curse the Hebrews he could not, by all his enchantments, bring evil upon them; for the Lord had not “beheld iniquity in Jacob,” neither had He “seen perverseness in Israel.” Numbers 23:21, 23. But when through yielding to temptation they transgressed God’s law, their defense departed from them. When the people of God are faithful to His commandments, “there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel.” Hence all the power and wily arts of Satan are exerted to seduce them into sin. If those who profess to be the depositaries of God’s law become transgressors of its precepts, they separate themselves from God, and they will be unable to stand before their enemies.

Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 457

May we all stand boldly for the cause of Christ. We are nearing home!