

Numbers 21-25 Daily Study Questions (cont)

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| <p>4. From Num 22:1-14 who did Balak fear (v3) and why (v1, 2, 4)? What did he do (v5-7)? What did Balaam say (v8), what did God tell him (v9-12), and how did he respond (v13-14)?</p> | |
| <p>5. In 22:15-30 how did Balak “up the ante” (v15, 16, 17) and how did Balaam respond (v18, 19)? What was God’s two-fold answer (v20, 21-28) and Balaam’s reaction (v28-30)?</p> | |
| <p>6. Using 22:31-41 what was God’s explanation (v31-33) and Balaam’s response (v34)? What did God say (v35) and what occurred next (v36-41)?</p> | |
| <p>7. According to 23:1-26 what was Balaam’s method both times (v1-4, 14-15) and God’s message each time (v5-10, 18-24)? How did Balak react (v11-12, 13, 25-26)?</p> | |
| <p>8. Based on 23:27-24:25 how did Balak’s (v27-28) and Balaam’s (v29-24:2) approach change? Detail the 3rd (v3-9) and 4th (v15-25) prophecies, and how Balak (v10-11) and Balaam (v12-14) responded. How do you explain this?</p> | |
| <p>9. From 25:1-9 what did Israel do wrong (v1, 2-3) and how did God respond (v4-5)? What other sin occurred (v6) and how was it handled (v7-9)?</p> | |
| <p>10. In 25:10-18 how was Phineas honored (v10-13) and what else did God do (v14-16)? What can we learn from this?</p> | |
| <p>11. Looking at Num 21:25 how does God reveal His intent to bless Israel (21:1-3, 16, 21-35; 22-24; 25:16-18) and how do they respond (21:4-9, 17-18; 25)? What does this show us about God and us?</p> | |

Scripture to Remember

“God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it, or has He spoken and will He not make it good?”

Numbers 23:19 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—The Lies We Believe

(Using questions based on today’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share about the biggest or most memorable lie you ever told, or that was told to you. Why does it cause so much damage when you believe a lie?
2. Read John 8:44. Where do lies originate? Discuss how this plays out in our lives on a day to day level.
3. Read Matt 4:1-11, looking for three typical lies that Satan tries to get us to believe (v2-4, 5-7, 8-10). What is the first lie (v2-4) and why is it so tempting?
4. Think about the 2nd lie (4:5-7) and what is really deceptive about it (compare Ps 91:11-12). How does this illustrate “a half-truth is a whole lie”?
5. What was the real lie of the third temptation (4:8-10)? What part of our sin nature does it appeal to?
6. Talk about some of the common lies in the world today that parallel the lies Satan told Jesus, and why they are so destructive to our lives.
7. How did Jesus overcome these lies by Satan? Practically speaking how can we overcome his lies in our lives today?
8. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message Sunday.



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If You Can't Say Anything Good... Introduction to Numbers 21-25

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

It is a wise policy that if you can't say anything good about a person it is better to not say anything at all. Words can easily harm or destroy another person, and because of this words are very significant to God. This week's study exemplifies this as the new generation experienced both agony and ecstasy by words. The section opens with the king of Arad attacking Israel and taking some of them captive. Israel vowed to God to completely destroy their attackers if He would give them victory. He did this, but their ecstasy became agony as they continued their difficult journey. They began to complain again, so God sent lethal snakes among them as punishment. When they cried to God He told them to lift a snake up on a pole so that all who looked on it would be

saved, a clear foreshadowing of Christ's salvation through the cross. Next, as they journeyed towards Moab water was provided by God and they memorialized it with a song. Finally, as they neared Moab God blessed them with two significant victories over major foes, Sihon and Og. Their land would become the allotment of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh. The next section deals with affirming Israel's blessing through Balaam, a pagan prophet. The Moabite king, Balak, enlisted him to curse Israel because Moab greatly feared them. In spite of Balak's pressure Balaam promised to say only what God told him. Even though God allowed Balaam to go with Balak He voiced his displeasure through a donkey. Balaam's first two prophecies blessed Israel, while the last two praised Is-



Unbelief can cost God's kingdom an entire generation.

rael's ultimate king, the Messiah, and cursed Moab's future. However, in the next section Balaam advised Moab to seduce Israel, thus antagonizing God. They engaged in immorality and idolatry, and a Midianite woman and Israelite man even had sexual relations in the sight of all. Phineas, the high priest's son, killed them by the sword so God promised the priesthood to all his descendants. Finally, God commanded Moses to slaughter the Midianites because they had tricked Israel. God would only allow good to come to His people.

Daily Study Questions for Numbers 21-25

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to <http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/LifeGuides.html>—lesson notes)

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| 1. Read Num 21:1-9. Who did Israel defeat (v1, 3) and why (v2)? What occurred next (v4-5) and how did God respond (v6)? How were the people saved (v7-9—see Jn 3:14-15)? What does this teach? | |
| 2. In 21:10-20 trace Israel's journey (v10, 11, 12, 13-15, 16, 18, 19, 20) on a Bible map. What did God do for them at Beer (v16) and how did they respond (v17-18)? | |
| 3. Using 21:21-35 what two foes did Israel fight (v23, 33) and why (v21-23, 33)? What was the outcome of these two battles (v24-25, 31-32, 35)? Why (v34)? | |

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