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Shabbat Message

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[Numbers 22:2-25:9](#)

My Way or Yah's Way

Bless Israel

Introduction

Introduction: Numbers 24 is the core chapter in the Book of Numbers, where the spiritual transformer Balaam blesses the children of Israel instead of cursing them, as commanded by Balak, King of Moab. These verses offer a prolific array of divine revelations about God's faithfulness, sovereignty, and commitment to his chosen people. The enlightening path through this chapter underscores the omnipotent power of God's word and his unchanging promise,

illuminating various theological principles.

Balaam's Third Oracle

Numbers 24:1-9

1. In this first section, Balaam recognizes that it pleases Elohim to bless Israel. He cites a vision where Israel camps tribe by tribe, representing communal strength under the blessing of Elohim. (Numbers 24:1-2).
2. The cross referenced verse from Deuteronomy 33:28 signifies that Israel's peace and safety comes from Elohim's divine protection.
3. The Lion metaphor (Numbers 24:9) echoes the prophecy of (Genesis 49:9) symbolizing the Messianic tribe of Judah and Israel's overall strength and authority.

Balaam's Fourth Oracle

Numbers 24:15-19

1. The second section focuses on Balaam's prophetic vision of a future king arising from Israel.
2. There is an intriguing Messianic prophecy foreshadowing the first coming of Messianic (Matthew 2:2).
3. This prophecy also speak of the destruction of enemy nations (Numbers 24:18-19), which

corresponds to the prophetic account in Obadiah 1:18 and Revelation 17:14, depicting Elohim's victory over evil.

Balaam's Fifth Oracle

Numbers 24:20-24

1. The final oracle of Balaam foretells international conflict and the rise and fall of nations. It predicts the ruin of the Amalekites (Numbers 24:20), and the Kenites (Numbers 24:22), both fulfilled in 1 Samuel 15:3 and 1 Samuel 30:16.
2. The invading sea farers of Kittim (Numbers 24:24) symbolize an invading force, as in Daniel 11:30.
3. Despite the strife, Elohim's people will prosper, reinforcing the concept that Elohim's favor extends beyond temporal trials, reflecting a theme (Psalm 37:9-11).

Unchanging God

Numbers 24:13

1. In Numbers 24:13, Balaam acknowledges that he can only do what God commands, regardless of Balak's offerings.
2. This affirms God's unchanging nature (Malachi 3:6) and His sovereignty over human affairs (Isaiah 46:10).

3. Like Balaam, we must submit to Elohim's will as depicted in James 4:15.
4. Going through the enlightening path of Number 24 showcases a profound theological journey.
5. The chapter not only reveals divine oracles about Israel's future but also affirms paramount theological principles – God's faithfulness, His unchanging nature, and the unfailing word of His promise.
6. As we traverse through the narrative of Balaam's blessings instead of the intended curses, we are reminded of Elohim's irrevocable commitment towards his chosen people and His sovereign control, over human history guiding us to radiate faith and resilience in our spiritual walk.

Take Away

1. Balaam went to curse Israel but could not curse them because Yehovah made him bless them.
2. When Yehovah intervenes in your life nothing can stop His power from working.
3. Balak represents the world and those who want to bring cursing to Israel instead of blessing.

Application

1. I will rejoice that Yehovah sent Yeshua the Lion of the Tribe of Judah who is the true Rising Lion.
2. I will continue to bless Israel and teach those around me to do the same
3. I will continue to fight against antisemitism and all the false information that the world and the media are putting out into society.

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