

Passage: Numbers 21-29

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Discovered:

- King of Arad attack Israel & took captives. Israel attacked with the Lord & destroyed them.
- Israel became impatient with their travels, lack of food & water so the Lord sent venomous snakes to bite the people. They begged for forgiveness & the Lord told them to create a bronze snake. Those who looked at the snake would live.
- Israel asked King Sihon of Amorites to pass through their land and were denied. He attacked the Israelites and was defeated - taking his kingdom.
- King Og of Bashan went to war with the Israelites. Bashan was defeated with no survivors.
- Israel reaches Moab. Balak of Moab is fearful and allied themselves with Midian. King Balak sent for Balaam asking him to curse the Israelites.
- God spoke to Balaam (first visit): Do not go. So Balaam refused to go with.
- Balak sent more important people to fetch Balaam, God allows him to go only if he says exactly what God tells him to. Balaam gets on his donkey the next morning and leaves.
- The Lord is angry with Balaam for going and puts an angel with a sword in the path of his donkey. His donkey avoids the angel by going into the field, out of anger Balaam hits his donkey. Second time, she steers clear of angel in a narrow path next to a wall in a vineyard, Balaam hits her again. Third time, the angels surround her, she lays down. She is hit again & finally talks to Balaam: "Why do you mistreat me?" The angel reveals himself to Balaam saying God is displeased with Balaam's motives. (money & possibility of cursing Israel)
- Balaam & Balak go up to Bamoth-Baal, Balaam asks Balak to build 7 altars & sacrifice 7 bulls & 7 rams.
→ First oracle: Israel cannot be cursed, a special nation, uncountable. Balak is angry @ blessing.
- They go to Zophim @ Pisgah, build 7 altars & sacrifice 7 bulls & 7 rams.
→ Second oracle: blessing cannot be revoked, the Lord is with them, others are powerless against.
- Went to Peor, 7 more altars, 7 bulls & 7 rams sacrificed.
→ Third oracle: Israel was blessed by God & Balak was angry
→ Final oracle: predicts the Messiah: Jesus, victory over Moab, capture of Israel by Assur.
- At Peor, Israel strayed w/ daughters of Moab, worshipped Baal. Chiefs + 24,000 others killed.
- Phinehas stopped the plague by killing Israelite man & Midian woman with a spear. He was rewarded with priesthood. The Israelites destroyed Midian.
- New census: 601,730 men 20 years & older, land inheritance was to be proportional.
- Daughters of Zelophehad: father died due to his own sin - they argued that since there were no sons, they should be allowed to inherit their fathers portion, Moses agreed.
- Moses was allowed to see the promised land but not enter so he asked the Lord to appoint a successor: Joshua
- The Lord reviews process for offerings: daily, Sabbath, monthly, Passover, Weeks, Trumpets, Atonement, Booths

Help me to remember:

the Lord was with Israel and when Israel was with God, they could not be harmed or stopped. They were a blessed people.

Lord, I ask that

my heart is one of obedience, one out of love for you and not for my selfish reasons like Balaam was in his obedience (hoping for wealth)

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...

the prophecy of Christ, that he came to destroy death and provide us with grace.