

ENDGAME

A Study On Revelation (Week #195)

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Revelation 19 _____

- Crowd In Heaven
- Destruction of Babylon
- Wedding Feast and Celebration
- Angelic Interaction
- Fifth horseman
- Banquet of the Beasts
- Beast and False Prophet captured

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- Fiery lake of burning sulfur

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. (NLT)

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Numbers 22:1 Then the people of Israel traveled to the plains of Moab and camped east of the Jordan River, across from Jericho. **2** Balak son of Zippor, the Moabite king, had seen everything the Israelites did to the Amorites. **3** And when the people of Moab saw how many Israelites there were, they were terrified. **4** The king of Moab said to the elders of Midian, "This mob will devour everything in sight, like an ox devours grass in the field!" So Balak, king of Moab, **5** sent messengers to call Balaam son of Beor, who was living in his native land of Pethor near the Euphrates River. His message said: "Look, a vast horde of people has arrived from Egypt. They cover the face of the earth and are threatening me. **6** Please come and curse these people for me because they are too powerful for me. Then perhaps I will

be able to conquer them and drive them from the land. I know that blessings fall on any people you bless, and curses fall on people you curse." **7** Balak's messengers, who were elders of Moab and Midian, set out with money to pay Balaam to place a curse upon Israel. *[set out with the money of divination in their hand]* They went to Balaam and delivered Balak's message to him. **8** "Stay here overnight," Balaam said. "In the morning I will tell you whatever the Lord directs me to say." So the officials from Moab stayed there with Balaam. **9** That night God came to Balaam and asked him, "Who are these men visiting you?" **10** Balaam said to God, "Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent me this message: **11** 'Look, a vast horde of people has arrived from Egypt, and they cover the face of the earth. Come and curse these people for me. Then perhaps I will be able to stand up to them and drive them from the land.'" **12** But God told Balaam, "Do not go with them. You are not to curse these people, for they have been blessed!" **13** The next morning Balaam got up and told Balak's officials, "Go on home! The Lord will not let me go with you." **14** So the Moabite officials returned to King Balak and reported, "Balaam refused to come with us." **15** Then Balak tried again. This time he sent a larger number of even more distinguished officials than those he had sent the first time. **16** They went to Balaam and delivered this message to him: "This is what Balak son of Zippor says: Please don't let anything stop you from coming to help me. **17** I will pay you very well and do whatever you tell me. Just come and curse these people for me!" **18** But Balaam responded to Balak's messengers, "Even if Balak were to give me his palace filled with silver and gold, I would be powerless to do anything against the will of the Lord my God. **19** But stay here one more night, and I will see if the Lord has anything else to say to me." **20** That night God came to Balaam and told him, "Since these men have come for you, get up and go with them. But do only what I tell you to do." (NLT)

Balaam: _____ or _____?

- Some scholars view Balaam as an unbelieving sorcerer; others as a true believer who fell into deep carnality.
 - Are there clues in Scripture to reveal which one?
 - Does it matter?
- Ronald Allen, in The Expositor's Bible Commentary, states, "Rather than see Balaam as a true believer caught up in greed, it is better to understand that he was a sorcerer, more specifically, a bārû diviner, for whom the God of Israel was just another deity he might manipulate."
- Balaam's Divine Information
 - Unsolicited omens
 - ▶ He receives three divine messages in Numbers 22: two at night and one via an angel.

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Numbers 22:24 Then the angel of the Lord stood at a place where the road narrowed between two vineyard walls. **25** When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it tried to squeeze by and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. So Balaam beat the donkey again. **26** Then the angel of the Lord moved farther down the road and stood in a place too narrow for the donkey to get by at all. **27** This time when the donkey saw the angel, it lay down under Balaam. In a fit of rage Balaam beat the animal again with his staff. **28** Then the Lord gave the donkey the ability to speak. "What have I done to you that deserves your beating me three times?" it asked Balaam. **29** "You have made me look like a fool!" Balaam shouted. "If I had a sword with me, I would kill you!" **30** "But I am the same donkey you have ridden all your life," the donkey answered. "Have I ever done anything like this before?" "No," Balaam admitted. **31** Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the roadway with a drawn sword in his hand. Balaam bowed his head and fell face down on the ground before him. **32** "Why did you beat your donkey those three times?" the angel of the Lord demanded. "Look, I have come to block your way because you are stubbornly resisting me. **33** Three times the donkey saw me and shied away; otherwise, I would certainly have killed you by now and spared the donkey." (NLT)

- Solicited _____
 - "With divination in their hands" possibly refers to the practice of making models of a sacrificed animal's organs to receive the interpretation of a diviner who was not present at the original slaughter. This was a very common practice in the ancient Near East.

- ▶ The reason for Balak sending the omen model to Balaam would almost certainly have been a desire for a second opinion due to the overwhelmingly bad signs of the omen. Upon receiving the model, Balaam would have read the signs and known that God had blessed Israel.
- ▶ This contextualizes Balaam's repeated declaration that he cannot go beyond Yahweh's command. This is not a statement of his devotion to God, but a display of the terms of his business and an acknowledgment that no amount of payment can force the omens to change.
- ▶ Balaam's journey with Balak to see the different locations where the Israelites are camped, and his consistent sacrificial activities before delivering oracles also reinforce this idea.
- ▶ First, placing the oracles at locations within sight of the Israelite camp follows standard divinatory practice, which required either being within sight of the object of the requested omen or having a physical talisman associated with it. Balaam would have needed the Israelite camp to be in view before he could call upon the deities to answer his request.
- ▶ Second, the continued sacrifice of animals would thus be contextualized as a ritual sacrifice intended to bring the favor of the gods. This would have been standard practice, although the offerings were typically not this extravagant.

Numbers 23:1 Then Balaam said to King Balak, "Build me seven altars here, and prepare seven young bulls and seven rams for me to sacrifice." **2** Balak followed his instructions, and the two of them sacrificed a young bull and a ram on each altar. (NLT)

Numbers 23:11 Then King Balak demanded of Balaam, "What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies. Instead, you have blessed them!" **12** But Balaam replied, "I will speak only the message that the Lord puts in my mouth." **13** Then King Balak told him, "Come with me to another place. There you will see another part of the nation of Israel, but not all of them. Curse at least that many!" **14** So Balak took Balaam to the plateau of Zophim on Pisgah Peak. He built seven altars there and offered a young bull and a ram on each altar. (NLT)

Numbers 23:25 Then Balak said to Balaam, "Fine, but if you won't curse them, at least don't bless them!" **26** But Balaam replied to Balak, "Didn't I tell you that I can do only what the Lord tells me?" **27** Then King Balak said to Balaam, "Come, I will take you to one more place. Perhaps it will please God to let you curse them from there." **28** So Balak took Balaam to the top of Mount Peor, overlooking the wasteland. **29** Balaam again told Balak, "Build me seven altars, and prepare seven

young bulls and seven rams for me to sacrifice.” **30** So Balak did as Balaam ordered and offered a young bull and a ram on each altar. (NLT)

- Balaam’s _____ Voice
 - Prophetic text foretelling the coming of the Messiah.
 - ▶ Scripture presents Balaam as a man who knew the true and living God, received direct revelation, and even spoke divine prophecy—yet whose love of money and worldly prestige corrupted his spiritual life and testimony.
 - ▶ Balaam openly acknowledged Yahweh as his God. When the Moabite king Balak sought his services to curse Israel, Balaam replied, “Spend the night here, and I will bring word back to you as the Lord may speak to me” (Num 22:8). Later he said, “Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, either small or great, contrary to the command of the Lord my God” (Num 22:18).
 - ▶ His use of the personal pronoun “my” reveals a personal relationship with Yahweh, not merely an awareness of Israel’s deity.

Numbers 22:8 And he said to them, “Spend the night here, and I will bring word back to you just as the LORD may speak to me.” And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam. (NASB)

LORD: יהוה; (Hebrew - Yhwh [yah-veh]); Jehovah, the Lord; Yahweh

Numbers 22:18 But Balaam responded to Balak’s messengers, “Even if Balak were to give me his palace filled with silver and gold, I would be powerless to do anything against the will of the Lord my God. (NLT)

Numbers 22:34 Then Balaam confessed to the angel of the Lord, “I have sinned. I didn’t realize you were standing in the road to block my way. I will return home if you are against my going.” **35** But the angel of the Lord told Balaam, “Go with these men, but say only what I tell you to say.” So Balaam went on with Balak’s officials. ... **38** Balaam replied, “Look, now I have come, but I have no power to say whatever I want. I will speak only the message that God puts in my mouth.”(NLT)

- Blessing the nation of _____.
 - ▶ Scripture says, “God came to Balaam” (Num 22:9) and “the Lord met Balaam and put a word in his mouth” (Num 23:16). This intimate communication demonstrates that Balaam had genuine prophetic capacity granted by divine appointment. Furthermore, “the Spirit of God came upon him” (Num 24:2), empowering him to deliver truth he could

not know apart from divine illumination. That God placed His Spirit upon Balaam would argue he was truly saved.

- ▶ These evidences suggest Balaam was a believer, a prophet with genuine knowledge of the Lord and access to divine revelation. Yet, despite such privilege, Balaam's story is one of tragic decline. Greed and ambition captivated his heart. Though he could not curse Israel directly, he devised a scheme to corrupt them indirectly.

Numbers 24:1 By now Balaam realized that the Lord was determined to bless Israel, so he did not resort to divination as before. Instead, he turned and looked out toward the wilderness, **2** where he saw the people of Israel camped, tribe by tribe. Then the Spirit of God came upon him, **3** and this is the message he delivered: (NLT)

Numbers 25:1 While the Israelites were camped at Acacia Grove, [*Shittim (shi-teem)*] some of the men defiled themselves by having sexual relations with local Moabite women. **2** These women invited them to attend sacrifices to their gods, so the Israelites feasted with them and worshiped the gods of Moab. **3** In this way, Israel joined in the worship of Baal of Peor, causing the Lord's anger to blaze against his people. (NLT)

- Significance of the Acacia Grove / Shittim
 - ▶ Moses farewell address
 - ▶ Preparation for entering Canaan
 - ▶ Commissioning of Joshua
 - ▶ Israel's second census
 - ▶ Disbursement (Allotment) of land
 - ▶ Brazen serpent lifted up
 - ▶ Crossing of the Jordan
 - ▶ Temptation of Jesus

Numbers 31:15 "Why have you let all the women live?" he demanded. **16** "These are the very ones who followed Balaam's advice and caused the people of Israel to rebel against the Lord at Mount Peor. They are the ones who caused the plague to strike the Lord's people. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 10:8 And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. (NLT)

Who Did Balaam _____?

- Balaam's _____
 - Balaam was a wicked man whom God used to deliver true prophecies.

- ▶ Though Balaam knew of the true God and received divine revelation, greed and ambition corrupted his heart.
- Balaam's _____
 - Balaam showed his true character and led God's people into sin.
 - ▶ Forbidden to curse Israel, he instead counseled Balak to ensnare them through idolatry and immorality. His life stands as a sobering paradox: a man who spoke profound truth and even foresaw the coming Messiah (Num 24:17), yet perished for loving "the wages of unrighteousness" (2 Pet 2:15).
 - ▶ Balaam "taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality" (Rev 2:14; cf. Num 31:16). He enticed Israel to join themselves to Baal of Peor (Num 25:1-3), bringing divine discipline upon the nation.
 - ▶ Jude likewise condemns those who "rush headlong into the error of Balaam for pay" (Jude 11). The apostle John identifies his sin as one of moral compromise for material gain (Rev 2:14). Balaam thus becomes the prototype of the carnal believer—one who knows truth but subordinates it to self-interest.
- Balaam's _____
 - Balaam's prophetic gift did not exempt him from divine discipline or moral failure.
 - ▶ Though he spoke God's Word, he failed to apply it. His lust for wealth and honor overrode his spiritual integrity.
 - Balaam's example, therefore, stands as both a testimony to divine grace and a warning against spiritual compromise.
 - ▶ He demonstrates that one may possess doctrinal knowledge and divine gifting yet fail through arrogance, greed, and negative volition.
 - ▶ The lesson is timeless: faith may secure salvation, but only ongoing obedience and humility before God secure spiritual stability and reward.
 - ▶ A believer out of fellowship with the Lord can become as destructive as any unbeliever.
 - ▶ Balaam knew the truth but chose to serve himself. His life reveals that even the regenerate man can be carnal, and when unchecked, carnality leads not to blessing but to divine judgment.

Numbers 24:1 Balaam told Balak, "Don't you remember what I told your messengers? I said, **13** 'Even if Balak were to give me his palace filled with silver and gold, I would be powerless to do anything against the will of the Lord.' I told you that I could say only what the Lord says! **14** Now I am returning to my own people. But first let me tell you what the Israelites will do to your people in the future." **15** This is the message Balaam delivered: "This is the message of Balaam son of Beor,

the message of the man whose eyes see clearly, **16** the message of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who bows down with eyes wide open: **17** I see him, but not here and now. I perceive him, but far in the distant future. A star will rise from Jacob; a scepter will emerge from Israel. It will crush the heads of Moab's people, cracking the skulls of the people of Sheth. **18** Edom will be taken over, and Seir, its enemy, will be conquered, while Israel marches on in triumph. **19** A ruler will rise in Jacob who will destroy the survivors of Ir."

Revelation 2:14 "But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin." (NLT)

What Should We _____?

- Can we discern the false prophet or teaching?
 - Hold God's word as fully authoritative and literally true; do not adjust it to fit culture or profit.
 - Test every teaching by clear Scripture rather than charisma, popularity, or promised blessing.

Acts 17:11 And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. (NLT)

- Watch for patterns of covetousness, moral compromise, and persistent lobbying against plain biblical commands.
- Remember that if God once opened a donkey's mouth, He can still expose deception in startling ways—better to repent early than be publicly rebuked.
- What is the "_____ of Balaam?"
 - What are the characteristics?
 - ▶ 2 Peter 2:15 says Balaam's "way" is a choice to promote falsehood for financial reasons.
 - ▶ Jude 1:11 says Balaam's "error" was his willingness to accommodate pagan beliefs out of greed.

Jude 11 What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they deceive people for money. And like Korah, they perish in their rebellion. (NLT)

- ▶ Jude 1:4 also refers to the sin of those "who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality."

Jude 4 I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. *(NLT)*

- One trait of false teachers in the church is that they attempt to turn Christian liberty into a "freedom" to be promiscuous (see).

2 Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. **2** Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. **3** In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed. *(NLT)*

1 Timothy 6:3 Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. **4** Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. **5** These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy. **6** Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. **7** After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. **8** So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. **9** But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. *(NLT)*

Romans 14:1 Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong. **2** For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. **3** Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. **4** Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval. **5** In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. *(NLT)*

- It is the attitude that one can be fully cooperative with the world and still serve God.
 - ▶ The doctrine of Balaam teaches compromise, wanting Christians to forget they are called to be separate and holy.

Leviticus 20:26 You must be holy because I, the Lord, am holy. I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own. (NLT)

1 Peter 1:2 God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace. (NLT)

- ▶ The doctrine of Balaam makes believers indistinguishable from the unbelieving world.

Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless." (NLT)

- ▶ The doctrine of Balaam is the belief that "a little sin" doesn't hurt, especially when there's financial or personal benefit involved.

Galatians 5:9 This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough! (NLT)

1 Timothy 6:5 These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy. (NLT)

- ▶ A person who follows the doctrine of Balaam is willing to compromise his beliefs for economic gain. They enable sinful behavior for personal gain or even participate in it.

Romans 1:32 They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too. (NLT)

- It's the attitude that treats sin as "no big deal."
 - ▶ The teaching or doctrine of Balaam is the view that Christians can—or even should—compromise their convictions for the sake of popularity, money, sexual gratification, or personal gain.

- ▶ Christians can't—and shouldn't—totally shun the presence of sinners or unbelievers (Luke 7:34; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13), but we are obligated to stand up for truth (Ephesians 4:25), righteousness (Proverbs 23:20; Romans 14:22), and goodness (2 Peter 1:5, Matthew 5:16), whether it's what others want to hear or not (John 4:16-18; 8:11; Acts 24:24-25).

Luke 7:34 The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!' (NLT)

1 Corinthians 5:9 When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. **10** But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. **11** I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. **12** It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. **13** God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you." (NLT)

Ephesians 4:25 So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. (NLT)

Proverbs 23:20 Do not carouse with drunkards or feast with gluttons, (NLT)

Romans 14:22 You may believe there's nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself and God. Blessed are those who don't feel guilty for doing something they have decided is right. (NLT)

2 Peter 1:5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, (NLT)

Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." (NLT)

John 4:16 "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. **17** "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— **18** for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" (NLT)

John 8:11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."
(NLT)

Acts 24:24 A few days later Felix came back with his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish. Sending for Paul, they listened as he told them about faith in Christ Jesus. **25** As he reasoned with them about righteousness and self-control and the coming day of judgment, Felix became frightened. "Go away for now," he replied. "When it is more convenient, I'll call for you again." (NLT)

- It's an attitude that already exists in our world today.

1 John 4:3 But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.
(NLT)

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. (NLT)

Numbers 31:8 All five of the Midianite kings—Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba—died in the battle. They also killed Balaam son of Beor with the sword. (NLT)

Joshua 13:22 The Israelites had also killed Balaam son of Beor, who used magic to tell the future. (NLT)

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- ☒ For what is the horse a symbol?
 - ☒ In what way is the white horse in verse 11 different from the white horse in Revelation 6:2?
 - ☒ Who is the Word of God?
 - ☒ Where else in Revelation is the appearance of our resurrected Lord described?
 - ☒ What insights can we gain from these descriptions?
 - ☒ Who makes up the armies of heaven?
 - ☒ Who is the animal or the beast?
 - ☒ Who is the false prophet?
 - ☒ Who is in the lake of fire when the beast and the prophet are sent there?
 - What is the lake of fire?
 - How can we disprove the doctrine of annihilation from this chapter?
 - Who are the "rest" in verse 21?