
MALACHI- LESSON # 7

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Covenant of life and peace- Reference to **Numbers 25:10-13**

Numbers 22:1-4-

- Israel is heading to Promised Land, camped out in Moab
- Nobody wants them passing through their territories.
 - o **Numbers 26:51-** 601,730 men + 23,000 Levites
- Same thing happened in **Numbers 20:17-18** with Edomites
 - o Israel avoided conflict with the Edomites by taking longer travel route
 - o This resulted in Israel *grumbling because of the way (Numbers 21:4-5)*

Numbers 21:21-26

- **Deuteronomy 3:8-** There are two kings of the Amorites
 - o Southern Amorite King: Sihon King of Heshbon (**Duet. 3:6**)
 - o Northern Amorite King: Og King of Bashan (**Duet. 3:10**)
- Israel reached Arnon River- requested passage through Amorite Land
 - o Southern King went to War with Israel; Israel prevailed and took their land.
 - **Numbers 21:26-** This land previously belonged to Moabites
 - o Numbers **21:33-35-** Northern Amorite King also goes to war, Israel prevailed and took their land.

Numbers 22:1-4

- Moabite leader: Balak son of Zippor is scared!
 - o Amorites defeated the Moabites
 - o Moabites lost their land, and was forced to move south to Arnon Valley
 - o Israel just defeated both Amorite kings; and now possess all their land

Numbers 25:1-3

- The Counsel of Balaam
 - o **Numbers 31:16, Revelation 2:14**
 - o **Hosea 9:10**
- Balaam knew that God would not forsake His people; so he taught Balak how to lead the people away from God.

If God did not get involved- how would this have ended?

- **Exodus 23:31-34, Exodus 34:12-16, Deuteronomy 7:3-4**
- What is the Stumbling Block?
 - o Israel was already looking for “another way”
 - o Why would they continue to the promised land- if they stay they could have everything they wanted (food, land, women) and not even have to fight for it.
 - o Balak offered them something easier than following God into the Promised Land.

Numbers 25:4-5

-God has the leaders executed, and a plague begins making its way through camp

Numbers 25:6-9

- **V14-15** Prince of Israel takes daughter of Midianite King to a tent
- This would have been a political union of the two people
- Phineas, the grandson of Aaron- grabs a spear and runs them both through
 - o How did God view Phineas’ action/zeal? **Numbers 25:10-13**

Balaam Rides Again:

- **Micah 6:1-5, Revelation 2:14, 2 Peter 2:12-16, Jude 11**

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- **Numbers 25-** there was no life and peace until Phinehas stood up and did something. (**Psalm 106:30**)
- In Malachi: The Priests are the problem, they are supposed to be the solution

New Testament: What is the relationship between the Lord and the Priests?

- **Mark 14:53-72, Matt 16:21, Matt 26:59, Matt 27:1, Matt 27:20**
- They are at war
- The same crowd that wants Jesus crucified is the same crowd Malachi is addressing here.

If things are going to change- the Levites in Malachi are going to have to realize that this covenant means something and is worth saving.

