

# The Doctrine of Balaam

## Revelation 2:12-17

<sup>12</sup>And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

<sup>13</sup>I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

<sup>14</sup>But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold **the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

<sup>15</sup>So hast thou also them that hold **the doctrine of the Nicolaitans**, which thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup>Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup>He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

## Satan's Seat, from Babel to Pergamos

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**PERGAMOS: Satan's Throne and Dwelling Place.** To many, these phrases have been merely pictorial rather than truly historical. But they are surely real and history bears that out. Pergamos was indeed the throne and dwelling place of Satan. It happened on this wise.

Pergamos was not originally the place where Satan (as concerning human affairs) dwelt. Babylon has always been literally and figuratively his headquarters. **It was in the city of Babylon that Satanic worship had its origin.**

**After the Flood, the earth was purged of sin and God's relationship with man was restored. Coming out of the ark, Noah and his family worshipped God, and God accepted their worship with the covenant of the rainbow.**

## Genesis 8:20-22

<sup>20</sup>And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

**It didn't take Satan long, however, to spin his own story of the Flood. His spokesman in this alternate version of history was none other than Nimrod.**

## Nimrod & Babel

### Genesis 10:8-10

<sup>8</sup>And Cush begat Nimrod [rebellion]: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.

<sup>9</sup>He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

**The name Nimrod = rebellion.**

**He was the first "mighty one" in the earth, the first tyrant.**

**Nimrod led the people in rebellion against God because he set himself up *before God*.**

### Genesis 11:1-4

<sup>1</sup>And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

<sup>2</sup>And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

<sup>3</sup>And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

<sup>4</sup>And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

**Nimrod aspired to make a name for himself and to resist the command of God to scatter over the earth. However, this purpose was masked in religious language, that the tower would “reach unto heaven.”**

**Excerpts from Alexander Hislop’s *Two Babylons*:**

“All tradition from the earliest times bears testimony to the apostacy of Nimrod, and to his success in leading men away from the patriarchal faith, and delivering their minds from that awe of God and fear of the judgments of heaven that must have rested on them while yet the memory of the flood was recent” (52)

“While the awful catastrophe by which God had showed His avenging justice on the sinners of the old world was yet fresh in the minds of men, and so long as Noah, and the upright among his descendants, sought with all earnestness to impress upon all under their control the lessons which that solemn event was so well fitted to teach, “heaven,” that is, God, must have seemed very near to earth. To maintain the union between heaven and earth, and to keep it as close as possible, must have been the grand aim of all who loved God and the best interests of the human race. But this implied the restraining and discountenancing of all vice and all those “pleasures of sin,” after which the natural mind, unrenewed and unsanctified, continually pants. This must have been secretly felt by every unholy mind as a state of insufferable bondage. “The carnal mind is enmity against God,” is “not subject to His law,” neither indeed is “able to be” so. It says to the Almighty, “Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of Thy ways.” So long as the influence of the great father of the new world was in the ascendant, while his maxims were regarded, and a holy atmosphere surrounded the world, no wonder that those who were alienated from God and godliness, felt heaven and its influence and authority to be intolerably near, and that in such circumstances they “could not walk,” but only “crawl,”--that is, that they had no freedom to “walk after the sight of their own eyes and the imaginations of their own hearts.” From this bondage Nimrod emancipated them. By the apostacy he introduced, by the free life he developed among those who rallied around him, and by separating them from the holy influences that had previously less or more controlled them, he helped them to put God and the strict spirituality of His law at a distance, and thus he became the “Elevator of the heavens,” making men feel and act as if heaven were afar off from earth, and as if either the God of heaven “could not see through the dark cloud,” or did not regard with displeasure the breakers of His laws. Then all such would feel that they could breathe freely, and that now they could walk at liberty. For this, such men could not but regard Nimrod as a high benefactor” (53).

“According to the system which Nimrod was the grand instrument in introducing, men were led to believe that a real spiritual change of heart was unnecessary, and that so far as change was needful, they could be regenerated by mere external means. Looking at the subject in the light of the Bacchanalian orgies, which, as the reader has seen, commemorated the history of Nimrod, it is evident that he led mankind to seek their chief good in sensual enjoyment, and showed them how they might enjoy the pleasures of sin, without any fear of the wrath of a holy God. In his various expeditions he was always accompanied by troops of women; and by music and song, and games and revelries, and everything that could please the natural heart, he commended himself to the good graces of mankind” (55).

**After the confusion of languages at Babel, Nimrod’s false teaching spread over the entire world, as seen in the similar mythologies of ethnic groups across the world. [Pictures of Semiramis and Tammuz images from across world cultures, up to and including the Catholic Church]**

**Yet it was still the Devil’s purpose to reign as God upon God’s own throne.**

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39 Nothing is typed in the Old Testament, or anywhere in the Bible, of the church, but the forced unity of Babel tower. That's the only thing that types the unity. Because, it was by Nimrod, a wicked man who went out and forced all the little countries to come into one place and this great tower. It was a religious worship, of course, but not considered in the Word

of God. So there is where you see denominational religion typed, the tower of Babel, in the Old Testament. Which, this religion was certainly a religion, but not the religion of the Word of God.

**When the Jews were in Egypt, Satan must have thought he had been able to foil any plan Jehovah had to bruise his head, as had been prophesied long ago in Eden. Though briefly panicked after the Exodus, Satan soon was again able to sew confusion among the Jews as they traipsed through the wilderness. Yet as the 40 years of wandering came to an end, Satan again had cause for concern. Here was a people gathered around the throne of God, led by the Shekinah Glory, and they were on the cusp of entering the Land of Promise. This situation called for action!**

### Map of Israel, encamped at Shittim

Israel encamped just across the Jordan River from Jericho. They had just finished two extraordinarily successful campaigns against Sihon the king of the Amorites and Og the king of Bashan. And they readying to enter the land of Canaan. As they make preparations, they have no idea of the tremendous spiritual warfare taking place in Numbers 22-24. And in Numbers 25 they are caught unawares and ensnared by the teachings of Balaam.

#### **II Corinthians 10:6, 11-12**

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

I see similarities in the position of the Bride, as we are now preparing for the rapture. Like the Israelites in Shittim, we are on the verge of entering our Promised Land. God has given us a prophetic gift to discern the tactics of the Enemy—as Israel had Moses. When Israel followed after Balaam’s teaching, they ignored Moses, and their own actions brought judgment upon them. These things happened for our examples.

#### **Revelation 2:14**

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#### **Numbers 22-25**

In the story of how Balak persuades Balaam to come

### The teaching of Balaam

According to Revelation 2:14, the teaching of Balaam involves three steps: laying stumbling blocks, eating things sacrificed to idols, and, in the end, actually committing fornication.

#### Stumbling blocks

In the early part of the Balaam’s story, we see how his own guiding principles led him to stumble. These same principles would lead Israel to stumble, too.

- God’s Word is just *advice*. Second opinions are okay.
- *Blessings* are the best indicator of God’s will.

The blessings Balak promised to shower upon Balaam ultimately convinced him he might not have understood God’s perfect will enough. Besides, God had said he could go, and the permissive will would make a way for the perfect will, right?

After Balaam blesses Israel for the third straight time, contrary to his agreement with Balak, King Balak sends him away.

### Numbers 24:10-11

<sup>10</sup>And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour.

I can imagine that Balaam went home with a heavy heart...such a heavy heart that he decided this end of the story couldn't have been God's will for him. Because God wants us to be happy and prosperous. I see Balaam turning his poor donkey around and heading back to Balak. He hadn't been able to curse Israel, but he had already hatched a scheme *whereby Israel would bring a curse upon themselves*.

### Eating things sacrificed unto idols

Under this new inspiration of Balaam, the Moabites alternated tactics. They decided to welcome their distant cousins to the neighborhood. Balak threw a sort of housewarming party / family reunion for their distant relations. Lot and Abraham had quarreled years ago, but wasn't it high time to end such petty quarreling? There was plenty more things to be found to unite them than that divided them. Let's just focus on those....

The guiding principles of Balaam—God's Word = advice & blessings = green lights to God's will—were stumbling blocks that led them to closer fellowship with the Moabites.

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256 All right, let's go just a little bit farther now. All right. All right. He said now, that, "**These was the doctrines of Balaam.**"

Now, what did Balaam do when he found out that he couldn't--that he couldn't curse Israel? He told Balac it would be a good idea then for him to invite these people to the festival of the god. They had a--they had a--a great festival up there; they were--where they were going to have. And they a--a they a... festival was called the feast of Baal-p-e-o-r, Baal-peor. I suppose p--peor, Baal-peor. **It was a--a feast to worship.**

And Balaam said, "Now, I'll tell you, Balac; I'll give you a good idea. If you'll just--if you... God won't curse them, that's all there is to it, so I'll tell you what we'll do. We can't get rid of them; but if you'll just invite them over, you'll swing the whole thing your way."

See, exactly, exactly what Constantine did. Perfectly. That's the reason the doctrine of Balaam.

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**They ate things sacrificed to idols. Now I don't say that this really means they were literally eating meats sacrificed to idols.** For though the council of Jerusalem had spoken against such, Paul did not make much of it as he said the idols were nothing. It was just a matter of conscience except where it offended a weaker brother and then it was not allowed. Furthermore, this Revelation has to do with Gentiles and not Jews as these are Gentile Churches. I see this in the same light I see the words of the Lord, "Except ye eat My flesh and drink My blood you have no life in you. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." **You can see that eating is actually partaking in a spiritual sense.**

### Committing fornication

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So when these people were bowing to the images, lighting candles, using pagan holidays, confessing their sins to men (all of which belongs to the devil's religion,) they were partakers with the devil and not of the Lord. **They were in idolatry whether they admitted it or not.** They can talk all they want that the altars and the incense are only to remind them of the prayers of the Lord or whatever they think it means; and they can say that when they pray before the image it is just for the sake of emphasis; and that when they confess to the priest, it is really to God they are doing it in their hearts, and when they say the priest forgives them, it is just that he is doing it in the Name of the Lord; they can say what they want but they are

partaking in the well known Babylonian, Satanic religion and have joined themselves to idols and committed spiritual fornication, which means death. They are dead.

**Constantine substituted the religion of the culture for the Gospel, put a Christian whitewash over all the mythology and invited the bishops to unite around this new Christianity. Exactly what Moab did to Israel.**

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Now you just can't have a Nicolaitane set-up in the church and not have this other doctrine come in, too. You see, if you take away the Word of God and the moving of the Spirit as a means of worship (they that worship Me must worship Me in Spirit and in truth) then you will have to give the people another form of worship as a substitute, and substitution spells Balaamism.

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163 Now, we find out that they were the one. And, look, and we'll take for instance, Balaam. Balaam, he come down and taught the people his doctrine, and they said, "Now look, we're all believers, we're--we're Lot's daughter's children, Moab up there." Said, **"We're just all the same." And he mixed them up, caused intermarriage.** He caused them pretty Moabite women, all dolled up, and come down here and told these sons of God that they were--they were all the same, after all; God's a God of all races, and everything's all right. And he married them together. And God drawed the separation line and made them leave their homes and everything. What was it? See that thing? Just exactly what took place back there before the flood, "When the sons of God saw the daughters of men, they were fair to look upon, and they lusted for them and took unto them wives." See? Same thing took place there.

And the same thing now. Again it's the same thing. You should see it. Each generation tells what will happen at the next one. Here it is. We see it. We know that it's the same, 'cause the Bible here is to declaring it's the same now as it was. All right. Now, and all that counts, of course, for the--the day that we're living in.

165 **Now, the--the call of the day, all that counts amongst the churches today is members. That's all they want is members.**

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182 Just look at it in the field today. As Balaam married into God's church, a harlot, married the harlot into God's church, so is these false teachers today trying to tell you. They're going to marry every one of these organizations and these people into the old harlot of Revelation 17. **Their Balaam doctrine going around today, and say, "We're just the same. We're all Christians."** And priests and popes, and whatevermore, all compromising and doing this.

183 The preacher said... Even I know a Pentecostal preacher, all of them, started now giving a round kosher. Which means, Ashtoreth, the "moon-god," a kosher wafer. Say, "Shut your eyes and take it, if it hurts your conscience." Shut your eyes? A round wafer, what does it mean? We are taking a broken body, Jesus Christ, broken; not a round moon-god, Ashtoreth, who Mary took the place of. And the Roman kosher is still round, for the moon-god, goddess, not god. We have a broken kosher, certainly. Oh!

184 So now the great harlot of Revelations 17, these Balaam teachers with their false doctrine, is marrying the church into that kind of a mess. Watch when it comes to the showdown at the end time, look the weakness of it now. Nine hundred and something different organizations, one pulling one way, and one the other. There is no unity among them. **And they're trying to bring unity; not backed by the Word of God, God's original plan. They are taking it in by a politics and an organization. [a modern Tower of Babel]**

God don't change His mind. He stays right with His Word. He said, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word won't." That's right. He stays with His original Word. Oh, my!

185 Though they still reason against It, just like they did, and just... There is only one thing to do. He won't change It. Just believe. Because, both heavens and earth will pass away; His Word will never fail. See?

186 **You see where you're getting married into? See the politics and things, how they're trying to join the church together by a politics in the church? We are not joined to Christ by politics.**

**We are joined, the Church, to Christ, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost.** And the way you know the baptism of the Holy Ghost, is 'cause that Spirit in you identifies every Word of God to be the Truth. That's right. "For whosoever shall take one Word out of It, or add one word to It, his part will be taken from the Book of Life."

**Many churches today unite around the key commandment of the modern age: Be Nice. The creed of the modern church is moralistic therapeutic deism.**

1. God made the world and watches over it.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair.
3. God wants you to be happy and to feel good about yourself.
4. Nice people will “live happily ever after.”
5. God’s cool with giving you your space, but He’ll be there for you if you want Him.

“God is something like a combination of the Divine Butler and Cosmic Therapist: he is always on call, takes care of any problems that arise, professionally helps his people feel better about themselves, and does not become too personally involved in the process.”  
-*Christian Smith & Melinda L. Denton in Soul Searching (2005)*

“The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell.”  
*William Booth (1829-1912)*

*From Radical, by David Platt, pp. 13-14*

“Because we are starting to redefine Christianity. We are giving in to the dangerous temptation to take the Jesus of the Bible and twist him into a version of Jesus we are more comfortable with. A nice, middle-class, American Jesus. A Jesus who doesn’t mind materialism and who would never call us to give away everything we have. A Jesus who would not expect us to forsake our closest relationships so that he receives all our affection. A Jesus who is fine with nominal devotion that does not infringe on our comforts, because, after all, he loves us just the way we are. A Jesus who wants us to be balanced, who wants us to avoid dangerous extremes, and who, for that matter, wants us to avoid danger altogether. A Jesus who brings us comfort and prosperity as we live out our Christian spin on the American dream.

**But do you and I realize what we are doing at this point? We are molding Jesus into our image. He is beginning to look a lot like us because, after all, that is whom we are most comfortable with. And the danger now is that when we gather in our church buildings to sing and lift up our hands in worship, we may not actually be worshipping the Jesus of the Bible. Instead we may be worshipping ourselves.**

The doctrine of Balaam is the permissive will of God charading as the perfect will.

“God’s permissive will makes a way for His perfect will,” right?

All things work together for good, right?

So God’s a ‘happily ever after’ kind of God, right?

**This combination of statements shows the lie to the doctrine of Balaam.**

**The truth is...**

God’s permissive will eventually cuts through man’s excuses to get to core issues. There is *always* a cost to God’s permissive will. Your refusal to do God’s perfect will in no wise prevents God from accomplishing His purpose.

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92 But, and if the people won't walk in His perfect will, He does have a permissive will He'll let you walk in. Notice, He permits it, all right, but He will make it work out for His glory, in His perfect will. Now if you'd like...

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45 So, we really believe that God never changes His mind about what He said. He always keeps It true.

46 But He has a permissive will. **Now, there, where the trouble lays.** We try to work on God's permissive will, and He will permit it. But also if we take His permissive will, though it's not right, He will make His permissive will to work out, together, to glorify His perfect will.

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151 Notice, it was his desire to curse them. The people that he classed as fanatics, he wanted to curse them. He wanted a position. He didn't want to fool with them, so he thought if he could do this little act for the king, then he would be promoted. God never changed His mind or His Word.

**But He will give you the desire of his heart, of your heart. He promised that.** You know that? He promised to give you the desire of your heart. **And let your desire be the Word of God. Let your desire be His will, never your own will.** His will! If He... You ask Him for something, He don't give it to you, say, "Thank You, Lord. You know what's good."

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175 Yet, He grants you permission for to make, permit your will, a permissive will, knowing that... What's in your heart, He knows it.

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I do so-and-so. It don't bother me. God blesses me every day. I sing in the Spirit. I dance in the Spirit. I..." He'll permit it. Go ahead. That's right. But what are you going to do?

176 "I wear shorts, and I do this. It don't bother me. I know my faith is in Christ, not in what I wear."

But, the Bible said there is something to it. See? What'll you do? You'll make a stumbling block, like Balaam did, before every one of the other women. What'll you do to your young girls? You'll have a bunch of Rickettas, that's exactly right, a bunch of little painted-up Jezebels. See?

**Our steps into God's permissive will won't prevent His perfect will from being accomplished. But our time in the permissive will could affect our role in the unfolding of God's perfect will. The permissive will is nothing to be trifled with.**

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And today we have that very same thing. Women preachers, organization, false doctrine, etc., and people worshipping God, manifesting in the Spirit and going right on as did Balaam, claiming that God has spoken to them even when the commission received is opposite to the revealed Word. **And I will not deny that God spoke to them. But it was just like when He spoke to Balaam that second time. As He knew that Balaam wanted his own heart desire above the Word and He gave it to him, yet all the while in the end having HIS OWN way; even so today God tells folks to go ahead in their own hearts' desires for they have already rejected the Word. BUT THE WILL OF GOD WILL BE DONE REGARDLESS.** Amen. I hope you see this. It will not only clear up much of what is seen in all ages but it will especially help in this last age which has so much manifestation and external blessings when the whole period is so against the 'Word-Revealed-Will' of God.

Esther 4:14

**14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**

**God sends prophetic insight to help us know what time it is, what we should be looking for and expecting, so we better know how to live.**

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176 **The end-time evangelist's message is from Malachi 4. It's a restoring. The message and messenger both will have to be a restoration of the faith.** Jude said, in the Book of Jude, just about thirty years after the crucifixion; he said, "Brethren, I give all diligence to write unto you of the common faith, that you should earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints back there." See, see?

Malachi said, for the last days, the last prophet of the Old Testament, that "Before the great and terrible day of the Lord shall come, I will send to you Elijah the prophet. And he will restore the faith of the children back to--or the faith of the children back to the fathers, just before the destruction time." **What is it? It's a message that goes forth, a message and messenger of the last days, that's not to bring them to a creed, but to jerk them out of those creeds and bring them back to the original faith of the fathers, the Pentecostal fathers, where the church is to be in the last days, not the Mosaic fathers, but the Pentecostal fathers.**

177 The Mosaic fathers was Malachi 3, "I send My messenger before My face to prepare the way before the Lord." Matthew 11:6 says the same thing. Jesus witnesses that that's when He seen John, said, "What'd you go out to see? A man dressed in fine collars turned around, and so forth. Not John..." He said, "Them that dress like that belong in king's palaces, and these big denominations,

that kiss the babies, and marry, you know, and so forth, bury the dead, and marry the young, and so forth. They're back there." Said, "What'd you go out to see? A--a reed shaken with any wind? No, not John. No, no, he didn't shake when they busted against him." Said, "You'll have no cooperation if you go there." It didn't make any difference to John; he went anyhow. See? Said, "What'd you go out to see, a prophet?" Said, "I say, and more than a prophet. If you can understand it, this is who was spoken of by the prophet, saying, 'I send My messenger before My face, to prepare the way,'" Malachi 3.

180 And in Malachi 4, for the church age, He said, "I'll send to you Elijah before that day." Now, that couldn't have been John, 'cause the world wasn't burned up back there and the righteous walked out upon the ashes of the wicked. No. It's this age, a message that'll go forth, that'll what? **Restore the faith of the people, the church today that's out of all these different corruptions, and a putrefied, sores body of denomination, back to a living faith in a living God. The message has been going on for years. That's right. It's time now that we should receive and believe the end-time evangelism is to restore. Joel said the same thing, "I will restore all the years the cankerworm eaten."**

## Bible references to Balaam (outside of Numbers 22-24)

### Numbers 31:15-16

<sup>15</sup>And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?

<sup>16</sup>Behold, these caused the children of Israel, **through the counsel of Balaam**, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

### Nehemiah 13:1-4

<sup>1</sup>On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever;

<sup>2</sup>Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

<sup>3</sup>Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

<sup>4</sup>And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah:

### II Peter 2:12-16

<sup>12</sup>But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

<sup>13</sup>And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

<sup>14</sup>Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

<sup>15</sup>Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

<sup>16</sup>But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

### I Peter 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

<sup>2</sup>Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; **not for filthy lucre**, but of a ready mind;

<sup>3</sup>**Neither as being lords over God's heritage**, but being ensamples to the flock.

<sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

### Jude 11

Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

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Now watch this doctrine of Balaam most carefully. Notice above all, that it is the deliberate maneuver of a corrupt clergy to bind the people to them, by leading the people deliberately into the sin of unbelief. The Nicolaitane doctrine was the corruption of the clergy as they sought political power amongst themselves, while Balaamism is the subjection of the people to their system of creed and worship in order to hold them. Now watch this carefully. What was it that bound the people to the nominal church and thereby destroyed them? It was the creeds and dogmas formed into church tenets. It was the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. They were not given the true food, the Word. They were given the food that came from idol worship, Babylonian paganism wrapped up in Christian terminology.

And that very same spirit and doctrine is right amongst all Protestants and it is called DENOMINATION. Nicolaitanism is organization, humanizing the leadership of the church, and thereby deposing the Spirit. Balaamism is denominationalism which takes the church manual instead of the Bible. And right to this hour, many of God's people are caught in the snare of denominationalism and God is crying to them, "Come out of her My people, lest ye be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues." You see they are ignorant. But if the rapture should take place at this moment, ignorance would be no court of appeal from the judgment of God for being in the wrong ranks.

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This is a good place to make an illuminating observation. Look. The deeds and doctrines of the Nicolaitanes, the doctrine of Balaam, and the teaching of the false prophetess, Jezebel, do not constitute three spirits or make three spiritual principles. These three are but the various manifestations of the same spirit as it goes from depth to depth. What it all is, is the antichrist spirit of organization in its three various stages. Once the clergy separated themselves and organized themselves they **oppressed the people by leading them into, and binding them to organization also. This organization was based upon the creeds and dogma which they taught the people instead of the pure Word of God.**

Ritual and ceremony was given an increasing part in worship, and soon this whole system was a militant and diabolical power that did its best to control all through the persuasion of discourse or literal force. It received its energy from its own false prophecies and not the Word of God. It was now absolutely antichrist though it came in Christ's Name.