

Balaam Teaches Balak How to Corrupt Israel (September–December 1407 BC)

Numbers 24:25	Numbers 31:16a	Revelation 2:14
<p>25 Then Balaam arose and departed and returned to his place, and Balak also went his way.</p>	<p>16a “Behold, these caused the sons of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor,</p>	<p>14 ‘But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit <i>acts of immorality</i>.</p>

Israel Worships Baal of Peor (September–December 1407 BC)

Numbers 25

Israel Worships Baal of Peor and a Plague Strikes the People

- 1 While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.
- 2 For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.
- 3 So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and the LORD was angry against Israel. [cf. [Num 31:16b](#)]

Yahweh Tells Moses How to Stop the Plague

- 4 The LORD said to Moses, “Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before the LORD, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel.”
- 5 So Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Each of you slay his men who have joined themselves to Baal of Peor.”

Phinehas Obeys Moses’ Command

- 6 Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought to his relatives a Midianite woman, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, while they were weeping at the doorway of the tent of meeting.
- 7 When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he arose from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand,
- 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman, through the body. So the plague on the sons of Israel was checked.
- 9 Those who died by the plague were 24,000. [[1 Cor 10:8](#)]
- 10 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 11 “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned away My wrath from the sons of Israel in that he was jealous with My jealousy among them, so that I did not destroy the sons of Israel in My jealousy.
- 12 Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give him My covenant of peace;
- 13 and it shall be for him and his descendants after him, a covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the sons of Israel.’”
- 14 Now the name of the slain man of Israel who was slain with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a father’s household among the Simeonites.

15 The name of the Midianite woman who was slain was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, who was head of the people of a father's household in Midian.

Yahweh Initiates a War of Vengeance Against the Midianites

16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

17 "Be hostile to the Midianites and strike them;

18 for they have been hostile to you with their tricks, with which they have deceived you in the affair of Peor and in the affair of Cozbi, the daughter of the leader of Midian, their sister who was slain on the day of the plague because of Peor."

My Refuge and My Fortress (c. September–December 1407 BC)

Psalm 91

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust!"
- 3 For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper
And from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He will cover you with His pinions,
And under His wings you may seek refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.
- 5 You will not be afraid of the terror by night,
Or of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side
And ten thousand at your right hand,
But it shall not approach you.
- 8 You will only look on with your eyes
And see the recompense of the wicked.
- 9 For you have made the LORD, my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place.
- 10 No evil will befall you,
Nor will any plague come near your tent.
- 11 For He will give His angels charge concerning you,
To guard you in all your ways. [[Matt 4:6; Luke 4:10–11](#)]
- 12 They will bear you up in their hands,
That you do not strike your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread upon the lion and cobra,
The young lion and the serpent you will trample down. [[Luke 10:19](#)]
- 14 "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him *securely* on high, because he has known My name.
- 15 "He will call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
- 16 "With a long life I will satisfy him
And let him see My salvation."

Second Census of Israel (September–December 1407 BC)**Numbers 26****Census Instructions**

1 Then it came about after the plague, that the LORD spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

2 “Take a census of all the congregation of the sons of Israel from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers’ households, whoever is able to go out to war in Israel.”

3 So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

4 “Take a census of the people from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD has commanded Moses.”

Now the sons of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt were:

Reuben’s Descendants

5 Reuben, Israel’s firstborn, the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites;

6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites.

7 These are the families of the Reubenites, and those who were numbered of them were 43,730.

8 The son of Pallu: Eliab.

9 The sons of Eliab: Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram who were called by the congregation, who contended against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against the LORD,

10 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up along with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured 250 men, so that they became a warning.

11 The sons of Korah, however, did not die.

Simeon’s Descendants

12 The sons of Simeon according to their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites;

13 of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

14 These are the families of the Simeonites, 22,200.

Gad’s Descendants

15 The sons of Gad according to their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites;

16 of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites;

17 of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites.

18 These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those who were numbered of them, 40,500.

Judah’s Descendants

19 The sons of Judah were Er and Onan, but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

20 The sons of Judah according to their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites.

21 The sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

22 These are the families of Judah according to those who were numbered of them, 76,500.

Issachar’s Descendants

23 The sons of Issachar according to their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puvah, the family of the Punites;

24 of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites.

25 These are the families of Issachar according to those who were numbered of them, 64,300.

Zebulun's Descendants

26 The sons of Zebulun according to their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites.

27 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those who were numbered of them, 60,500.

Joseph—Manasseh's Descendants

28 The sons of Joseph according to their families: Manasseh and Ephraim.

29 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir became the father of Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.

30 These are the sons of Gilead: *of* lezer, the family of the lezerites; of Helek, the family of the Helekites;

31 and *of* Asriel, the family of the Asrielites; and *of* Shechem, the family of the Shechemites;

32 and *of* Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites; and *of* Hephher, the family of the Hephherites.

33 Now Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but only daughters; and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah.

34 These are the families of Manasseh; and those who were numbered of them were 52,700.

Joseph—Ephraim's Descendants

35 These are the sons of Ephraim according to their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the family of the Becherites; of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites.

36 These are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the family of the Eranites.

37 These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered of them, 32,500.

These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

Benjamin's Descendants

38 The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Ahiramites;

39 of Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites.

40 The sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: *of* Ard, the family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were 45,600.

Dan's Descendants

42 These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the families of Dan according to their families.

43 All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those who were numbered of them, were 64,400.

Asher's Descendants

44 The sons of Asher according to their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Beriites.

45 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites.

46 The name of the daughter of Asher *was* Serah.

47 These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those who were numbered of them, 53,400.

Naphtali's Descendants

48 The sons of Naphtali according to their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites;

49 of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

50 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and those who were numbered of them were 45,400.

Total (net decline of 1,820 or around 0.3%)

51 These are those who were numbered of the sons of Israel, 601,730.

Instructions for the Division of the Land

52 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

53 “Among these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names.

54 To the larger *group* you shall increase their inheritance, and to the smaller *group* you shall diminish their inheritance; each shall be given their inheritance according to those who were numbered of them.

55 But the land shall be divided by lot. They shall receive their inheritance according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

56 According to the selection by lot, their inheritance shall be divided between the larger and the smaller *groups*.”

Levi’s Descendants

57 These are those who were numbered of the Levites according to their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites.

58 These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. Kohath became the father of Amram.

59 The name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and she bore to Amram: Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam.

60 To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

61 But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before the LORD.

Conclusion of the Second Census

62 Those who were numbered of them were 23,000, every male from a month old and upward, for they were not numbered among the sons of Israel since no inheritance was given to them among the sons of Israel.

63 These are those who were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

64 But among these there was not a man of those who were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

65 For the LORD had said of them, “They shall surely die in the wilderness.” And not a man was left of them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.