

## **The Final Showdown Numbers 22-24**

How should God's people react to the threats of God's enemy?

When the powers of darkness rise against God's plans, his people can stand firm, trusting...

- I. The unassailable power of his word: Yahweh's word cannot be manipulated. He is able to overcome and outmaneuver the forces of evil on their own turf - overcoming evil with good (Numbers 22).
  - a. War of the words: sorcery and divination vs. divine revelation (22:1-21).
  - b. The heart behind the words: Curses and blessings (22:22-41).
  - c. The error of Balaam (Jude 11, 2 Peter 2:14-15).
  
- II. The unavoidable power of his word: Yahweh's word will prevail. He is able to decisively proclaim and execute his judgement over his spiritual enemies - blessing that overturns the curse of sin and death (Numbers 23-24).
  - a. Judgment of the powers and their allies: Four oracles proclaiming God's ultimate judgment over his enemies (ch. 23-24).
  - b. Soft spots in the armor: the teachings of Balaam (Numbers 31:16, Revelation 2:14).

**Only God can turn opposition into opportunity and curses into blessings.  
Stand firm trusting in his word.**

1. We live in a culture where the occult and superstition seek to distract people from the life-giving message of God's word. Your witness is essential to dispel the lies of the enemy. Share God's word with someone today and watch what only God can do (2 Cor. 10:4-5).
2. Even though true believers in Jesus are beyond the grasp of the enemy (1 John 5:18), Satan still attacks the church by introducing heresy and tempting us to sin. Watchful and confident reliance on God's word in the context of church accountability allows us to experience his victory in our daily walk and makes us effective instruments in God's hands.