God's Protection Over Israel: Lessons from Balaam



Explore God's divine protection and sovereignty as He stops Balaam from cursing Israel in this powerful 7-day study.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day study on God's protection over His people as shown in the story of Balaam. The Bible often reminds us that God is sovereign and actively involved in the lives of His people. One striking example is how God stopped Balaam, a prophet hired to curse Israel, from harming His chosen nation.

In the book of Numbers, we see Israel encamped in the wilderness, a people beloved by God but vulnerable to attack and curses from their enemies. Balaam was called upon to curse Israel for personal gain. God, however, intervened at every turn, demonstrating His control over circumstances and even over the words of one aiming to oppose His will.

This study will take you on a journey through this narrative, uncovering rich truths about *God's protection, His sovereignty, and the power of His spoken word.* You will learn how God's providence shields His people even when they face threats unseen and how He turns curses into blessings.

As you meditate on these passages, reflect on how God might be working in your own life to protect and guide you. Be encouraged that no scheme or attack can thwart the plans God has for you. He is with you, stronger than any threat, and worthy of your trust.

Let this study deepen your faith, sharpen your understanding of God's mighty hand, and inspire you to rely on Him wholeheartedly as you navigate







your own challenges.

















Day 1: K God's Sovereignty Revealed

Your Verse

Numbers 22:12 "But God said to Balaam, 'Do not go with them; you must not curse the people, because they are blessed.""

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 115:3 "Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him."
- Isaiah 46:10 "I make known the end from the beginning...My purpose will stand."







Day 1: K God's Sovereignty Revealed

Devotional: Trusting God's Supreme Control

God's sovereignty is absolute; He is in control of all circumstances. From the outset of the Balaam story, God communicates clearly that Balaam must not curse Israel because they are blessed. Despite external pressures and personal gain, God's will takes precedence.

Sometimes in our lives, we face situations that seem out of control or people who oppose God's purposes for us. This passage assures us that no matter what, God dictates the course of events. Balaam may have wanted to go against God's instructions, but he could not do so successfully.

This day invites us to trust in God's ultimate authority over our circumstances and challenges. When we feel threatened or opposed, we can rest knowing God's plans cannot be thwarted by human schemes. His word is powerful and purposeful.







Day 1: 🎇 God's Sovereignty Revealed

Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas of your life do you need to surrender to God's control?
2.	Have you experienced a time when God's sovereignty surprised you?
3.	How does God's control give you peace when facing opposition?







Day 1: 🎇 God's Sovereignty Revealed

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a situation where you had to trust God fully.
2.	List ways God has shown His control over your circumstances.
	Describe how understanding God's sovereignty changes your reaction to trials.







Day 1: K God's Sovereignty Revealed

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for being the Sovereign Lord over all things. Help me to trust Your control even when things look uncertain or threatening. Strengthen my faith to rest in Your purposes and plans, knowing nothing can hinder what You have ordained. Teach me to listen and obey Your word above all. Guard my heart from fear and doubt. *May Your peace reign in me today.* In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Your Verse

Numbers 22:22 "God's anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the way as his adversary."

Supporting Scriptures

- Exodus 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."
- Psalm 34:7 "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them."







Devotional: God's Active Protection

God actively intervenes to block Balaam's path, showing His protection over Israel. Despite Balaam's intentions and instructions from Balak, God's anger is stirred because Balaam attempts to go against God's word. The angel of the Lord stands in his way, physically preventing him from proceeding.

This astonishing scene reminds us that God does not remain passive in the face of evil plans against His people. He sends His angels and uses whatever means necessary to protect and fulfill His promises.

Similarly, God's protection in our lives can come in unexpected ways—blocking destructive paths, warning us through circumstances, or stirring our conscience. We may not always see God working, but His presence is a mighty shield over His children.







Reflect and Apply

1.	Can you recall a time God might have blocked a wrong path for you?
2.	How can you be more aware of God's protective interventions?
3.	What does this tell you about God's care for His people?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe a moment when you felt God stopped you from making a mistake.
2.	Write how knowing God actively protects you impacts your daily life.
3.	Pray for sensitivity to recognize God's guiding hand.







Prayer for Today

Lord God, thank You for Your mighty protection over my life. Help me to recognize when You are blocking harmful paths and to trust Your guidance fully. Keep me from pride and disobedience. May I walk humbly with You, listening to Your voice and relying on Your defense. Watch over me as You watch over Israel, lovingly and powerfully. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Day 3: 🐧 The Talking Donkey's Warning

Your Verse

Numbers 22:28 "Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, 'What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?""

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."
- John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."







Day 3: 2 The Talking Donkey's Warning

Devotional: God Speaks Through Unexpected Means

God used a donkey to get Balaam's attention—a unique and unforgettable warning. Sometimes God speaks in ways we don't expect to get through to us. Balaam was blinded to God's presence until his donkey's voice revealed the danger before him.

This reminds us that God desires communication with His children. He guides, teaches, and sometimes uses unexpected means to redirect us when we stray. Like the donkey, God can prompt us to stop and reevaluate our direction.

Are you listening to God's voice today? It might be clear or it might come in a surprising way. Don't harden your heart. God's loving correction keeps us safe and growing in Him.







Day 3: 🔔 The Talking Donkey's Warning

Reflect and Apply

1.	Are you open to hearing God in unexpected ways?
2.	How do you discern God's voice from other noises?
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3.	What distractions might be blinding you to God's guidance?







Day 3: 🔔 The Talking Donkey's Warning

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time God used an unusual method to get your attention.
2.	List ways God has communicated with you recently.
3.	Pray for an open heart to hear God clearly.







Day 3: <a>② The Talking Donkey's Warning

Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You for communicating Your will, even when it surprises me. Help me to remain open and attentive to Your voice that guides and protects me. Remove any spiritual blindness or stubbornness in my heart. Teach me to trust Your loving correction and follow Your path faithfully. May I not miss Your gentle warnings. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Day 4: 🖰 Balaam's Obedience to God's Voice

Your Verse

Numbers 22:35 "The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, 'Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."







Day 4: () Balaam's Obedience to God's Voice

Devotional: Speak and Act with God's Permission

Though Balaam is permitted to go, God commands him to speak only what He instructs. This is a powerful reminder about obedience—not just hearing God's word but acting according to it without deviation.

Many times we may want to mix our own desires with God's instructions, but He calls for full submission. Balaam's lessons show the importance of aligning our speech and actions with God's will, especially when under pressure to do otherwise.

Today's encouragement is to listen carefully to God and obey exactly what He says. Our faithfulness to His word brings blessing, while deviation can lead to unintended consequences.







Day 4: (b) Balaam's Obedience to God's Voice

Reflect and Apply

1.	Are there areas where you struggle to obey God fully?
2.	How can you practice obedience even when it's difficult?
3.	What benefits come from speaking only what God instructs?







Day 4: 🖰 Balaam's Obedience to God's Voice

Journaling Prompts

1.	List any compromises you may have made with God's commands.
2.	Write how you can improve your obedience to God's word.
3.	Pray for strength to speak and act only under God's direction.







Day 4: (b) Balaam's Obedience to God's Voice

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, teach me to obey Your word completely. Help me resist the temptation to alter Your commands to fit my plans. May my words and actions honor You and reflect Your will in all circumstances. Guide me by Your Spirit to follow faithfully, even when it's challenging. Thank You for Your patient leading. In Your name, Amen. \square ?















Your Verse

Numbers 23:11 "Balaam said to Balak, 'Look, I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it."

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 18:21 "The tongue has the power of life and death."
- Jeremiah 1:9 "I have put my words in your mouth."







Devotional: God's Word Brings Life and Blessing

God turns Balaam's intended curse into a blessing over Israel. Despite human plans and intentions, God's declaration cannot be overturned. The words He commands are life-giving and powerful.

This day highlights the significance of recognizing the power of our words. Just as God's spoken blessing over Israel stood firm, our words—when aligned with God's truth—can bring life and encouragement.

We must be mindful of what we speak, honoring God's authority in our declarations and understanding that He alone determines ultimate outcomes.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do your words reflect God's truth and blessing?
2.	Are there spoken curses or negativity you need to repent from?
3.	How can you use your speech to bless others today?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time your words greatly impacted someone positively.
2.	List ways to align your speech with God's life-giving word.
3.	Pray for a heart that blesses and encourages with words.







Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for the power of Your word that never returns void. Help me to speak life, hope, and blessing over others. Forgive me for times when my words have caused harm or spoken negativity. Fill my mouth with Your truth and grace, that I might uplift those around me and glorify Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Your Verse

Numbers 24:9 "He crouches, he lies down like a lion; like a lioness—who dares to rouse him?"

Supporting Scriptures

- Deuteronomy 7:9 "...the faithful God who keeps his covenant...to a thousand generations."
- Psalm 91:4 "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge."







Devotional: Confidence in God's Fierce Protection

The imagery of Israel as a protected lion shows God's fierce guardianship. Balaam's final prophecy illustrates that no enemy can rouse the strength of God's people because they have His protection and blessing.

This reveals God's unfailing faithfulness to His covenant and His powerful defense over those who belong to Him. As believers today, we can find great comfort in knowing God watches over us like a protective lion, ready to shield us from harm.

Let us hold fast to God's promises and stand firm in the confidence of His mighty care.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does knowing God's protection encourage your faith?
2.	Do you feel secure under God's care in your current struggles?
3.	What errors might cause you to doubt God's faithfulness?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe God's protection in your life using imagery or metaphors.
2.	Write about how Jesus embodies and extends this protection to you.
3.	Pray for reassurance and bold faith in God's guardianship.







Prayer for Today

Almighty God, I am grateful for Your fierce and faithful protection. Help me to stand boldly without fear, knowing You guard me as a loving lion guards his pride. Strengthen my faith to trust Your covenant promises in every season. Cover me with Your wings and keep me safe. May I reflect Your strength and peace to those around me. In Jesus' name, Amen. (1) (1) (1) (1) (2) (3) (2) (3)

















Your Verse

Numbers 24:25 "Then Balaam got up and returned home, and Balak went his own way."

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 8:28 "In all things God works for the good of those who love him."
- Philippians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."







Devotional: Embracing the Unstoppable Blessing

God's blessing prevails, and Balaam returns home without being able to curse Israel as intended. This final chapter reminds us that God's plans and blessings are unshakable. No force or scheme can stop what God has declared.

As followers of Christ, we are invited to live in the fullness of God's blessing—trusting His provision, favor, and guidance each day. The story closes with a clear picture that opposing God's will is futile. Instead, embracing His blessings leads to peace, security, and hope.

Let us then commit ourselves to seek, receive, and walk in God's abundant blessings, knowing He has our future firmly in His hands.







Reflect and Apply

1	Are you embracing or resisting God's blessing in your life?
2.	What blessings has God provided that you might be overlooking?
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3.	How can you live daily aligned with God's will and favor?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about blessings you see in your life despite challenges.
2.	Set intentions for how you will walk in God's blessing daily.
3.	Pray for open hands and heart to receive God's abundant grace.







Prayer for Today

Merciful Lord, thank You for Your blessings that cannot be undone by human plans. Help me to walk boldly in the ways You have prepared for me. Teach me to recognize Your favor and provision in everyday life. May I rest in Your goodness and commit all my ways to You. Let Your blessing overflow through me to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.







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