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WEEK 13

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Numbers Ch. 24

Chapter 24 continues the prophecies of Balaam that began in Chapter 23. Moab's king Balak wanted to curse Israel, but God blessed Israel. To summarize Balaam's prophecies, the first prophecy is that Israel is God's people whom God loves and blesses. The second prophecy is that God's covenant will never be canceled and will be fulfilled despite Israel's sins and faults. The third prophecy is about Israel becoming a great nation according to God's covenant and dwelling in the beautiful land that God promised. The last prophecy is about Jesus Christ, the Savior who will fulfill all these covenants.

"A (.....) shall come out of Jacob, and a (.....) shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth."

Ch. 25

The Shittim mentioned in this chapter is the place where the Israelites stayed just before entering the land of Canaan. Balaam, who failed to curse Israel, returned to his hometown and returned to Moab, where he received wealth and honor from the king of Moab and taught Balak, the king of Moab, how to use Moabite women to cause the Israelites to commit sin. (Numbers 31:16, Revelation 2:14)

1) What sin did Israel commit in Shittim? (Verses 1-3)

2) What was God's punishment for this sin? (Verses 8-9)

* Israel fell into adultery (Balaam's trick) but God saved Israel through the zeal of Phinehas. Like the zeal of Phinehas, please let us become servants who protect the holiness of the church.

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Ch. 26

In Numbers chapter 1, the census of the first generation (taken in the second year of the Exodus) was 603,550. During the wanderings in the wilderness, the first generation died. How many people were counted in the second census for the conquest of Canaan and the distribution of land?

* There was a decrease of 1,820 people compared to the first census, but this change was minor.

Although there was much disobedience and rebellion during the wilderness period, God preserved His people through His goodness. How comforting it is to know that our salvation does not depend on our sins, weaknesses, or failures, but on the faithfulness of God, who is good.

Ch. 27

After God tells Moses to go up Mount Abarim, God tells Moses that he will not be able to enter the land of Canaan and that he will die. Moses prays for the safety of the people who will enter the land of promise, rather than being sad that he will not be able to enter the land of promise.

"Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a (.....) over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the Lord may not be as (.....) that have no shepherd."

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Ch. 28-29

28-29 are about what Israel should prioritize when they entered the land of Canaan, and how they can live as God's people according to God's will and order in the chaotic environment of Canaan's religion and culture. It is about worshiping God at the time God has appointed. There are sacrifices to be offered every morning and evening (28:3-8), sacrifices to be offered every Sabbath (9-10), and sacrifices to be offered on the first day of every month (11-15). There are also feasts that come around once a year: Passover (16-25), the Feast of Weeks (26-31), the Feast of Trumpets (29:1-6), the Day of Atonement (7-11), and the Feast of Tabernacles (12-38). There are worship services to be offered to God every day, every week, every month, and every year.

"Command the people of Israel and say to them, 'My offering, my food for my food offerings, my pleasing aroma, you shall be careful to offer to me at its (.....) time.'"

* Regular worship at God's appointed times is an opportunity to practice giving God priority over our own.

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Ch. 30

This chapter records that when a woman makes a vow, if her father or husband does not say anything, she must keep it, but if her father or husband does not allow it, the vow cannot be fulfilled, and God forgives her for not fulfilling the vow. These contents may be considered excessively patriarchal and sexist. However, this chapter should be understood as the family order established by God. A wife and daughter can trust her husband and father and ask whether her vow and promise are appropriate and possible, and the husband and father make this decision together for the sake of their wife and daughter with love. Ephesians 5:25 records the role of the husband, "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ (.....) the church and gave (.....) up for her."

Ch. 31

In verse 2 of this chapter, God tells Moses to avenge the Israelites' vengeance on Midian (who acted on behalf of Moab). This is because Moab followed Balaam's plan (verse 16) and tempted the men of Israel, leading to the death of 24,000 Israelites (Numbers 25). Who was the other person who was killed along with the five kings of Midian?

* He was the one who did not curse Israel but blessed them, but ended up tempting Israel to commit a crime.

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Ch. 32

This chapter records the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half tribe of Manasseh who did not cross the Jordan River but took the land east of the river. When they wanted to stay in the land east of the Jordan River, Moses rebuked them, saying, "Shall your brothers go to the war while you sit here? Why will you (.....) the heart of the people of Israel from going over into the land that the Lord has given them?" However, the tribes who wanted the land east of the Jordan River vowed to cross over to the land of Canaan and stay with the children of Israel until they each received their inheritance (vv. 15-19).

"Father God, help us live with the eyes of faith that look not to what is pleasing to our eyes, but to what pleases You, and grant us the maturity to make all our decisions in the spirit of loving our brothers and seeking their good."

Ch. 33

This chapter records the journey from the Exodus to Moab, mentioning each place. The Israelites experienced God's care and guidance in each place, and at times, a strict God. Think about what grace God is giving us here at Dallas, Life Church, in our life's journey.

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Ch. 34

This chapter records Israel's preparations for entering the land of Canaan which will be divided among the twelve tribes. If you compare the original Canaan territory designated by God with the territory later owned by Israel, you can see that the original territory was a much larger area. This shows that Israel could not enjoy all that God had given them because they lacked faith. Am I living with faith enough to enjoy all that God has given me? Or, let's check if we are living with insatiable greed.

Ch. 35

This chapter records the 42 cities of the Levites who lived among the other tribes of Israel, and six cities of (.....) into which those who committed unintentional murder could escape. The cities of refuge are a shadow of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Those who have sinned can only hide in Jesus Christ, the city of refuge, a place where no avenger can take revenge. If we live in this world Jesus Christ is our city of refuge.

Ch. 36

The book of Numbers ends with, "These are the (.....) and the rules that the Lord commanded through Moses to the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho."

The book of Numbers begins with the commandment given by God on Mount Sinai and ends with the word of God given on the plains of Moab, looking toward the Promised Land after passing through the wilderness. Although there were many failures during the journey in the wilderness, God speaks faithfully from beginning to end, and God's people who obey with faith eventually enter the Promised Land. This is God's lesson for us who live in the wilderness.