

# Numbers 24

## Chapter 24

<sup>1</sup> **A**ND when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

<sup>2</sup> And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.

<sup>3</sup> And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

<sup>4</sup> He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:

<sup>5</sup> How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, *and* thy tabernacles, O Israel!

<sup>6</sup> As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, *and* as cedar trees beside the waters.

<sup>7</sup> He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

<sup>8</sup> God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them*

through with his arrows.

<sup>9</sup> He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed *is* he that blesseth thee, and cursed *is* he that curseth thee.

<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.

<sup>12</sup> And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying,

<sup>13</sup> If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine own mind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I speak?

<sup>14</sup> And now, behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore*, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

<sup>15</sup> ¶ And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:

<sup>16</sup> He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, *which* saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes

open:

<sup>17</sup> I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

<sup>18</sup> And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.

<sup>19</sup> Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

<sup>20</sup> ¶ And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek *was* the first of the nations; but his latter end *shall be* that he perish for ever.

<sup>21</sup> And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, Strong is thy dwellingplace, and thou puttest thy nest in a rock.

<sup>22</sup> Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted, until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.

<sup>23</sup> And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!

<sup>24</sup> And ships *shall come* from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

<sup>25</sup> And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.