

The Startling Oracles or Prophecies Pronounced by Balaam: The Blessings of God and a Glimpse into the Future Numbers 24: 14–25

1. *The 4th prophecy:*

A picture of the coming Deliverer

a. The preparation:

1) Balaam started to leave,
but he was constrained by God
to prophesy:
About the “days to come”

2) Balaam declared...

- that his eyes saw clearly
- that he heard the Words of God
- that he had knowledge from the Most High
- that he saw a vision from the Almighty
- that his eyes were opened

b. The prophecy: A picture of the coming Deliverer

- 1) He will come in the future
- 2) He will be a star and a sceptre (have dominion)
- 3) He will be victorious over all enemies, Moab and Edom
- 4) He will guarantee the growing strength of His people (Israel)
- 5) He will guarantee the triumph and dominion of God’s people

14 “Now I am going back to my people,
but come,
let me warn you of what this people will do
to your people in days to come.”

15 Then he spoke his message:
“The prophecy of Balaam son of Beor,
the prophecy of one whose eye sees clearly,

16 the prophecy of one
who hears the words of God,
who has knowledge from the Most High,
who sees a vision from the Almighty,
who falls prostrate,
and whose eyes are opened:

17 “I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near.
A star will come out of Jacob;
a sceptre will rise out of Israel.
He will crush the foreheads of Moab,
the skulls of all the people of Sheth.

18 Edom will be conquered;
Seir, his enemy, will be conquered,
but Israel will grow strong.

19 A ruler will come out of Jacob
and destroy the survivors of the city.”

2. The 5th prophecy:

***A picture of victory
over the greatest enemies***

- a. Balaam saw Amalek
and prophesied
- b. Amalek, the greatest of nations,
would be destroyed

3. The 6th prophecy:

***A picture of the greatest fortresses
of the enemy being destroyed***

- a. Balaam saw the Kenites
and prophesied
- b. The Kenites
and their impregnable fortress
would be destroyed by Assyria

4. The 7th prophecy:

***A picture of God's judgment
against all whose "cup is full of
iniquity" (has reached the full
measure that God allows)***

- a. Balaam again prophesied
the future
- b. Assyria and Eber
would be destroyed:
By an invading force
coming across the sea
- c. Balaam and Balak separated
and returned home

20 Then Balaam saw Amalek
and spoke his message:
"Amalek was first among the nations,
but their end will be utter destruction."

21 Then he saw the Kenites
and spoke his message:
"Your dwelling place is secure,
your nest is set in a rock;

22 yet you Kenites will be destroyed
when Ashur takes you captive."

23 Then he spoke his message:
"Alas!
Who can live when God does this?"

24 Ships will come from the shores of Cyprus;
they will subdue Ashur and Eber,
but they too will come to ruin."

25 Then Balaam got up and returned home,
and Balak went his own way.