

## GOD'S PROMISES RENEWED IN BALAAM'S ORACLES IN NUMBERS 23 AND 24

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	<i>Balaam's Oracles in Numbers</i>	<i>God's Promises</i>
1	<p>Israel was to be "a people who dwells apart" (23:9c).</p> <p>"Who can count the dust of Jacob?" (23:10a).</p>	<p>"You [Israel] shall be My own possession among all the peoples" (Ex. 19:5b; see Ex. 33:16).</p> <p>"I will make your [Abraham's] descendants as the dust of the earth" (Gen. 13:16a; see Gen. 22:17).</p>
2	<p>"He [God] has blessed [Israel]" (23:20b).</p> <p>"God is with him [Israel]" (23:21c).</p> <p>"Behold, a people rises like a lioness, And as a lion it lifts itself; It will not lie down until it devours the prey . . ." (23:24).</p>	<p>"I will bless you [Abraham]" (Gen. 12:2b; see Gen. 22:17).</p> <p>"I . . . dwell among them [Israel]" (Ex. 29:45, 46; see Ex. 25:8; Lev. 26:11, 12).</p> <p>"Your [Israel's] enemies will fall before you by the sword" (Lev. 26:7, 8b).</p>
3	<p>"How fair are your tents . . . ! Like valleys that stretch out, Like gardens beside the river, Like aloes planted by the LORD, Like cedars beside the waters" (24:5, 6).</p> <p>"Blessed is everyone who blesses you, And cursed is everyone who curses you" (24:9b).</p>	<p>Israel will be brought into "a land flowing with milk and honey" (Ex. 3:8), a land which "will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit" (Lev. 26:4).</p> <p>"I will bless those who bless you [Abraham], And the one who curses you I will curse" (Gen. 12:3a; see Gen. 27:29).</p>
4	<p>"A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel" (24:17b).</p>	<p>"Kings will come forth from you [Abraham]" (Gen. 17:6b; see Gen. 12:3; 49:10).</p>

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