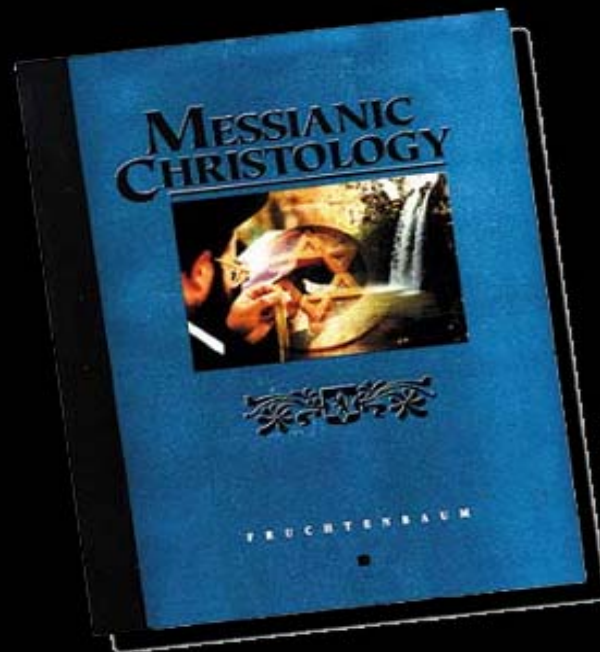


MESSIANIC CHRISTOLOGY
A Study of
Old Testament Prophecy
Concerning the
First Coming of the Messiah



Sermon #3



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Genesis 49:10

The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
Until Shiloh comes;
And to Him *shall be*
the obedience of the people.

נְשִׂיאֵי כֹהֵן

Genesis 49:10 (NIV)

The scepter will not depart from Judah,
Nor the ruler's staff from between his
feet, Until He who comes to it belongs
And the obedience of the nations is his.

נְשֵׂי קֵלֶךָ

Compare Ezekiel 21:25-27

²⁵ 'Now to you, O profane, wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, whose iniquity *shall* end, ²⁶ thus says the Lord God:
God:

“Remove the turban,
and take off the crown;
Nothing *shall remain* the same.
Exalt the humble,
and humble the exalted.

Ezekiel 21:25-27

27 Overthrown, overthrown,
I will make it overthrown!
It shall be no *longer*,
Until He comes whose right it is,
And I will give it *to Him.*" '

Same phrase is used of the possessive pronoun Shiloh.



Afrikomen
He who
is to come

The Son

Afrikomen

He who
is to come

Numbers 23 & 24

The Predictions of Balaam

Setting the Scene

Balaam was a Gentile astrologer, a seer, who came from the region of Babylonia. He established a considerable reputation for himself.

Balak, the King of Moab, one of the earliest Anti-Semites of history did not want the Israelites as neighbors. He commissioned Balaam to curse the Jews. Although he was paid to curse the Jews, God put words in his mouth and he blessed them instead.

Numbers 23:5-10

⁵ Then the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak." ⁶ So he returned to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, he and all the princes of Moab.

⁷ And he took up his oracle and said:

"Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, From the mountains of the east.

'Come, curse Jacob for me,
And come, denounce Israel!'

⁸"How shall I curse whom God has not cursed?
And how shall I denounce *whom* the Lord has not denounced?

Numbers 23:9-10

⁹For from the top of the rocks I see him,
And from the hills I behold him;
There! A people dwelling alone,
Not reckoning itself among the nations.

¹⁰“Who can count the dust of Jacob,
Or number one-fourth of Israel?
Let me die the death of the righteous,
And let my end be like his!”

Important Points

- Israel was in disobedience.
- Despite this God has a covenant relationship with Israel.
- God is still watching over Israel.
- God will never permit Gentiles to place a permanent curse over Israel.
- God therefore intervenes in the situation and overrules the intentions of men.

Israel a Distinct Nation

Numbers 23:9 -

- A People who dwell alone...
- Not reckoning itself among the nations.

The Promised land belongs to the Jews, but for the most part they have not possessed this land and still struggle for it today.

During the Diaspora Israel has never been a separate national status. God sees Israel as separate and distinct.

Numbers 23:18-24

¹⁶ Then the Lord met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back to Balak, and thus you shall speak." ¹⁷ So he came to him, and there he was, standing by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, "What has the Lord spoken?"

¹⁸ Then he took up his oracle and said:

"Rise up, Balak, and hear!
Listen to me, son of Zippor!

¹⁹ "God *is* not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should
repent.

Has He said, and will He not do?

Numbers 23:18-24

“Rise up, Balak, and hear!
Listen to me, son of Zippor!

“God *is* not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

Numbers 23:18-24

Behold, I have received *a command* to bless;
He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

21 “He has not observed iniquity in Jacob,
Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel.
The Lord his God *is* with him,
And the shout of a King *is* among them.

22 God brings them out of Egypt;
He has strength like a wild ox.

Numbers 23:18-24

- 23 “For *there is* no sorcery against Jacob,
Nor any divination against Israel.
It now must be said of Jacob
And of Israel, ‘Oh, what God has done!’
- 24 Look, a people rises like a lioness,
And lifts itself up like a lion;
It shall not lie down until it
devours the prey,
And drinks the blood of the slain.”

Israel's Position

Numbers 23:21

21st He has not observed iniquity in Jacob,
Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The
Lord his God *is* with him,
And the shout of a King *is* among them.

- Despite Israel's sins, God sees her as sinless...
- God will present Israel with a King.

Numbers 23:18-24

“God brings him out of Egypt;
He has strength like a wild ox;
He shall consume the nations, his enemies;
He shall break their bones
And pierce *them* with his arrows.
‘He bows down, he lies down as a lion;
And as a lion, who shall rouse him?’
“Blessed *is* he who blesses you,
And cursed *is* he who curses you.”

Numbers 24:5-9

- “5 “How lovely are your tents, O Jacob!
Your dwellings, O Israel!
- 6 Like valleys that stretch out,
Like gardens by the riverside,
Like aloes planted by the Lord,
Like cedars beside the waters.
He shall pour water from his buckets,
And his seed *shall be* in many waters.
- “His king shall be higher than Agag,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.

Israel's Blessing

- Israel's condition of supreme blessing
- The Position of Israel's King.

“His king shall be higher than Agag,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.

Numbers 24:15-24

Balaam's Fourth Prophecy

¹⁵ So he took up his oracle and said:

“The utterance of Balaam the son of Beor,
And the utterance of the man whose eyes are opened;
The utterance of him who hears the words of God,
And has the knowledge of the Most High,
Who sees the vision of the Almighty,
Who falls down, with eyes wide open

Numbers 24:15-24

"I see Him, but not now;

I behold Him, but not near;

A Star shall come out of Jacob;

A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,

And batter the brow of Moab,

And destroy all the sons of tumult.

Numbers 24:15-24

- 18 "And Edom shall be a possession;
Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession,
While Israel does valiantly.
- 19 Out of Jacob One shall have dominion,
And destroy the remains of the city."
- 20 Then he looked on Amalek, and he took up his
oracle and said:
"Amalek *was* first among the nations,
But *shall be* last until he perishes."

Numbers 24:21-24

21 Then he looked on the Kenites, and he took up his oracle and said:

“Firm is your dwelling place,
And your nest is set in the rock;
22 Nevertheless Kain shall be burned.
How long until Asshur carries you away
captive?”

23 Then he took up his oracle and said:

“Alas! Who shall live when God does this?
24 But ships *shall come* from the coasts of
Cyprus,
And they shall afflict Asshur and afflict Eber,
And so shall *Amalek*, until he perishes.”