

**A Donkey, A Prophet, and God: The Blessing of a Messiah to God's People**  
**Numbers 22-24**  
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They stop at the Plains of Moab for a lengthy period, similar to Sinai and Kadesh.

The focus is not between Balak & Balaam or Balaam & his donkey, but the conflict is between Balak & God.

**God Can Use Anyone to Accomplish His Will**

Was Balaam a sinner or saint?

- Numbers 31:8-16
- 2 Peter 2:15
- Jude 11
- Revelation 2:14

*Take away?*

God can use anyone for his glory. None of us should ever think that we are too sinful for God to use.

Secondly, God *will* use whom he chooses.

**Proverbs 21:1** - *The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.*

**God's Will Cannot Be Thwarted**

So this goes back to Genesis 3:15. Offspring of Satan will be at odds with the offspring of the woman. Moab is wanting to destroy Israel, and Balak pays Balaam to do it.

God said, "Whoever curses Israel I will curse, and whoever blesses Israel, I will bless." God's plans cannot be thwarted.

**God is Almighty**

Balak could not get Balaam to curse Israel. He is furious that Balaam will not do as he said. In stark contrast, God is making donkeys speak with human voices and dictating to Balaam what he will do and won't do.

God can be trusted.