

Year 1

Week 49

Balaam, the Donkey, And The Angel

Scriptures: Numbers 22, 23, and 24

Key Verse: Numbers 22:33 “The donkey saw Me and turned aside from me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live.”

Key Points:

1. The Israelites camped in the land of Moab across from Jericho. Balak, king of Moab was very fearful of them because they were very numerous, very victorious, and because of the news of their Egyptian deliverance.
2. Balak wished to hire Balaam the prophet to curse God’s people so he could drive them out and defeat them. He sent messengers to entice Balaam. Balak offered Balaam great honor and riches.
3. God’s anger was kindled against Balaam because Balaam traveled with Balak’s messengers to meet the king.
4. As Balaam traveled, his donkey turned aside when she saw the Angel of the Lord so Balaam struck her. Again the donkey smashed Balaam’s foot against a wall trying to turn from the angel so Balaam struck her a second time. A third time, the donkey laid down under Balaam to avoid the angel of the Lord and Balaam struck her.
5. God opened the mouth of the little donkey and she spoke to Balaam and then the Lord opened Balaam’s eyes to see the Angel of the Lord with His sword drawn. Balaam fell on his face before the angel and confessed his sin. He proceeded on his trip and blessed Israel 4 times instead of cursing Israel as Balak, king of Moab had wanted.

BALAAM
(NUMBERS 22-24)



“And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam,
What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?”

NUMBERS 22:28

11. A Talking Donkey

Balak, the king of Moab, was afraid because the Israelites had been winning many battles and now were ready to enter the land of Moab. King Balak offered a lot of money to Balaam, a man of God, if he would come and curse the Israelites.

Balaam rode his donkey to visit the king. On his way, the donkey stopped. It saw an angel with a sword on the road. Balaam hit the donkey but it wouldn't move. Then God allowed the donkey to speak. "Why did you beat me?" asked the donkey. "I have always obeyed you."

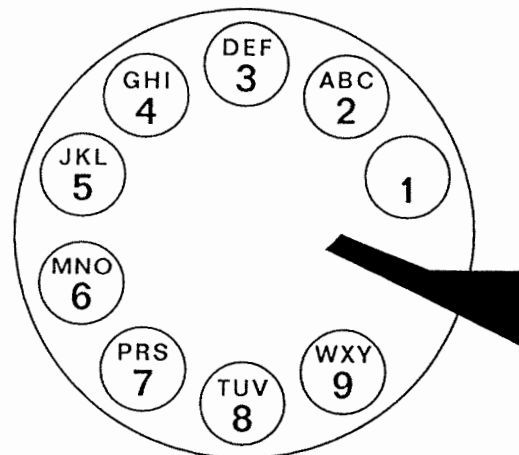
Then God opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel. Balaam bowed before the angel. The angel said, "The donkey saved your life. I would have killed you."

Balaam said, "I have sinned. I will go back home."

Use the dial-a-message code to find out what the angel told Balaam.

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How to Dial-a-Message:
 The first number tells you what circle to look at on the dial. The second number tells you which letter to write down (for example, 7-2 is "R," the second letter on the 7 circle).



BALAAM

(NUMBERS 22-24)

MEMORY VERSE:

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TRUE OR FALSE:

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CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

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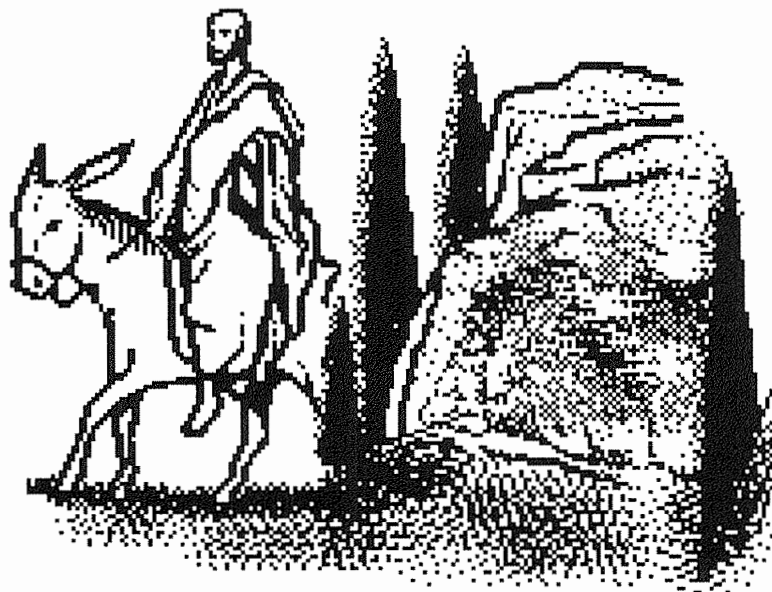
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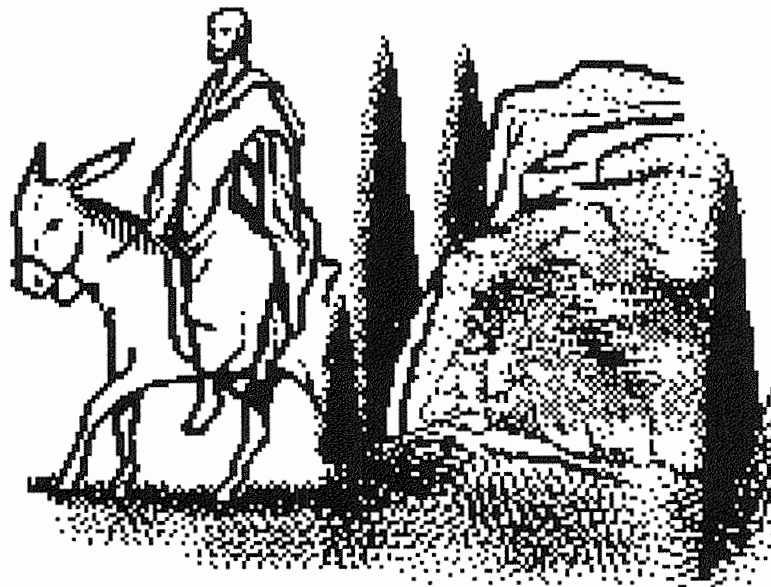
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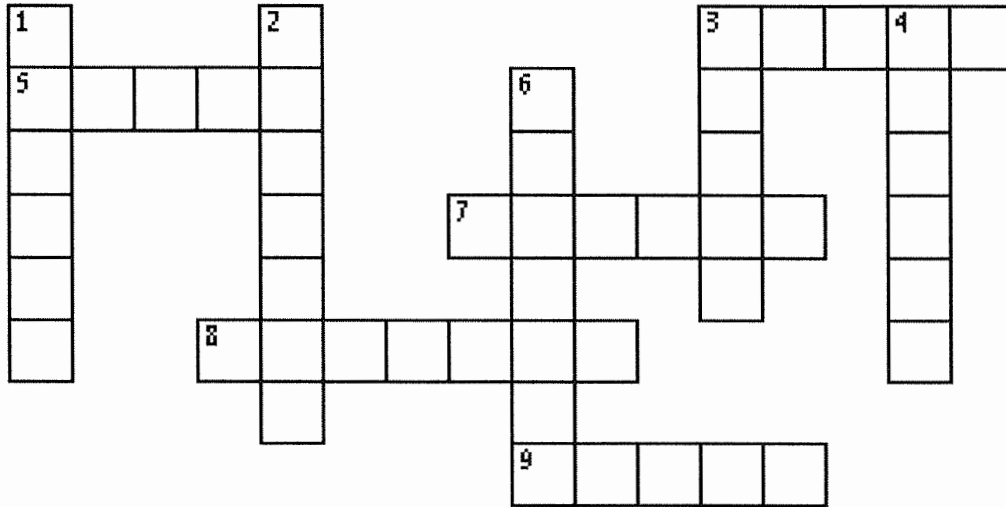
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