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## **Dedication**

I dedicate this book to my first Chukwuakasiemobi Elijah Emmanuel. He is the third generation of ministers of the gospel from my lineage. He decided to be servant of God from the early age of eight. I concluded this book when he graduated from high school and as I put finishing touches to the book he traveled to a Prayer Camp to hear from the One he has laid down his life to follow all his days on earth

Son, may heaven remain open to you.

## **Chapter One**

### **Introduction**

#### **Balaam – Great Prophet with Few Equals**

One of the issues you will always encounter in reading the bible is the Jewish root and background of many of the authors of the book of the bible. It is such that only a very sensitive and thoughtful reader that will see anything good in the records of those perceived to be the enemy of the Jews. Somewhere God called Nebuchadnezzar His friend but very little is said about this by the prophets. Esau was able to break free from the yoke of being Jacob's slave. In fact, there is no instance where Esau bowed to Jacob but then nothing is said about that. Most accounts about Esau was on account of where he sold his birthright and how he cried and was not given another chance. No account was made of how he was able to break free from the yoke of Jacob's blessing and had twelve princess while Jacob was still serving as slave in Egypt

This kind of reporting contributes in inhibiting our thinking on some bible characters that were not Jews and blocked many lessons we could have learnt from their lives. One of such characters is Balaam and we will trust the Holy Spirit to help us glean as much as possible from his life and ministry.

In the person of Balaam the prophet we see the model of what God wants His servants to be; I mean the raw manifestation of spiritual authority. Another thing we will need to give attention to is his background and perhaps try to meet him as he was, became and ended up.

I wish that my reader keep his mind open and try to lay aside some conventional views, at least for the sake of getting the true position of what God said and thinks about Balaam as stated in the bible. I believe that only through this process can we come to personal application of what we will learn in this book. I say this because of observation; my observation is that when most preachers and teachers talk about Balaam, they are trying to see if there Balaam qualities in their own lives. They show by the way they present the message that they are reporting on the evils of a very person. Yet, I have observed once in a while some of those qualities in my life. This book is borne out of personal meditations and so may not have all the accuracy and typology of a conventional book. Yet, I believe there is a lesson for every reader here.

Here Balaam under the unction of the Holy Spirit introduces himself...

***When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came upon him and he uttered his oracle: "The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one whose eye sees clearly, the oracle of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened: Num 24:2-4 NIV***

1. He sees clearly – he is not like today senior prophets who only see things that cause confusion
2. He hears the words directly from the mouth of God. He is not hallucinatory. You don't have him say something and the Holy Spirit through another servant of God says something else.
3. He is a member of heaven's parliament - MHP. His visions are not a result of involvement in voodoo or any such things
4. He sees the vision of God with his eyes open. He did not need to stagger like some

Let's look at his recommendation letter from his friend Balak

*The Moabites said to the elders of Midian, "This horde is going to lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field." So Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Beor, who was at Pethor, near the River, in his native land. Balak said: "A people has come out of Egypt; they cover the face of the land and have settled next to me. Now come and put a curse on these people, because they are too powerful for me. Perhaps then I will be able to defeat them and drive them out of the country. For I know that those you bless are blessed, and those you curse are cursed." Num 22:4-6 NIV*

5. He did not need to call on God to do or say what he wanted for result. Whomever he cursed, was cursed and whomever he blessed, was blessed. The power was inherent. In fact, when you read the whole story you will see how even the almighty God feared the words of this man called Balaam. On three occasions he could not get permission to place the curse but on the fourth one he decided to place the curse without God's permission.

Here is a lesson for those who feel that curses are nothing –

**Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not resort to sorcery as at other times, but turned his face toward the desert. When Balaam looked out and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the Spirit of God came upon him and he uttered his oracle Num 24:1-3 NIV**

That scripture is saying that if the Holy Spirit did not hijack Balaam's tongue and he placed that curse, Israel was finished.

6. For Balaam the spirit realm was a normal world. He lived between the spirit realm and the natural realm.
7. For him there is nothing like impossible or abnormal. When his donkey spoke he responded to the donkey because even though he had never heard a donkey speak before, he knew it was possible. When the angel appeared he continued the discussion because he knew it was possible

Indeed Balaam had a powerful testimony that has only been attained by few after him.

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## Chapter Two

### **Balaam - Why did you call our prophet a sorcerer?**

What does it mean when he was referred to as a sorcerer?

Someone asked why I should speak of one called a sorcerer so. It is important we understand the term so used and perhaps we will know if each of us is practicing sorcery-

*Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not resort to sorcery as at other times.*

Note, “He did not resort to sorcery as other times”.

What other times? Remember that on three occasions he asked Balak to set up seven altars and sacrifice seven bulls on the altars. Seven as we know is a perfect and complete number. He wanted to raise a spiritual ground that can never be questioned. Balaam was not going to wait for God to place curse on each occasion but understood how to draw the elemental forces of nature to work against a person or nation. He understood the language of the forces of the cosmic world. Remember he was rated as a perfect curser.

Let us see how the Amplified Num 24:1

WHEN BALAAM saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not go as he had done each time before [superstitiously] to meet with omens and signs in the natural world, but he set his face toward the wilderness or desert

Amplifies version of the Holy Bible puts that passage

***WHEN BALAAM saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not go as he had done each time before [superstitiously] to meet with omens and signs in the natural world, but he set his face toward the wilderness or desert Num 24:1AMP***

What is a curse? Curse is a spoken word that has power to draw upon the cursed one negative things and evil from omens and signs in the realms of nature. The curser does not rely on God or Satan but knows how to provoke the natural elements to turn against a person. I remember a former witch sharing with me the processes she exploited to curse people; she said she will strip herself in the darkest hours of the night and begin to wail and throw herself on the ground calling the name of the person she wants the natural forces and the elements to fight or resist. She observed that each time she did that, it will not be long that evil things befall the person. So, Balaam was skilled in drawing negative forces into people's lives and he was good at it.

He was invited to tie curses to the neck of the Israelites so that Balak will be able to defeat them.

***"A people has come out of Egypt; they cover the face of the land and have settled next to me. Now come and put a curse on these people, because they are too powerful for me. Perhaps then I will be able to defeat them and drive them out of the country. For I know that those you bless are blessed, and those you curse are cursed." Num 22:4-6 NIV***

In the face of the fight between Israel and Moab. Balak was asking that Balaam should tie a curse on the shoulders, neck and waist of Israel before he moves on to engage them in a fight. So as they start to position for the fight, the curses will be dragging Israel to send punches in the wrong directions and will also deflect his punches hence the former will always make mistakes and take wrong decisions that will result in defeat. Balak sought for this so that, even though Moab is weaker, in the face of the confusion in Israel's camp, Moab will take advantage and conquer Israel. Israel would not lose the fight because they were weaker or less skilled but because of the load they were carrying; the load of curses. A cursed man is a finished man but this is discussion for another day.



It is important to know that the materials some of us buy from mystic shops like some special kind of anointing oil, anti-evil-attack soap, seven books of Moses, secrets of Psalms, incense, special kind of bible and special kind of salve so we can see into the spirit realm are actually sorcery. This was the field Balaam was expert in. We cannot fail to state that God condemns such practices and those that do them. Yet, it is unfortunate that a lot of ministers of the gospel resort to sorcery in their desperation to get rich. These are just like Balaam –

***They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness. But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey — a beast without speech — who spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness 2 Peter 2:15-16 NIV***

A pastor once told me that he could carry out soul-tie, so that a man will marry a certain girl whether he liked her or not. He also told me that there is one he has that when he applies it to his tongue, people must obey his command and give him whatever he asked for. He also had a mystic power that can enable him command something in his house to appear in a place he wanted.

Balaam was expert in this. This is not new in Africa and some have integrated them into Christianity in the name of supernatural power.

We need to understand that the primary motivation in all these is “Money”. When we set our heart on getting rich at all cost, there is no limit to the evil we can involve ourselves. The interesting thing here is that Balaam knew how to marry this with his relationship with Jehovah. I know my reader will agree with me that this is the practice in most so-called prophetic ministries the world over.

In talking about Balaam, I don't mean to endorse his double standard way of life but it is important we know him for who he is. However, we can learn from Balaam that we as believers should not fold our hands and hope that God will fight for us. I have said many times, that the seven year old son of a village rainmaker can act in his father's absence and make rain fall, but some believers have been in church for twenty years and they are still under the manipulation of elemental spirits. They can't bind, they can't loose, they can't command or do any such things as the bible commands.

For now we have to go into prayer and reverse all the negative curses and spell the Balaams of this age have released on our lives.

Say, “THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRST” seven times and “THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST” seven times before you go into this few prayers.

Time for Prayer

1. Now begin to reverse every curse that the Balaams of this age have placed on your life in Jesus Name
2. Command that every evil code to your systems to make you sickly be neutralized by the power in the Name of Jesus
3. Decree – I cancel every satanic time table on my life to determine at what point I will fail, be sick, or die in Jesus Name
4. Decree – I command that the fire of the Holy Spirit locate every altar of witchcraft where Balaams of this age have my picture or property for monitoring me, in Jesus Name
5. Decree – I reverse every spirit of error that has been following me about in Jesus Name
6. Decree – I reverse the spirit of confusion trying to rule my mind in Jesus Name
7. Decree – I reverse every spirit of foolishness that is trying to govern my life in Jesus Name
8. Decree – I reverse every spirit trying to drag me into immorality, drugs, drunkenness, pornography, violence or all such things in Jesus Name
9. Decree – I bind every spirit of fear trying to gain control over my mind in Jesus Name
10. Decree – I bind you spirit of self-pity and depression. You are not from my Lord Jesus Christ but from the devil. Get out now in Jesus Name
11. Decree – I bind you spirit of urge for suicide in the Name of Jesus
12. Decree – I bind you harassing demons of discontent in Jesus Name
13. I bind you spirits of anger, hatred, bitterness and your associate demons, in Jesus Name
14. I release my spirit, soul and body to the Holy Spirit
15. Holy Spirit, I welcome you all over me. Have your way now

Begin to thank God for your freedom. Thank God that you are released from all the curses, spells, vexes that Balaams of this age has sent on you

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## Chapter Three

### **Balaam and the company of those that curse days.**

The bible did not underestimate the power of the Balaams of our time. The book of Job surely did mention them.

*May those who curse days curse that day, those who are ready to rouse Leviathan Job 3:8 NIV*

There are those who have assigned to themselves for whatever reason to place curses on days. They take upon themselves to speak curse words into every day of the week; these messengers of Satan love to see people in pain. The above scripture says that there is a monster demon called Leviathan that will execute such curse words. It suggests that Leviathan would have lain low if not provoked by these expert cursers. The skill of stirring Leviathan or whatever other spirits in charge of blessings is what Balaam is famed for. Only that in this case he was specifically called to place a curse.

This will remind us of those who are steadily harassed in their dreams or in everyday life. These are at times because a day curser has stirred some evil spirits to harass such person. I was witness to heathen priests pouring out libation and speaking words of curses or blessings. One may overlook such things as vain idolatry but the bible says that those are terrible weapons in the hand of Balaams of this age.

In another place, the words of these men or women are referred to as Calamities and Lashes (Scourge like that of a whip).

*From six calamities he will rescue you; in seven no harm will befall you. In famine he will ransom you from death, and in battle from the stroke of*

***the sword. You will be protected from the lash of the tongue, and need not fear when destruction come Job 5:19-21 NIV***

Note that one of the seven calamities is “The lash of the tongue”. The promise is that you will be protected from the lash of the tongue, being so protected you will hence not fear destruction. If we can take this a bit further; the cursers places curses by stirring up Leviathan the demon in charge of executing curses but the child of God is protected from such demon. If the wall of protection is not there, the cursed person is exposed to destruction. This destruction can lead to death, accidents, diseases and frustration in life etc.

The bible talks of this curse factor in another place.

***No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord. Isa 54:17 NIV***

Here again we see a tongue rising up to accuse; to say things against you and declare why you are so judged. The above scripture did not say that you will lie down and sleep because the Lord will fight for you. It says that you will refute the said tongues. That means it will be your place through the help of the Holy Spirit to say, “No! Not so! That accusation is not true and the curse cannot stand!”

I hope I am getting clearer now? A dear friend and partner was concerned after the earlier post that I pointed out that we don't have to fold our hands and wait for God to fight for us.

Yes, I mean to emphasis that point. There are battles the Lord will have us leave for Him and not fight, like in 2Chron20, but in most other battles mentioned in the bible, the Lord will have the active involvement of His people. He will ask their leaders to call out men and meet the enemy in His Name.

***The Lord said to Moses, "Take vengeance on the Midianites for the Israelites. After that, you will be gathered to your people." So Moses said to the people, "Arm some of your men to go to war against the Midianites and to carry out the Lord's vengeance on them. Send into battle a thousand men from each of the tribes of Israel Num 31:1-4NIV***

Through laziness, we will rather claim only the promises that asked us to fold our hands doing nothing and overlook those that ask us to put on the whole armor of God and withstand the foes.

***Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Eph 6:10-13NIV***

Curses are not God's will for His people but devil and his agents are not out to give us God's will but their evil curses. Somebody once said, "What have I done that somebody will curse me?" Well, that is not the argument in the kingdom of darkness; they are evil and all they do is evil. So placing curses is what they live for. Curses, Spells, Hexes, Vexes and all evil yokes are daily released to locate unsuspecting persons. The bible therefore asks the believer to stand up against the works and workers of evil.

***Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Eph 6:13 NIV***

Another error we teach in the church is that ungodliness only refers to sin such as fornication and murder. No, ungodliness refers to everything that is contrary to God's design and purpose for your life.

Poverty, diseases, failure, premature death, broken marriage, barrenness, impotence and all such things are all ungodliness because they are contrary to God's likeness and nature. These are the very things that Balaam Company will want you to have. You can now understand the following scriptures better;

***For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live***

*self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope Titus 2:11-13NIV*

The Grace of God does not tell us to throw our hands into the air and wait for God's deliverance but to say, "NO!" to things that are not God's will for us. Those things are from the devil and are spread by his expert cursers through the demon monster Leviathan.

Can we pay again?

Say, --

- a. Lord, I decree a total NO! to all the evil things that are not in your will for my life in Jesus Name
- b. I say, NO! to defeat, death, diseases (you can mention the rest) in Jesus Name
- c. In the name of Jesus I disallow every curse and operation of Leviathan the monster in my life in Jesus Name
- d. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I confuse every demon assigned to monitor every curse placed on my life. I bind them and cast them completely out of my life in the powerful Name of Jesus Christ
- e. I condemn the voice of expert cursers rising against me, in Jesus Name
- f. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I declare that I am protected from destruction and all instruments of destruction in Jesus Name
- g. I silence the voice of any libation made contrary to God's will for my life in Jesus Name
- h. In the name of Jesus Christ I separate myself from every collective or grouped curses which the cursers have placed on me or my family in Jesus Name
- i. I decree that a wall of fire surrounds me in Jesus Name
- j. I unlock the presence of the Holy Spirit all over me in Jesus Name
- k. I unlock God's blessing for me and my family in Jesus Name
- l. I connect to my eternal root in the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit in Jesus Name

Begin to raise your hands and thank the Lord!

Amen!

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## Chapter Four

### **Balaam of Cursing or Balaam of Blessing**

Perhaps then I will be able to defeat them and drive them out of the country. For I know that those you bless are blessed, and those you curse are cursed." Num 22:6 NIV

It would appear by most bible references on Balaam and even almost all the messages and commentaries I have about him, that Balaam was only a specialist in cursing. The above scripture disagrees with this; Balaam was not only a specialist in cursing but also in blessing.

Why then does it seem that all that Balaam used the grace on his life for was to place curses? Why are there no references of where he placed blessings or invoked same, except when arrested by the Holy Spirit? As you know, he lost his reward for this "mistake"? Is it possible that Balaam had no interest in blessing people, hence decided to specialize in cursing?

No, dear reader!

The point is that Balaam gave to people what they requested and experience has shown that man would rather have curses than blessings. He was being used as instrument of war; people wanted him to curse people so that they can overcome their enemies. It is not likely that somebody would travel to as far as Balaam lived to demand the blessing of his neighbor, but they would pay anything to have him place curses on their enemies. I am reminded how Herod's wife and daughter preferred the head of John the Baptist (their enemy) to half of Herod's kingdom. Matt14:6-12

Man has never changed. In my part of the world, if you are a preacher that preaches peace, love of one's neighbor and family, your church is likely to be

empty. If you are the preacher that preaches repentance from sin and advice people to give up hatred and malice, well, you may have to beg for food. But on the contrary, if in every service you tell people to pray for the death of their enemies, you will have a full church. It does not matter if the enemy is still in the same church, but they will be okay if you keep deceiving them that God is a merciless murderer who is ever ready to kill whomever they request. Yes, tell them that God's sense of judgment is silenced by their loud screaming and their "radical seed-faith" and they will be happy to come before you every other day of service.

In some churches, the congregants are asked to come with whip with which to flog their enemies to death. In some they are told that at the end of each service, the enemy they saw before they came to church, they will never see them again. Even though they still see the enemies, they don't worry but---

"My father, my fighter! Every wicked person warring against my success, drop down and die!", Prayerrrrrrrrr!

I regret to say that many sincere and genuine men of God have been pushed out of their safe place in the Lord as they try to meet the popular demand of these vagabond children of God with itching ears.

So, it is most likely that Balaam was only a victim of such manipulation and fell off. Just imagine what Balak said to a prophet who had traveled from his own city to answer his desperate call just because the prophet stuck to the truth...

Then Balak's anger burned against Balaam. He struck his hands together and said to him, "I summoned you to curse my enemies, but you have blessed them these three times. Now leave at once and go home! I said I would reward you handsomely, but the Lord has kept you from being rewarded." Num 24:10-11NIV

Whose heart will not sink under such intimidation? "Prophet, if you were not so rigid in this holiness stance of yours, I would have given you so much money, but since this is the way you have gone about it, well, guards, escort this fool out of this place". And Balak said that it was the Lord that kept him from being



rewarded. So Balaam had to choose between the Lord and handsome monetary reward of Balak. The Lord Jesus has this to say to Balaam and every one of us -

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Matt 6:24NIV

A senior pastor came to the guest house I was staying with my wife as we ministered in his church and tried to convince us to do something we were sure was against our conviction. He wanted us to focus on getting money from the people and "stop wasting time on eternal destiny of their souls".

I politely explained to him that I will raise funds but we will not go out of biblical means to do this.

Here are his exact words, "Okay, after this your spirituality, you will meet me on this earth when you are ready to go". Meaning that he will not give me a deserving honorarium and true to his words, he did it. In fact, we took months to pay back some moneys we had borrowed to print posters, handbills and adverts of that program even though people gave freely to support that program when I made my kind of appeal.

In another church, my host wanted me to focus on telling people stories of what I saw in hellfire. He had read my book, "Pastor Lukas' Church – Story of Pastor Who Visited Hellfire". I told him that doing that will inhibit me; in fact, all my colleagues in the ministry who fell for this trap, are dried up spiritually today.

When I refused; in spite of the great movement of the Holy Spirit in the program, he stopped me on the third day in midst of six days program. He too punished me for being "stubborn".

I am not alone in this situation in this struggle with men who won't let the prophet be God's oracle but would want to manipulate them to their own gain.

Balaam fell for it and became a Balaam of Curses.

I make bold to say that any preacher that follows Balaam's ways, will end up like Balaam, and many who attempted it are living evidences.

When I wrote my first book, *How to Be Delivered and Remain Delivered*, and then followed it up with *Confronting Witchcraft in the Neighborhood* and then *How to Overcome Spirit-husband/Wife Problem*, I found trouble for myself. When I am invited to a program, my host is expecting me to talk about demons, deliverance and spiritual warfare. If I am not discussing those lines, you will see the obvious discomfort in my host's face.

Then I published *Pastor Lukas' Church – Story of Pastor Who Visited Hellfire*; they want me to say things related to Hellfire in every meeting. Some of my friends like Pastor Moses Ezekiel and Rev. Theodore Effiong came to my rescue. Another pastor faked his own testimony by manipulating parts of my own story.

In fact, for every area God has used me, I see people trying to confine me to those areas. Some even invite me just for me to show some of those things “we have heard that you did in so and so places ...”.

This is the obvious reason some ministers feel that they are only called to minister deliverance and hunt down demons. Some insist they are only called to preach salvation. In some cases when one is preaching, somebody rushes out and drop money on the altar. Before the end of your message, the altar is littered with money. So you now try to remember what you said that made them do that; then you repeat it and they drop money. Man oh man! You have a new discovery! So everywhere you go, you try it and money flows. You conclude that is your divine assignment.

Some senior pastors even tell the congregants “See we are a prophetic ministry. That is our calling; so we don't preach holiness and salvation here”. Sad as it may be, when God raises somebody to bring in a balance, the General Overseer will send that one away. There are those who abandon what they are doing faithfully for the Lord, and move to learn what other person is doing. In some cases they are exposed to occult because they don't understand that the grace of God on their life covers every area of ministry.

Balaam had grace to curse and to bless but he concentrated on cursing, so was manifesting more curses than blessings. It is same with you; the Holy Spirit in you can heal, deliver, baptize in the Holy Spirit and prophesy. Release yourself

to Him and you will see what will happen. Most cases of backsliding are connected to this error as we shall see subsequently.

Some of my readers are currently in a spiritual wilderness because of this practice and as we pray now, there will be revival and restoration in Jesus Name.

### Prayer

- a. Repent before the Lord for following Balaam's error. (Pray passionately asking for forgiveness)
- b. Say, Holy Spirit once again I surrender the reins of my spirit life over to you in Jesus Name. You are my boss, lead as you wish.
- c. I renounce every canal or worldly pattern I have learnt in the days of my error in Jesus name. I release my mind from their control in Jesus Name.
- d. I cast out every demon of counterfeit that has gained access into my body in Jesus Name
- e. I cast out every evil spirit that gained access into my body and soul through careless exposure in Jesus Name
- f. I command that every spiritual blockage in the channels of my spirit should get out now in Jesus Name. (Repeat this seven times).
- g. Holy Spirit, fill me once again (Say this seven times)
- h. Holy Spirit I ask that you manifest through me in any way you choose in the Name of Jesus. No longer will I detect to you how to use me

Begin to thank the Lord and you may start praying in the Spirit singing spiritual songs to the Lord.

(Understand that once you ask for forgiveness God forgives you 1John1:9).

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## Chapter Five

### Balaam of the Wise Men from the East

We now have to take a look at Balaam's famed infamous wisdom. Famed because almost every bible student have heard or read about this wisdom, and infamous because nobody ever spoke well about it. It appears to me that Wisdom has her seat of power in the East where Balaam comes from and I say this because the bible says so. Talking about the all-wise King Solomon, it was only proper to compare him to wise men from the East -

***Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the men of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than any other man, including Ethan the Ezrahite — wiser than Heman, Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations. 1 Kings 4:30-32NIV***

We may not know the men mentioned here but we have to console ourselves with the view that these men must have been exceptionally wise to be compared with the divine Wisdom of Solomon.

Another proof that wisdom is from the East is that of Job and his friends. Bible specifically said that Job and his famous friends were from the East.

***In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East Job 1:1-3 NIV***

And Job's friends boasted that they as well as Job were in the league of exceptionally wise people.

***Do you listen in on God's council? Do you limit wisdom to yourself? What do you know that we do not know? What insights do you have that we do not have? The gray-haired and the aged are on our side, men even older than your father. Job 15:8-10NIV***

If all this is not enough, the famous Magi that went to visit the Lord Jesus after His birth were from the East and bible called them wise men.

***Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." Matt 2:1-2 NLT***

***After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." Matt 2:1-2NIV***

This scripture brings us to an important fact I wish to dwell on now; all these wise men including Balaam are reputed to have a very solid relationship with the God of heaven, Jehovah. Neither of them were Hebrews nor Jews but their solid bond to Jehovah cannot be overlooked. When you read how the Magi had to travel just because God had shown the star of the new born messiah and how it was that when the Lord through His angel warned them not to return to Herod and how they were obedient to the heavenly vision, you cannot but marvel at what manner of men they were. So when someone claims that his wisdom is so high he does not serve Jehovah, just know he is an empty drum making much noise.

Balaam was in this league of God-fearing wise men before he fell. What can we learn from this?

***So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 1 Cor 10:12 NIV***

Don't ever believe that you have come to the level where devil can't affect you with his gimmicks; don't ever expose yourself where you should not in presumption that devil and his agents can't move you.

It is like the Lord is talking to me at this point!

First and second stroke of a hammer on a rock may not break the rock but it is sure leaving an impact on the rock. If the rock remains at the same point and the hammer keeps striking, one day the rock will give way

Why are we saying all this? Let's read this wonderful testimony about the Holy man of God Balaam

The elders of Moab and Midian left, taking with them the fee for divination. When they came to Balaam, they told him what Balak had said. "Spend the night here," Balaam said to them, "and I will bring you back the answer the Lord gives me." So the Moabite princes stayed with him. God came to Balaam and asked, "Who are these men with you?" Balaam said to God, "Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, sent me this message: 'A people that has come out of Egypt covers the face of the land. Now come and put a curse on them for me. Perhaps then I will be able to fight them and drive them away.'" But God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them. You must not put a curse on those people, because they are blessed." The next morning Balaam got up and said to Balak's princes, "Go back to your own country, for the Lord has refused to let me go with you." NIV

Can anyone fault the fact that this man Balaam feared God and desired a holy ministry devoted to truth and not the pursuit of money and worldly gains?

Oh! Balaam, today I weep for you!

Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."

Later he said to Balak -

... "Well, I have come to you now," Balaam replied. "But can I say just anything? I must speak only what God puts in my mouth." Num 22:38NIV

Finally let's look at his final answer to Balak's offer of reward

Balaam answered Balak, "Did I not tell the messengers you sent me, 'Even if Balak gave me his palace filled with silver and gold, I could not do anything of my own accord, good or bad, to go beyond the command of the Lord — and I must say only what the Lord says'? Now I am going back to my people Num 24:12-14NIV

I don't know if any of my readers still see Balaam as a wicked, greedy and godless money loving and money-serving prophet who was also a sorcerer?

Somebody may just cry out, “Hey, Pastor Emma, why are we going through all this?”

I will answer that question when I finished talking about where Balaam died but please don't let your wisdom fool you; don't go to the company that can confuse you or scatter your faith. Once it is clear that place is not safe for you all discussions should cease.

Can we pray now?

- a. Lord, I confess every self-will and confidence in myself
- b. Lord, hold me strong that I will continue with you to the end
- c. Lord, through your help I will not fall the way Balaam fell in Jesus mighty Name
- d. You can pray further as you are led

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## Chapter Six

### **Balaam - the holy man of God who practiced sorcery**

We have been able to prove that Balaam was exceptionally anointed and had almost perfect relationship with Jehovah; he also had a famed wisdom like those of great men of wisdom from the East. He had a perfect access to the throne of God, so that God answered him anytime he called. He was in firm control and close touch with the supernatural realm and loved the Lord with passion. All these were before he fell and joined the enemies of God.

If all the above are correct, why then did Balaam practice sorcery?

A man who had reached Balaam's level with spiritual matters, of what use was sorcery to him? Let us understand that right from the time he was introduced as a holy and exceptionally anointed man of God, the bible stated he collected fees for divination –

***The elders of Moab and Midian left, taking with them the fee for divination  
Num 22:7NIV***

So even though God spoke to Balaam he still had means by which he could know the future. It will not be out of place to say that this backup strategy was what deceived him to believe he could do without God. Perhaps, he had learnt this art from his mentor or some other great prophet but it was bad of a man of God to practice such things.

Sorcery and/or divination involved relating with demons who faked as spirits of dead ancestors or great ancient powers for the purpose of getting information. In Balaam's case we cannot say he was looking for power but perhaps, he was looking for cheaper or easier sources of power. The New Testament has instances of men and women who used sorcery to gain control of people and so gained riches through the same.

***Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic Acts 8:9-11NIV***

***They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, "You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind, and for a time you will be unable to see the light of the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the proconsul saw what had***



*happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.  
Acts 13:6-12 NIV*

*Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her Acts 16:16-18 NIV*

Wait a minute; is it possible Balaam did not know this was wrong? Is it also possible that there was no law against such practices at that time?

I believe the latter is the case; in those days there was no outright prohibition of such practices because there was no law. When bible stated that Isaac went to enquire of the Lord on why his wife was having so many problems with her pregnancy, it was people like Balaam that told him the mind of God for Esau and Jacob Gen. 25:22-23. When Laban said he had learnt by divination that he was being blessed by God because of Jacob's presence in his household, it was people like Balaam that told him. The wise men of Egypt that warned Pharaoh to let Israel go were people in this league. Yet, even at that time there was a way the Old Testament talked about his practice that suggested the negative; it was seen as a necessary evil.

*In addition to those slain in battle, the Israelites had put to the sword Balaam son of Beor, who practiced divination Josh 13:22 NIV*

A diviner does not necessarily seek God as his only source but sees God as one of the sources of his power. Even though Balaam knew the almighty God he could turn to other spirits for assistance if God was not cooperating. That was actually what happened when he decided to return to assist Balak. This will give you a better understanding of what King Saul tried to do when he sought medium of Endor to help call up the spirit of Samuel so he could seek counsel from him as God has refused to respond to him

***The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all the Israelites and set up camp at Gilboa. When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her." "There is one in Endor," they said 1 Sam 28:4-7NIV***

The above scripture clearly portrayed the reason most ministers of the gospel seek alternative powers; they discovered that they could not manipulate God to do as they wish, so they turn to whatever spirit that will do it for them. In other cases, they have issues of unresolved sin with God like King Saul and they already knew the will of God about their state and then they try to find another source of power to push them through. In other cases, there is a level of spiritual power in vogue and they don't see themselves able to function in that level, so they look for a short cut to receive something that looks like this power just to placate their ego. Some are just tired of "suffering" in the ministry, so they seek for fast lane to prosperity. For whatever reason people go for strange powers, the will of God is clear about the practice of divination.

***Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God. Deut 18:10-13NIV***

In some cases sorcery involved knowing some hidden formulae which will help the sorcery manipulate demons and elemental currents from the sun, moon and stars to achieve their goal. In some places in the bible they are called secret arts. Job5:12

Simply put, sorcery or divination is idolatry and the Lord makes it clear that he is against the practice. Is this thing still practiced today, I mean among believers in our Lord Jesus Christ?

Yes! A minister of the gospel once led me into an inner room to show me his articles of seeking alternative power. He encouraged me to stop punishing

myself with much fasting over something I can still have through his “solution”. Once I entered a big church in a prominent city in Nigeria at the mid hours of the day when nobody was expected in the church, only to find incense burning behind the altar cotton.

These days it will not be surprising to see a senior pastor of a Pentecostal church in a mystic shop. In some churches you see bags of salt, assorted kinds of oil and incense, and all these bought from mystic shops. The Lord hates all these practices. Any servant of God who follows this pattern is going to a dangerous area. This gospel ministry did not originate with us and those who served the Lord in the right way before us did not use this medium.

The power of the Holy Spirit is still available today for those who will seek the Lord with all their heart. If you have sinned, repent. Withdraw to a solitary place and seek the Lord and He will reveal himself to you. Don't believe those that claim that all the great servants of God use that pattern; that is lie from the pit of Hell. They are only implying that God is dead, and you know that is not true. Most pastors who followed that pattern ended up shamefully like Balaam. That is not your portion in Jesus Name!

The work you are doing belongs to God; you don't have to get satan's power to do God's work. When people mock you that your church is small and you don't have big cars, ignore them and wait for God. One time my in-laws told my wife, “What kind of pastor is your husband? All his colleagues in Port Harcourt are buying cars and houses and you people are just there”.

Well, I can't remember one of those people they talked about ten years ago who is still the ministry; some are suffering from terminal diseases now. A pastor went and got this strange power and came back seeing visions. One day he fell and live maggots started coming out of his mouth.

You can also ruin the future of your children by drawing curses into their life through this ungodly practice –

"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing

the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand [ generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments Ex 20:4-6NIV

God hates idolatry and occult is the worst kind of idolatry.

Now check around you now and see whether any of such materials are with you; rings, waste bands, special kind of anointing oil, sand from Jerusalem, water from River Jordan, enchantment books, mystic Cross, Handkerchief and all such things. See what you will do with them now -

A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. Acts 19:19NIV

Yes, you got me right! Burn them right away. Don't be afraid of them; those books from India and Cross-Atlantic Ocean, burn them now. Every calendar or wall plaque from satan's kingdom, get up and burn them. Spare no one.

Today is your day of freedom; as you destroy them you will make room for the new thing God will start with you.

The anointing I feel as I write this is flowing in to your life now! Rise in holy faith and start to pray.

Let us pray now –

- a. Say, lord, I confess your word is truth and I surrender myself to the power of your word in Jesus mighty Name
- b. Lord, I connect to the anointing from the throne of grace to destroy every occult material in my possession in Jesus Name
- c. The bible said - You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. Ps 91:13-14 and "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you Luke 10:19". Anchoring on these promises I destroy you objects and demons of darkness.

You can proceed with your prayers and remember to thank the Lord after.

(To be continued)

Emma your brother @PNUR

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## Chapter Seven

### **Balaam – Where and Way a Servant of God should not Die**

Death is an end that must come when it should come; we all must die. Even the bible said that it is given unto man to die once. But in my opinion, and from my study of the bible, there is a way a man of God should not die. Those that went before us, whether in the New or Old Testaments seemed to know that death was coming. Jacob knew he was about to die; Moses knew when he was climbing the mountain for the last time; David prepared for his death; Peter was aware he was writing his last letter as well as Paul. So I beg you to forgive me when I mention the way some great servants of God died which left me in doubt they did not die like Balaam

#### The Prophet

He was a man gifted in visions and prophecy with a near perfect accuracy; he returned from a program and was told his wife had just died. He went into his own room after seeing her corpse and died immediately

#### The Arch-Bishop

This man carried exceptional anointing and messed up the witches and wizards in his City. Few men have achieved what he did as a minister. He was a man of exceptional faith and signs, wonders and miracles. He died suddenly of heart attack and left his followers in confusion that resulted in the worst intra-church

politics in the history of the Nigerian church. His wife succeeded him under what some consider unholy circumstances.

### International Motivator and Speaker

An internationally acclaimed teacher of the word of God and motivator; his books are still raising disciples for him. He seemed to know what tomorrow will bring and planned his life so. He, his wife and daughter died in a plane crash.

### The Lady TV Evangelist

Beautiful woman of God, trainer, marriage counselor and globally recognized author and speaker; she died alongside more than ten other men of God who were in the same plane crash on her way to preach in a program. She too left her followers wondering if God is fair to His servants.

All these great servants of God died without putting things in order or announcing their successors. I don't mean to portray these servants of God in bad light, but there is the need that those who are preparing to take over from my generation should understand that this is a strange occurrence; they should know that the Christianity they are seeing today is very different from what Christ and His disciples left behind. In fact, this is my reason for this book.

***Where they fought against Midian, as the Lord commanded Moses, and killed every man. Among their victims were Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur and Reba — the five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam son of Beor with the sword.  
Num 31:7-9NIV***

Is it not surprising that after the unceremonious separation between Balaam and Balak in chapter 24 that we should read of a situation where Balaam was found and killed in the company of the Moabites? Let's try to imagine what would have happened.

In my mind's eye, I see Balaam return from his visit to Moab and review in his mind all that had happened that period; he replayed in his mind all the angry words of Balak and the reward he had lost because he refused to be bent. Then he asked himself this question, "Now I am back, what do I have to show for my

faithfulness to the Lord?” he reviews all the other wise men that stayed back and how they would be having a nice time eating rich food and drink the best wine. Then Balaam counts out how many years he had been hearing from God and standing for the truth and then....

“The spirit of the prophet is under the prophet. I can’t continue like this. If I don’t do something about this my ministry, I will spend the rest of my life miserable”. So he decided to tune down his “spirituality” a bit. Instead of listening to the Holy Spirit every time, let me change my mode of operation.

Let me confess my sins now; more than five times I had decided to charge money from those that came for deliverance. It was the strong hand of God that kept me back. I had more than once decided to charge money as a guest preacher; but the Lord kept me back. Once I went to take loan that the government mapped out for agriculture; the man in charge (also a pastor) told me how other pastors were taking the loan and not to pay back. I only had to share it with some fellow “criminals”.

When I came home and told Joy, she asked me, “You want to steal government money okay; but where are we going to put it? Obviously you will not put stolen money into God’s business?”

“Look sweet heart, this is not stealing. You get it? It is not stealing! It is loan! Loan, honey, it is government’s loan. No body’s money”

“Oh, is that so?” She spoilt that one.

Then I joined some political pastors to fake prayers; I mean praying for a man you know very well has no relationship with Jesus Christ and is not even interested in having one. The Lord drew me back.

What I am saying is that I am not better than Balaam. I don’t know about you? I know a pastor who joined the fake prophets who prophesy by strange spirits and deceit after more than ten years of laboring without visible result. Somebody reading this now may be at that point of decision; hear me! Don’t go away from the Lord’s plan. God still has a plan for you.

Let me make emphasis here; not all who died as false prophets started as false prophets. Some of the men who have become a disgrace to the ministry started very well but the pressure from the devil pushed them to where they are now.

Why were they able to kill such a great servant of God? Simple; they found him where the grace of God could not protect him. The command was from God and it said they should kill every man. Everyone found in that location were under God's death sentence, no matter who it could be. So Balaam had to die under the judgment of the God that would have protected him.

Hey, check where you are standing now!

No man born of a woman would have attempted to lay hands on Balaam the son of Beor if he did not move out of the cover of divine grace. Where will the enemy come from and the angels of God will not warn Balaam? What kinds of weapon will one device that can harm a man immune to this world's weapons by God's almighty power? But he was standing in the wrong place!

Not a few of God's servants are killed by armed robbers every year; our hospitals are full of God's servants struggling for their life under the "diseases of Egypt". Yet, many have been rubbished by territorial demons and they run hopelessly from city to city because of fear of evil spirits. Before Balaam fell his presence would have dampened the confidence of any warrior but when the presence left, he was numbered among casualties of war.

What happened to his wisdom? He tuned his wisdom to use it to assist the enemies of his God. I know Balak would have been surprised when Balaam returned but then they wanted his help. Instead of operating as a prophet, he descended to teaching ministry. As a prophet, he must fast and pray; as prophet he must get word from God before he speaks. But as a teacher, he had only to read books, listen to audio and video messages and take some jottings.

People still call him Balaam the man of God but he is now operating in the level of senses. Yes, that is why many young ministers prefer Motivational Teachings to Power Ministry; they talk and act in a particular way but NO POWER!

Only grammar -



“If you don’t relocate, you will suffocate!

If you persist God will assist!

Let me have a joyful noise in the house!

Hey, I feel the presence here!”

All talk no power!

***Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality Rev 2:14NIV***

We will talk about his faith paralyzing teachings later; teachings that excite the senses and weakens the spirit; teachings that has made the church worldly by permitting the forbidden in our number.

Balaam’s wisdom would have guided him to seek counsel from other genuine men of God but he decided to deal with it alone. Perhaps, pride kept him from just walking over to Moses. He did not want Moses to know that his ministry was struggling, so he decided to deal with it himself and devised ungodly means to solve his problems. Balaam had discovered where God is working; he should have just changed camp. He had no business staying with enemies of God; Balaam should have moved over to Moses.

God promised to protect His children and in fact the bible said that the hairs on our heads are not just counted but they are numbered. That means that God knows everyone of them, so is committed to keeping us safe. Bible said that not one will be plucked off without his consent. Remember Job; satan had to take permission before he could lay a finger on him. Same goes for all God’s children. So when you begin to notice things happen around you suggesting that the wall of protection is no longer there, it is time to run back to God.

When you read the account of the death of Eli and his children, one would wonder if it could happen today. Eli died on the same day his children died in an “accident” and his daughter-in-law died in the labor room leaving her new born baby without suckling in the same city his church building collapsed

(Implying the enemy taking the ark of God). This was as a result of several occasions God had been warning Eli. Perhaps God is warning somebody now; perhaps me or my reader. I am not talking about a false prophet but a genuine man of God who is standing where the grace of God cannot protect him

We cannot overemphasize the need to call out to another servant of God to share your pain and that is why I will be glad to hear from you after now.

Pray Now

- a. Oh, Lord, save me from standing in a place your grace cannot protect me – Pray now!
- b. Oh, Lord, reconnect me to divine presence
- c. Oh, Lord, grant me extra grace to separate myself from things that make me liable to your judgment
- d. Oh Lord, shout into my ears if I won't hear your still small voice

Pray my friend, pray!

## Chapter Eight

### **Balaam – His Teaching. His Poison**

I fear that some things I had written earlier on these serial teachings suggested that I am pointing out some errors in the lives of other servants of God and painting myself as a holy, sinless servant of God. If that is the case I regret it and heartily apologize for that.

The things I am sharing with you are issues the Lord has been dealing with in my life; they are messages the Lord is passing out to ME. He is actually warning me of what He perceives as signs of my going in to compromise.

In the words of Job, “Beware of turning to evil, which you seem to prefer to affliction”. Job 36:21NIV

The reason I am sharing this with you is because I am very sure that there is somebody facing the same pressure and wondering like Balaam if living the crucified life has been rewarding after all.

I will withhold the name of this great servant of God this time because of honest advice from some friends; but the Lord warned me some years back to keep away from the teachings and ways of this great servant of God. I was just two years in the ministry and had moved into a city the church of this great man of God was making waves. A few weeks after, I was in the car of Dr. B C Mbata of Total-Care Ministries where I heard some wonderful faith teachings coming from his Audio player, the teachings were so inspiring that I asked my then President, Dr. Mbata who the teacher was. To my surprise he mentioned the name of this great man of God that I had earlier been warned to avoid. In my heart I said, "Is it possible that devil had spoken to me and I felt it was God?"

The sad testimony is that all the ministers that I ever knew, met or related with who followed or adopted the teachings of this great man of God; no exception, all of them have their ministry, marriage and consecration ruined. I emphasize and stand to be proved wrong by those who have related with me within the past twenty years or more, that none of my contemporaries who followed the so called High- faith teachings of this great man of God have an established ministry today.

This great servant of God teaches that Christians are immune to suffering, he tells them never to mention Hellfire, death or any manner of suffering in their churches. He tells them to say only things that will make the members happy and not to challenge the congregants to turn from certain sinful habits. One of his faithful disciples said to my hearing, "I had to stop a guest preacher in my church when he said while preaching, "Repent or you perish". In this church you don't announce the death of a member or such things as accident involving a member. One who left the system said he had to leave when one of his senior pastors began to treat he in a bad way because he refused to lie at testimony time; his wife had put to bed through surgical operation but he was told to say that she delivered safely at testimony time. He refused and the bad treatment that followed made him to leave.

It is important I point this out now; the bible said somewhere, “Cursed is he that moves an ancient land mark”. There is a curse, and it is from God, that follows anyone no matter how highly placed who perverts scripture to draw followership. There is a curse on anyone who will deliberately add to or take from the whole scripture just to suit his greed.

Tap root of a tree is the very sustaining source of life for the tree. A blow to the tap root is a touch of death; the tree may survive after but it will never reach its full potentials. Dear reader, there are areas in the Christian faith you don't play around and the day you touch that area for whatever reason in your Christian life, you are finished. It is same for the reason God told Adam and Eve to keep off the tree of Death; eat from that tree and life is gone. There are teachings and doctrines a Christian should not play with. And if you find a Christian or preacher playing around that area, warn him once, perhaps twice and if he persists, beloved run for your life.

These are the areas Balaam majored when he became a GREAT TEACHER OF THE WORD

***Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality Rev 2:14NIV***

Before we dwell more on the teachings of Balaam, let us look at what why he resorted to this realm of ministry

***They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness. But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey — a beast without speech — who spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness 2 Peter 2:15-16NIV***

He wanted wages but only that this time he did not care where it was to come from; that is simply put, GREED. Greed can drive at the pace of mental insanity; when a man sets his heart to get rich at whatever cost, there is little or nothing he will not do to get there.

My father was a missionary when missionaries boasted of what they have lost for the sake of the kingdom but my generation boasts of what we have accumulated because they are in the ministry. There were days preachers go anywhere the Lord would lead them but today we will anoint our feet with oil and ask the Lord to lead us but we will turn towards the biggest city we know.

It will take a man under you to pull you down; Balaam had taken a spiritual position under the people of God and now he was ready to pull. Balaam had lived the upward life all his days and he knows the ingredients to suffocate or enhance that kind of life, so he knew what to push the child of God into and he will be vulnerable to spiritual death. In the words of Delilah, “What must I do to you so that you become like every other man?” Balaam did not need to ask Moses that question because he had walked in the supernatural life and power. So he simply betrayed family secret and Israel underwent a process of self-destruction.

Beware of a backslider; he can destroy you much faster than the devil.

I believe that when Balaam returned to Balak he met them pondering on what new weapon to use against Israel and he said them, “Balak, I have told you to stop wasting your time to fashion weapons against this people. Only these people can destroy themselves. If they don’t destroy themselves, no one, no weapon, no spiritual power, no sorcery, no divination; hear me Balak, nothing in all creation can harm these people”.

I see in my mind’s eye, the hands of Balak drop and all his soldiers withdrew in discouragement and Balak shouted at him, “So you have come again to discourage us? If you won’t help us, what are you doing here?”

Balaam said, “I have come to give you the only formula that can commence the process of self destruction in their midst”.

And Balak said with glowing eyes, “Tell me Balaam, please tell me and I will pay anything for it!”

“Generate sin in their midst; expose them to do things that offend their God and I assure you that you will not need to fight to conquer them”.

*While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate and bowed down before these gods. So Israel joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor. And the Lord's anger burned against them....but those who died in the plague numbered 24,000....*

So the Lord said later...

*The Lord said to Moses, "Treat the Midianites as enemies and kill them, because they treated you as enemies when they deceived you in the affair of Peor and their sister Cozbi, the daughter of a Midianite leader, the woman who was killed when the plague came as a result of Peor." Num 25:1-3, 9, 16-18 NIV*

Child of God, treat him as an enemy who encourages you to live in sin and calls it a light matter. Treat her as an enemy who tells you that idolatry of any kind is no serious sin.

So what Balak and his army could not achieve, the teaching of Balaam did for them without stress.

### **Balaam – His Teaching, His Poison 2**

At what point did the angel God created become the devil that is God's arch enemy? It is difficult to answer this question but let it dawn on us that it is the process that makes God's instrument for the salvation of souls to become satan's instrument for the destruction of souls.

Balaam's story is the case of something that came from God and that has served God's end for several years turning around to thwart God's purpose and going further to undermine His interest. Yes, if it were possible Balaam would have thwarted God's plan and turned Him to be a liar. Yes, if God's word failed the people of this world will not know why. Thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ who is protecting His interest in our lives against all the evil schemes of Balaams of this age.

I hope I am not taking this too far but you should understand that had Balaam succeeded to place a curse on Israel or had his counsel to Balak been allowed to run its full course, the whole plan of God for Israel would have been thwarted.

If this is hard for you to grasp, take a look again at this scripture -

***Then an Israelite man brought to his family a Midianite woman right before the eyes of Moses and the whole assembly of Israel while they were weeping at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. When Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the assembly, took a spear in his hand and followed the Israelite into the tent. He drove the spear through both of them — through the Israelite and into the woman's body. Then the plague against the Israelites was stopped; but those who died in the plague numbered 24,000. Num 25:6-9NIV***

The Lord earlier called for the killing of all the leaders of the people because of this sin. Which people? The people Balaam had told Balak were beyond curse. Be that as it may, I feel that Moses did not know how to deal with such instruction, so he called for a meeting. While in the meeting a man came in ignoring the family and went in with one of those arrows from Moab; yes, missiles they were, even though they had human form. Balaam taught Balak to use those ladies as missiles. They walk in as humans but they are weapons of war. Balaam understood the war plan very well. As long as Israel lived in this abominable sin, the anger of God was brewing like a furnace. Also note that it was when Phinehas struck the two sin partners that that anger abated but then 24000 of God's untouchable people were already dead.

I hope somebody is not sitting with a missile right now!

I want you to imagine in your mind what would have happened if Phinehas had delayed for an hour longer; Israel would have been wiped out. This was what Balak wanted and that was what he was willing to pay anything for. Balaam gave him the key that could achieve that.

I hope you see with me that Balaam and his host are not enemies we should ignore. I believe that when God sent them to avenge the evil of the deceit, He knew very well that Balaam was still there. I believe that the Lord knew how

dangerous it was to leave Balaam alive. I want to believe that God was not as concerned for any Moabite as He was that Balaam was in their camp. Yes, I believe that His main target was Balaam the son of Beor, his prophet that had fallen away. Balaam here is a type of the devil himself; devil is fallen but let not any child of God take him lightly. It is to our own doom if we think devil is now a harmless dog as some claim. Some call him a toothless lion, others describe him as mere shadow.

In Balaam again, we see the damage caused daily by God's servants who had fallen away. Young ignorant ministers still consult them for counsel with the hope they still hear from God. They know not that Balaam has changed channel. The young man goes to the Bishop for prayer and he asks him to join a fellowship of prophets, the young man not knowing he was been taken to the wrong "lord" ruins his eternal destiny.

Oh God, save your children today in Jesus Name!

May the arrow of God's anger locate every Balaam waging war against God's plan for your life in Jesus Name!

The case of Balaam is also the example of ministries that started by the Lord's order, through the Holy Spirit with a divine mandate but along the line, we know not why or what happened, some people totally turned off from God and today serve the enemy of God. Some, who knew when they started remained there, worship there and pray on altars of God that have become altars of satan.

I hope you are praying already! Lord, open my eyes in Jesus Name!

Child of God, when you hear what people present in the name of teaching ministry these days, hold your bible close to your chest.

***The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron 1 Tim 4:1-2NIV***

1. If the teacher exalts his anointing and says little about the one that anointed him, you may be listening to Balaam



2. If the prophet says nothing about sin but keeps reminding you that you are so loved by God that he wouldn't mind what you do, it is time to run
3. If he never uses the words, HOLINESS, Sanctification, purity, self denial, forgiving your enemies, praying for sinners to repent and win people from satan to God; you may be standing before a Balaam
4. If he keeps making mockery of those who say the above, you are perhaps standing before Balaam
5. If he never talks about fasting and prayers; you maybe on dangerous grounds
6. If he recommends incense and some sacred oil. If he still sacrifices in rivers or way sides and does not show sign he understands the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, Balaam maybe your host
7. If he uses some special kind of sacred books not the bible
8. If he does not see sin as a serious matter
9. If he is governed by greed and boasts about this world's wealth
10. If he rarely declares Jesus Christ as Lord but only uses His Name to punctuate his prayers

Beloved I can't mention all owing to all the deceivableness of the sons of wickedness. That is why you need the Holy Spirit. The central point about Balaam and his group is that their teachings appeal to the flesh. They are from the devil and targeted to undermine God's agenda.

***Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. 2 Tim 2:17-18NIV***

Paul said that they spread like gangrene; gangrene is a disease condition that spreads and kills cells in the body; wherever it touches dies. Paul said that these men like Balaam have wandered from the truth and their teachings suggest that the resurrection has already taken place. Why? They want you to see this world as your home. Jesus is not coming again, is their gospel; enjoy this earth, get rich here and be happy here. It does not matter how you get what you want.

See how Paul puts it, "They destroy the faith of some".

Your faith will not be destroyed in Jesus Name!

This spreading disease will not ruin you eternal destiny in Jesus Name!

But then you must guard the good deposit of the Holy Spirit in your life by walking close to the Lord by holding close to His word

Please start praying fervently now!

1. Cover my soul with the precious Blood of Jesus Christ
2. I renounce every views of Balaams that I have received as doctrine
3. In the powerful name of Jesus Christ I scatter every altar where Balaam of this age may be monitoring my soul
4. Just pray on!

## Chapter Nine

### **Balaam and His Triplet-Brothers**

*Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion. Jude 11*

The above scripture just helped us to build a family for Balaam and his brothers. I believe that error does not exist alone; one error opens door for others, one evil opens door for others as one demon granted entrance will open door for other more terrible demons.

The Way of Cain

*Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your*

***brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."* Gen 4:6-12NIV**

What is the way of Cain? It is the way of destructive envy.

Jealousy has the godly version but envy does not. Jealousy is an attachment to my own and wanting to keep it as mine at whatever cost. Envy is a strong desire for another's own wishing and striving that the other should no longer own his own but that it be reverted to me. Abel offered a better sacrifice than Cain; Cain was not going to strive to outdo Abel but rather he wanted Abel out of the way so that God and the world will stop at his mediocre level.

Today we see a lot of believers like that; they don't want to do better but will put in all efforts so that those who are doing it better should be eliminated. So what do we have? Senior pastor who does not pray and will frustrate any prayer program by imposing himself as the leader. Others can pray for three hours but he forces the prayer meeting to end within thirty minutes so that the group will not "gossip about him". He is not going to develop his gifts of the Spirit but then, all should operate at his level; he hijacks the weekly activity spending hours to pour out excesses of his flesh. You see a song leader who will not upgrade but will hijack the activities with the holier than all attitude, hence strangle the flow of the Holy Spirit in the choir. On one hand somebody is the women leader because she is connected to "Daddy G.O" but someone else is doing the job.

In every area of the church, these kinds of people exist and when they can't have their way, like Cain their father, will destroy anything.

They, like Balaam, are from our number but their heart has bent to high ways of wickedness; there is little they will not do to remain relevant. Also like Cain, they have become restless wanderers, roaming from church to church, city to city and in some cases, group to group. Is it any surprise they could be among the nobles of Moab whom the Israelites found in Moab where Balaam was found and died where Balaam died

Korah of rebellion

The next brother of Balaam so mentioned is rebellion. It is easy to deal with evil while it is coming from outside but almost impossible to resist when it is coming from inside. Like Balaam, Korah has lived with us, knows our language and understands the rules that keep us alive. So when he wants to attack, he becomes “spiritual”; so spiritual that it will take only a discerning mind to understand the motives of Korah. Let us hear Korah out.

***Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites — Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth — became insolent and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, "You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord's assembly?" Num 16:1-3NIV***

Did you notice his formula? He came with a group and the group is from the priestly family and from Reuben – the first born. So what is he talking about? He is defending the people of God; “Korah is such a nice guy that is not selfish like Pastor Moses and then what else is he talking about? Moses is suffering the people of the Lord. Korah has heard from the Lord and he is under the anointing of the Holy Spirit to resist evil pastors who are exploiting Christians by taking tithe, offerings and seed faith. Korah is a good man who is not doing all that the bad pastors of this generation are doing”.

Have you ever heard of a church break that was not headed by Apostle Korah? Ninety percent of broken churches came up because a Korah who was going to protect God and His children rose to resist wicked Pastor Moses. But wait until they have stayed for six months at maximum and you will see the real Korah; then you will know that it was envy that was spiritualized. He condemned priestly dressing but now he is Arch-Bishop of who knows what. He condemned pride but now people have to bow on their knees before they can talk to him.

So after the first break-up, another follows and then another and then another and.....

The godly Apostle Paul admonishes every pastor thus

***Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. Acts 20:28-31NIV***

Let every leader keep watch and be on the guard because it is most likely that there is no congregation without a Korah. They are one lane with the errors of Balaam.

The Common Denominator of the Triplets of Balaam's family

1. They are from our numbers
2. They know all our secrets
3. They understand the principles that keep us alive
4. They know how to kill us
5. They can only survive from their masters by betraying us to our death
6. They are very ready to betray us
7. The only way for us to survive is that they are eliminated

Now you can understand this scripture better –

***They fought against Midian, as the Lord commanded Moses, and killed every man. Among their victims were Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur and Reba — the five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam son of Beor with the sword. Num 31:7-8NIV***

The Lord did not tell them to go kill Balaam or his team but the umbrella that kept them, and that is Midian. The Lord knows that all these evil forces have their colony and once the colony is destroyed, they are finished.

Pray with me now

Oh, Lord, may the raging fire of thy anger waste the colony of Balaam and his evil brothers in Jesus name

I command that none of the triplets of Balaam's family will have peace in the congregation of God's people in the Name of Jesus Christ

May the angel of the Lord expose all Cains, Korahs and Balaams in the Body of Christ in Jesus Name. Amen

You can pray on

## Chapter Ten

### **Balaam - What He Knew About God and Tried to Thwart**

*God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? Num 23:19NIV*

Through our study of the life and ministry of Balaam we have seen that the great prophet knew the Lord but then no scripture more clearly portrayed his knowledge of Jehovah like the above scripture.

God is not man

Balaam knew that God is not Man. What are the qualities of man that would have occasioned this statement in this case? Man can come under pressure, hence because of the pressure be forced to change his intentions. In fact, if God were prophet Balaam, Israel would have been wiped out when Balaam felt frustrated and betrayed the kingdom secrets/

Man can be bribed; it is very common news to hear how politicians were lobbied to decamp or support an opponent because of a kind of bribe or promise of a better future. God is all sufficient. He does not need bribe because there was no need for it

Man does not live forever; there are many accounts of kings who died making room for those they hated to come to power and then exposing their family to suffer. If God is defending any person, that one is safe forever. Hence, the safety of Israel or anyone who will put trust in God is eternally guaranteed. Pity a man who trusts in man

Man can lie for some reasons; either he is afraid of the consequence of his decisions or he is crafty. Why should God ever lie? If what He promised were not

there, He can create them. If it was war, he had myriad of angels, if it were resources, all the treasures of darkness belonged to Him.

Man may change his mind but the calling of God does not change. He knows our frame and that we are dust. So from the first word he was prepared to bear our weaknesses. God keeps his word, how much more in the face of His covenant people. The Psalmist paints a perfect image here

***As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children Ps 103:13-17 NIV***

All these Balaam announced to Balak after he had set up seven altars with seven bulls and seven rams on each altar. Those sacrifices were symbols of completeness but Balaam was saying, “Hear me Balak, all these sacrifices may stir men but not God. Once the God of these people has taken a stance, he cannot be bribed to do otherwise.

God has decided to bless Israel, all this hiring of prophets and wizards; all these calling up of spirits of the elements and invoking curses will not change his purpose. Even though I am an expert curser, there is a limit to what I can do.

***I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it Num 23:20NIV***

One should think that the people so spoken of must be very perfect and obedient people but the reverse is the case. These people had made an idol to worship while the Lord was yet preparing His holy commandment for them. These people had grumbled and murmured often on their way to this place. These people had often decided to raise leaders different from the ones God placed over them, so that they might return to Egypt. In fact, the ground had opened up once to swallow some their members, snakes had smitten some to death and they were at that point still under the judgement of God who was supervising the extermination of a whole generation for their rebellion against Him.

These were the people Balak was mobilizing all his resources to destroy, and it should surprise any right thinking person that God was still out to defend them at all odds. The point is that God was not looking at these people but rather His eyes were on their representative; their father Abraham and the covenant he had made with God. When God dealt with individuals, He may see some faults but when He looks at them as a people, He sees Abraham His friend and remembers the covenant they had made and how Abraham was faithful to Him till death.

God also took note of the faithfulness of Isaac and all the sacrifices of Jacob. We can understand better what Balaam was trying to communicate in the course of his oracles

***"No misfortune is seen in Jacob, no misery observed in Israel. The Lord their God is with them; the shout of the King is among them. God brought them out of Egypt; They have the strength of a wild ox. There is no sorcery against Jacob, no divination against Israel. It will now be said of Jacob and of Israel, 'See what God has done!' Num 23:21-23NIV***

Herein is the security of those in Christ Jesus; just like the Israelites, our security is not because of the righteous things we have done but because of the sacrifice Jesus made on Calvary. May saints find it hard to accept this; what a poor and mean impression we hold about ourselves. Many of us still believe that we have to do many things to earn God's love. Many tremble at the thought of it; yes, we are too fearful to accept the fact that we have been made the righteousness of God Himself through our position in Christ Jesus.

***But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. Eph 2:4-9NIV***



***God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor 5:21NIV***

If you are still doubting read further,

***But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus Rom 3:21-26NIV***

Glory to Jesus Christ; for our sake God broke every bounds; He did what could never have been done. Can you remember the account of Mephibosheth, the lame son of Jonathan? By Law no crippled or even limping man should cross the gates of royalty in Israel. I feel in my spirit that somebody walked in to dine with King David and noticed this crippled man, I mean a man crippled on both feet sitting and dining with the King himself in the company of other princes and princesses. He screams out, “Abomination! King David what is this fellow doing in royalty? I mean, are you out of your mind?”

I hear it in my spirit as David replies, “Friend, there is no cripple here. This fellow is Jonathan my friend”

"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." ..... And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table, and he was crippled in both feet 2 Sam 9:7 and 13NIV.

Take note that his weaknesses did not leave him before he was received at the table of the king; no, he was still crippled but then, he was standing in for the one that was whole and perfect. Hear me child of God, I want you to know that in seeking

closer walk with the Lord, you are not trying to make God love you more but trying to live up to what and who you are Christ Jesus.

Interesting that far back in those days before ever any prophet announced the coming of a Messiah, Balaam understood such principles and that was what he was trying to communicate to Balak his friend. It is then most surprising that in the time of the prophet's madness he tried to break this principle. We may even go further to say that he carried out a research on how to "Hack" God's network and break the code. Thank God for Phinehas

I want you to begin to lift your hands in the air and thank Jesus Christ for paying the ultimate price to make you a saint.

Lord we are grateful

## Chapter Eleven

### **Balaam – Dealing with the incursion of evil in our midst**

It is my observation that every generation will fight their own war, so must you. It is okay if the war originated with me, if I lose people will find it easy to forgive me. But I doubt if people will understand why you should lose a title your father had won. It is worse if your father was able to retain the title his father won, only for the family line to lose the prestigious title through you.

Shout, "God forbid!"

Such was the dilemma of Phinehas the son of Eleazar the grandson son of Aaron

*When Phinehas son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the assembly, took a spear in his hand and followed the Israelite into the tent. He drove the spear through both of them — through the Israelite and into the woman's body. Then the plague against the Israelites was stopped; 9 but those who died in the plague numbered 24,000 Num 25:7-9NIV*

The priesthood of the Levitical order has a lot of history in it. It did not come on a platter of God; no, it came through a lot of sacrifice and spilling of the blood of their own family on a day the anger of God was about to wipe out the nation of Israel because the then founding father of the priestly order had compromised his office by making strange gods for those lusting after idols

*He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the Lord, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him. Then he said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the Lord today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day." Ex32:21-29 NIV*

That was how the Levi family entered into their priesthood; they did not enter by “Grace” as we claim today, they did not enter through much learning in Bible schools, neither did they enter because a man of God had laid his anointed hands on their father after he had sowed a powerful seed of faith. And all through the history of the line of Levi, every generation had some price to pay. Aaron was not to share in the allotments of landed property to the rest of the tribe of Israel; the Lord was his portion. It is easier to say it than to feel it. You should try to understand what I mean; you are in a meeting where people are given landed properties and you were told that yours is in the spirit.

Again, Phinehas was there when his grandfather Aaron buried two of his uncles, Nadab and Abihu because they took lightly the holy fire of the Lord, as if that was

not enough. Aaron was instructed not to mourn his children in any way for the sake of his office. What a price!

Phinehas was there when his grandfather ran with the censer in hand to stand between the living and the dead. And wherever the old man stood, was as far as the angel of death could go. Death did not venture beyond the footprints of Aaron and his seed. When people sinned, it was Aaron that forgave them; if people were sick, it was Aaron that healed them. Aaron was the mouthpiece of God and he wore on his forehead a banner that announced "Holy unto the Lord". He could eat the clean and the unclean and no evil could befall him. It was Aaron that entered the houses smitten by plagues to declare the house clean or unclean. He was the one that examined those with all manner of diseases and announced their position among God's holy race. In, fact, before Aaron could die like other mortals, they had to first take off the priestly garment from him.

He was not known for his great riches but for his standing before his God.

My hands tremble as I write this! My heart bleeds because our fathers had handed to us a holy and prestigious ministry as pastors but as I look out of my window, I fear that some of us don't even know where we are coming from.

Eleazar the son Aaron, the father of Phinehas took over from Aaron and it was now his place to protect the godly legacy. It was during his reign as high priest that Israel encountered the infamous old prophet with a sorcery connection, called Balaam. The same Balaam over whom we have spent all these precious time yet not exhausted.

It came to the knowledge of Phinehas how that all the experience and skills of the cursing prophet was rubbished because of holiness in the camp. The congregation had been fighting with Cain and the company of Korah. Anyone would be right to think that the church was winning, but before long, strange things began to happen; the deadly missiles from Balaam's teachings were launched into the congregation. Its impact can only be imagined.

What I call human missiles was launched by the enemy. From nowhere, immorality of the worst order spread in the camp such that many leaders of Israel was involved in it. In today's parlance, night clubs returned but now in the form of

music played by drunken worldly instrumentalists; some calling it Provocative Praise. Sound beats and dance steps imported from the pit of Hell; no decent person remains the same after standing their midst.

Pornography returned in the form of women coming half nude to church; gambling returned in the form of Multi-Level-Marketing and sports betting. Politics became a way to bring in rich men to be senior pastors over anointed men of God.

In the face of all these, Phinehas heard it said that God was angry but worse still nobody was talking about the censer and the authority of the priesthood. Both the priest and the army were engaged in endless retreat and seminars to find a way to check the spread of sin in the church. Discipleship training and skill acquisition is said to have the power to turn the people's heart from the errors of Cain, Korah and then Balaam. Bundle of lies. It was not for lack of riches and knowledge that Man betrayed his creator at the Garden of Eden.

While they talked, satan was very busy taking up more grounds, wasting the Lord's inheritance and because the sins were not punished, the sinners waxed bolder. Bold enough that in one of such retreats, a young man brought in the very abomination that had drawn the wrath of God

Yes, in today's sense, somebody will quote the Bible, "You know brethren, this is end time. You know the Bible said it..." rubbish!... rubbish!!... rubbish!!!

I hear Phinehas scream, "To hell with your end time argument, I am not going to lose a battle my ancestors won! If it will happen, it will not be in my time!"

Beloved, there shall be increase of wickedness but we should not allow it turn out that it is in our time that the ancient legacy of Old Time Religion is totally eroded.

Like Phinehas we have to walk out of endless Leadership training and move up to the place of supernatural power with the spear of the Lord's Spirit in our hands and pass judgment on the agents and instruments of wickedness that introduce abomination in the Church

***May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands, to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to***

*bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron, to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints. Ps 149:6-9 NIV*

I know you are already feeling the pull of the Holy Spirit on your own spirit, urging you to stand up and do something. But not before you have prayed.

Please, pray on!

## Chapter Twelve

### The Same Old Battle

The bible; both the New and Old Testament did not hide the fact that there is an ongoing war between light and darkness. There is no neutral ground for anybody; you must be on one side of the divide.

I suggest that you read the whole of 2 Kgs 11 in order to understand our focus in this chapter.

*When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she proceeded to destroy the whole royal family. But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah, took Joash son of Ahaziah and stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed. He remained hidden with his nurse at the temple of the Lord for six years while Athaliah ruled the land.... Jehoiada the priest ordered the commanders of units of a hundred, who were in charge of the troops: "Bring her out between the ranks and put to the sword anyone who follows her." For the priest had said, "She must not be put to death in the temple of the Lord." So they seized her as she reached the place where the horses enter the palace grounds, and there she was put to death.... All the people of the land went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and idols to pieces and killed Mattan the priest of Baal in front of the altars.... and all the people of the land rejoiced. And the city was quiet, because Athaliah had been slain with the sword at the palace. 2 Kings 11:1-3, 15-16, 18, 20 NIV*

As I studied this scripture the Lord corrected some notion I have held for years. I used to read the stories in the bible as if they were different stories of different people who for different reasons did some things, some good and some bad. Here I observed that there was only one battle that has been going on but in a prolonged persistent conflict.

How did I get this view?

Did you read where it said that the people went out to destroy the temple of Baal? Did you also observe that it said that they killed another priest of Baal called Mattan?

Athaliah immediately introduced Baal worship when she assumed the place of reigning queen. It is so easy to pass that verse and not get the message. When she was killing all that royal blood, she had one objective, to enthrone darkness in the land. It did not matter to her she had to kill all her grand children. This is how passionate the hearts of the worshipers of the devil can be. Some sacrifice their sons, some their husbands or wives; yet some sacrifice parts of their body.

Oh, that children of the kingdom of Light will learn a lesson here.

When you are asking the question, “Where did the bible say I should not marry an unbeliever?” The devil’s kingdom is focused on getting an instrument that will grant them access into the church and cause havoc among the people of God.

When you are asking the question, “Where did the bible say I should not go to night club” the devil is looking for avenue to destroy the legacy our believing fathers and mothers have preserved and handed over to us.

I want you to understand that this happened after Elijah had killed eight hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and Asherah. Remember that Ahab and Jezebel were dead and Athaliah was the daughter of Jezebel that got married to a son of Jehoshaphat. This was a different kingdom and the headquarters of the worship of the God who answered Elijah by fire. The human instruments were dead but the demonic spirits were bent on revenge.

Spirits don’t die; Satan and his host of darkness were not going to give up. I want to believe that on the eve of Athaliah’s marriage to the son of Jehoshaphat, Jezebel

called her into the inner room and said, “Now listen and listen very well. You see we belong to the realm of darkness and evil. The battle has been going on for ages between the kingdom of darkness to which we belong and the kingdom of light whose headquarters is the nation you are going to now. I want you to watch out for opportunity to enthrone the worship of Baal in that palace. No matter what it will cost you; no matter who may be killed; no matter what may be destroyed, make sure that you enthrone Baal worship in that nation before you die”

Child of God that is the way the kingdom of darkness reasons; when pastor is feeling sexy, the agents of darkness are thinking of how to destroy his ministry. While the believer is running after an occult man for money, devil is thinking about how to terminate his testimony and stop his positive testimony about Christ.

It was the same old warfare that resulted in Cain killing Abel; there was nothing Abel did wrong other than that he did it the right way. His sin was that he was RIGHT. Devil does not want anybody to do things the right way because doing it the right way will represent Light. And he knows he is darkness. So anyone who wants to do it the righteous way has to be terminated.

It was the same old war when the worshipers of Dagon shouted in unison as they celebrated the defeat of Samson; it was the same old war when the ark of God was taken away by the Philistines and presented to Dagon as evidence of their supremacy.

It was same war when Goliath stepped forward to taunt the army of the Lord under Saul. Remember that when David stepped forward to confront him,

***And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 1 Sam 17:43 NIV***

Goliath saw it as a spiritual matter. David may be a young inexperienced fighter but he was not going to take chances; he brought his gods into the fight. Goliath was not just fighting to conquer Israel as a people; he was making room for his gods to take over the whole land. Thank God David knew what Saul did not know. Saul was relying on his training from the war college; he had all the data on Goliath and was hoping to develop a technology that will enable him to overcome Goliath. But he was wrong. Even though Goliath had been a champion for years but what Saul did not know was that he was not relying on his experience but on



some unseen spiritual powers to win every war. That had been his practice and that is what he is using now.

So David said -

***This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands." 1 Sam 17:46-47NIV***

This is big lesson for ministers of the gospel who are ignoring the power of the Holy Spirit while they resort to research and human connection in church planting or development. Hear me! Every successful ministry you see in town is either sponsored by satan through his agents of darkness or by God through the power of the Holy Spirit. This also goes for believers in any kind of business; you cannot win in this present world in any pursuit in life unless you fix your feet firmly in Christ.

It was the same old war as the one on Mount Carmel when Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to prove that Baal was alive and able to send fire from heaven.

If you don't see things from this perspective, you are likely to lose focus as a believer. The enemy knew it that the Messiah will come from the root of Jesse and started very early to try to terminate that prophecy. When Herod gave instructions for the massacre of children, devil knew what he was looking for. It was same as the devil motivating some people to stone Mary because she was pregnant. It was same as the murderous hatred in the hearts of the Jews to kill the Lord Jesus Christ at whatever cost. It was the same drive to guard his tomb so that He cannot rise again. This is not different from the madness that killed Steven and James. They are not in any way different from the demand of the Jewish leaders on the Apostles

***Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:18-20 NIV***

At this point the devil has decided that there was no need to speak in parables; he made his agenda clear – he wants to stop the Messiah at whatever cost.

When this effort failed in spite of the killing of many servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, the devil changed style and became a “Christian”. That was when Roman Empire officially adopted Christianity as a State Religion under Emperor Constantine but it was not until his successor Emperor Theodorus that the term Roman Catholic Church was used. At this time unbiblical formulae were employed to make people “Christians”. Jews were forced to adopt the government religion or risk persecution; all manner of Babylonian and heathen idols were christened with the name of saints. The patron god of carpenters was christened Saint Joseph. Nergal of Cuthah became Angel Michael (2kgs17:30).

Some believers rose up to challenge this but they paid with their lives. It was the same old war; nothing has changed.

### **Those That Know Their God**

It is interesting to note also that in every generation there are those who stood up to defend the interest of Jehovah. Most times this was done at the risk of their lives.

*But Jehosheba ... stole him away from among the royal princes, who were about to be murdered. She put him and his nurse in a bedroom to hide him from Athaliah; so he was not killed. He remained hidden with his nurse at the temple of the Lord for six years while Athaliah 2 Kings 11:2-3 NIV*

Note the phrase, “stole him away...” If Jehosheba was caught she would have been treated as a traitor; she could possibly lose her life. Yet, she did not count her life precious compared to defending the Lord’s interest.

*They did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Rev 12:11 NIV*

Jehosheba was not alone in this; there was another vessel of the Lord called Jehoiada the priest who kept the son in his custody for six years. He did not only keep the boy, he was careful to keep some sensitive objects which mattered so much as long as the battle was concerned.

The crown, the sword of David and the Scroll of the Lord's testimony signifying the Word of God. This vessel also understood that he was taking a risk and a fatal risk at that.

It was through these vessels that the Lord's purpose was carried to the next generation.

I want my reader to understand that all through the ages all manner of people have faced the choice of life and death before the gospel reached this generation. They did not face the warfare in the same way but they faced it all the same.

Please pray that you will emerge victorious

## **Chapter Thirteen**

### **Different Ways Different People Faced their Own Conflicts**

Jehosheba in the deadly conflict

Like we said earlier, this agenda was determined by the hosts of darkness and they were determined to wait for as many years as it will take to execute this agenda. Mind you that they had lost several conflicts and efforts to enthrone their agenda of error in the land and as it appeared they failed. Yet, they kept stalking the people of God watching for opportunity. Right before Balaam and his colony arrived this battle was raging on. When Solomon began to mess up with strange women from idolatrous background, the devil knew that this was a good opportunity for him. Then God decided to change style by breaking up the united nation of Israel. But before the northern kingdom could take root, Jeroboam was manipulated because of his pride. He became the instrument to enthrone the very thing for which God meant to destroy by making him king. He established Baal worship.

It was in the time of Ahab and Jezebel that the devil had his glorious reign and it was at the same time that God dealt on them the deadliest blow throw Elijah. Elijah proved beyond every doubt that Baal was powerless. Anybody would think that will be the end of Baal worship. Instead the enemy bounced back and not only did they recover the northern kingdom of Israel, they advanced to take over Judah.

What appeared like great revival served to resuscitate the forces of evil. The death of Ahaziah was as a result of divine judgment and anyone would think that righteousness will be enthroned but the enemy took advantage of it. The result was what we read earlier.

I doubt Jehosheba anticipated what she saw in her father's house. A woman she knew as her mother in murderous rage decided to wipe out her generations. This is an important point; people who serve satan hold their allegiance more sacred than any natural relationship. A witch or wizard holds highly their membership to the dark kingdom more than any earthly title or position. I wish that children of God will follow the same example.

If Jehosheba was a sluggish child of God I wonder how that story would have ended. Imagine the brief moment she had to reason fast and think of a way out of this deadly situation. Try also to see the brief moment she had to count the cost before she acted.

### **But what was the issue at stake?**

God had a plan for the human race that will only come to pass through the family of David the Man of God. Satan was bent on making sure this plan failed. Like he did on the Cross of Calvary, he spared no resources to achieve this goal. Here in a brief moment is an opportunity to kill the last of David's blood and terminate this divine purpose; see how the devil have successfully positioned his daughter Athaliah and have empowered her with royal cover and all devilish human resources to enable her succeed. The one question now is, "Is there somebody to protect God's instrument?"

### **Jehosheba stands out**

I wish that you let the picture run through your mind, see all the risk, see all the danger to life, see how a single lady dared to say with Queen Esther, "If I perish, let me perish". Of what use is a life that cannot be laid down for a course?

### **Jehoiada takes the baton from Jehosheba.**

When you think of our responsibility in the Lord's business, the first feeling is that we are all alone in this thing. We feel lonely like Elijah who said to God, "I am the only one left".

How wrong he was and how wrong will anyone who will say such be. God told him that he was not seeing the other warriors did not mean they were not there.

***Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel — all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him." 1 Kings 19:18NIV***

To think you are alone is self deceit. Somebody is waiting to step in. Devil has never been ahead of Jehovah. God knew all along the secret purposes of darkness and has positioned people to assist his own land army. That is why you should step up and not default in your own position of duty, because that will mess up somebody's assignment.

**Tell yourself that if this thing will fail, it will not fail in your hands.**

So whether it is in your place of work, church or community, understand that God is hoping that you play your part well

My final words on this matter -

***Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints Eph 6:10-18NIV***

Let me pray with you -

Lord Jesus, we thank you today for stirring our hearts so through your written word. I pray for this child of us who has gone through this message from your very heart; yes, Lord, I pray that the Holy Spirit take a very firm grip on his/her soul and continue to moving him/her in his or her own place of this ageless battle. I pray that he/she shall be counted in the number of those who conquered in Jesus Name

I pray that he/she receive from you right now a spirit that cannot tire or be discouraged in Jesus Name. I pray that he/she be linked to you in such a way that nothing can separate you from him/her

Blessed Holy Spirit I surrender to you now, having done that which you enabled me to do.

Thank you Lord for answered prayers

Amen!

Beloved I want you to know that you remain in my prayers and I will want to hear from you through the contacts at the end of this book.

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I once heard a witch doctor boast that he used to give spiritual powers to gospel ministers that enabled them to build big churches. He claimed that all the big churches in town patronized him. Some ministers believe this lie from the devil, which seems to imply that God does not empower His servants today.

It has been observed that most bible schools and seminaries have as their curriculum teachings that have nothing to offer the gospel minister in the place of his calling. They are often things the minister has to know in his head but can't be practiced at his duty post.

It is also noticed that most teachings in an average bible school or theological seminary are based on Western viewpoints. These viewpoints in themselves are not wrong or useless but they can't find application in Africa and other parts of the world. To make matters worse, they are impotent in helping in every day spiritual challenges confronting the servant of God.

Mention must also be made of some other schools that teach deliverance and spiritual warfare, most of whom veer off to things that don't agree with sound bible truth. Some people in following these views have ended up in occult hence have done more harm than good to those seeking deliverance.

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