BALAK'S SECOND VISIT TO BALAAM August 8, 1976
Johnson City, Texas

INTRODUCTION: Numbers 22:15-18.

1. Balaam's first answer: "The Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you." Numbers 22:13. In this we see the result of mutilated answers.

1. Balaam does not tell the first messangers all

that God said to him.

1. God said, "Thous shalt not go with them; Thou shalt not curse the people: For they are blessed." Number 22:12

2. Balaam said, "Get you into your own land: For the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you. Numbers 22:13

3. The princes of Moab said to Balak, "Balaam refuseth to come with us." Numbers 22:14

2. As a result of these mutilated answers Balak comes to the wrong conclusion. Balak may have reasoned:

1. All the difficulty lies with Balaam.

2. He took the whole night to think the matter over.

3. His conclusion: "It was not worth his time and effort on such poor consideration and for such a serious matter.

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1. Balak's plans for the appeal to Balaam.

1. He sent again princes, more, abd more honorable than those sent at first. Num. 22:15

2. Balak's urgent request to Balaam:
"Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me." Num. 22:16

3. Balak's promise of reward.
"I will promote thee to very great honor...
"I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me..
"Come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people." Num. 22:17

2. Balaam's reply to Balak's men. Num. 22:18
1. "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold...

2. I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my cod, to do less or more."

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3. BALAAM'S ANSWER:

1. "I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more. Num. 22:18

1. Rev. 22:18; "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in

this book ...

2. Rev. 22:19; "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy....

1. God shall take away his part out of the

book of life ...

2. And out of the holy City.

3. And out of the things which are written in this book."

2. "I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more. Num. 22:18

1. This a brave answer but it was ruined when Balaam added, "I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say unto me more." (Num. 22:19)

4. "That I may see what the Lord will say(more.)
Numbers 22:19

1. Ballam's life was wrapped up in the word

MORE.

2. The Lord had told once that he should not go, but the answer did not suit him: "Thou shalt not go with them." Num. 22:12.

3. Balaam had persuaded himself:

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2. That God's will yesterday might not be

his will today.

4. Finally: Men are doing every day exactly what Balaam did in the long ago.

1. Today, Balaam like, men cast about for ways and means to follow their own will, and accomplish their own ends with out open disobedience and an open break with God. THEY WANT THEIR OWN WAY.

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