

# GLEANINGS

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## THE BALAAM PLAN

*“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.” Revelation 2:14 New International Version*

Balaam was a prophet in the Old Testament who was approached by King Balak and promised great reward if he would curse God’s people (Numbers 22-25). We find, however, that every time Balaam would try to curse the Hebrew Theocracy, God would stop him. The prophet Balaam wanted the riches King Balak had promised him so he came up with another plan (Revelation 2:14). Balaam told King Balak to entice the people of the Jewish Theocracy to become involved in the worship of Baal of Peor and the trinity which Baal represented. Satan had been unsuccessful in getting Balaam to curse the Hebrew Theocracy. Therefore, Satan got the people of the Jewish Theocracy to bring a curse upon themselves by their own unfaithfulness to the true and living Trinity.

*“1 While Israel was living at Shittim, the people degraded themselves by having illicit relations with the Moabite women. 2 These then invited the people to the sacrifices of their god (Elohim-three mighty ones), and the people ate of the sacrifices and worshiped their god. 3 When Israel thus submitted to the rites of Baal of Peor, the LORD’S anger flared up against Israel, 4 and he said to Moses, “Gather all the leaders of the people, and hold a public execution of the guilty ones before the LORD, that his blazing wrath may be turned away from Israel.” Numbers 25:1-4 The New American Bible*

Satan has not been able to destroy the United States or Israel directly. Therefore, Satan is carefully placing many of his children (the lost) and many of his pawns (the saved) in strategic places in our government, in our financial institutions, in our educational system and in our news media. Why? Satan is following the Balaam plan. The corruption and chaos they introduce will cause the Lord, Himself, to bring Divine discipline upon our nations.