

18-19 Bible Study #30

4/30/19

Numbers (Cont)

Numbers 22:16 - 36

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- **Numbers 22:36-42**

- Upon his arrival at *Arnon* (which marked the boundary of *Moab* and the land of the *Amorites*), *Balaam* met *King Balak* and told him that he would only be able to say and do what God (Yahweh) told him
- They then offer several oxen and sheep in sacrifice at *Kiriath-huzoth* ¹ and then retired for the night *

Numbers (Cont)

- **Numbers 23:1-10**

- The next morning they went to a peak in the Mountains of *Moab*, (*Mt. Pisgah*) offered additional sacrifices, and *Balak* pointed to the people of *Israel* who were encamped in the plains of Moab, and told the prophet to curse them
- Look at *Balaam's* first discourse (4 verses) which was a blessing on the people of Israel *

Numbers (Cont)

- **Numbers 23:11-29**

- *Balak* was astonished that *Balaam* offered a blessing and took him to a second highpoint where he could offer the proper curse against *Israel*
- Again, they set up seven altars upon which they sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams
- The Lord met *Balaam* and instructed him to once again offer a blessing (7 verses long)
- *Balak* was very upset
- *Balaam* reminded him that he could only relate what Yahweh told him to say
- *Balak* took him to another site hoping for the curse *

Numbers (Cont)

- **Numbers 24:1-13**

- At this point, *Balaam* knew that blessing Israel pleased God so again he presented an even longer oracle of blessing in which he told him:
 - Israel shall be a very powerful kingdom higher than **Agag**
 - They shall be exalted and lay down like a lion and lioness (this should remind us of the lion of Judah in the blessing of Judah by Israel in **Genesis 49:9**)
 - This gives an image of God being the King of Judah
 - That blessing ended with the phrase “blessed be everyone who blesses you, and cursed by everyone who cursed you” (**Genesis 12:3**)
 - Through this blessing, God will bless the nations

Numbers (Cont)

- By this time, *Balak* was furious and he told the prophet to go home without being paid for his efforts
- *Balaam* reminded the king that he had warned him that all he could do was to relate what Yahweh told him to say *

Numbers (Cont)

- **Numbers 24:14-25**

- Before he left, *Balaam* told the king what *Israel* would do to his nation in the future
- *Balaam* went from a false prophet to a true prophet as he predicted the downfall of *Moab*, *the Amalekites*, *the Kenites*, *Asshur*, and *Eber*
- This happened because the true God revealed Himself to him
- He even told *Balak* that he saw God (his eyes were opened)

Numbers (Cont)

- Then, he predicted the rising of the **star** and **scepter** of Israel (**Genesis 49:10**)
- This was about the human king who will govern the people of *Israel* and who would come from the tribe of *Judah* as God
- Initially, this will be King David, who will crush the head of *Moab* and dispossess the *Edomites* (**Genesis 49:17-18**)

Numbers (Cont)

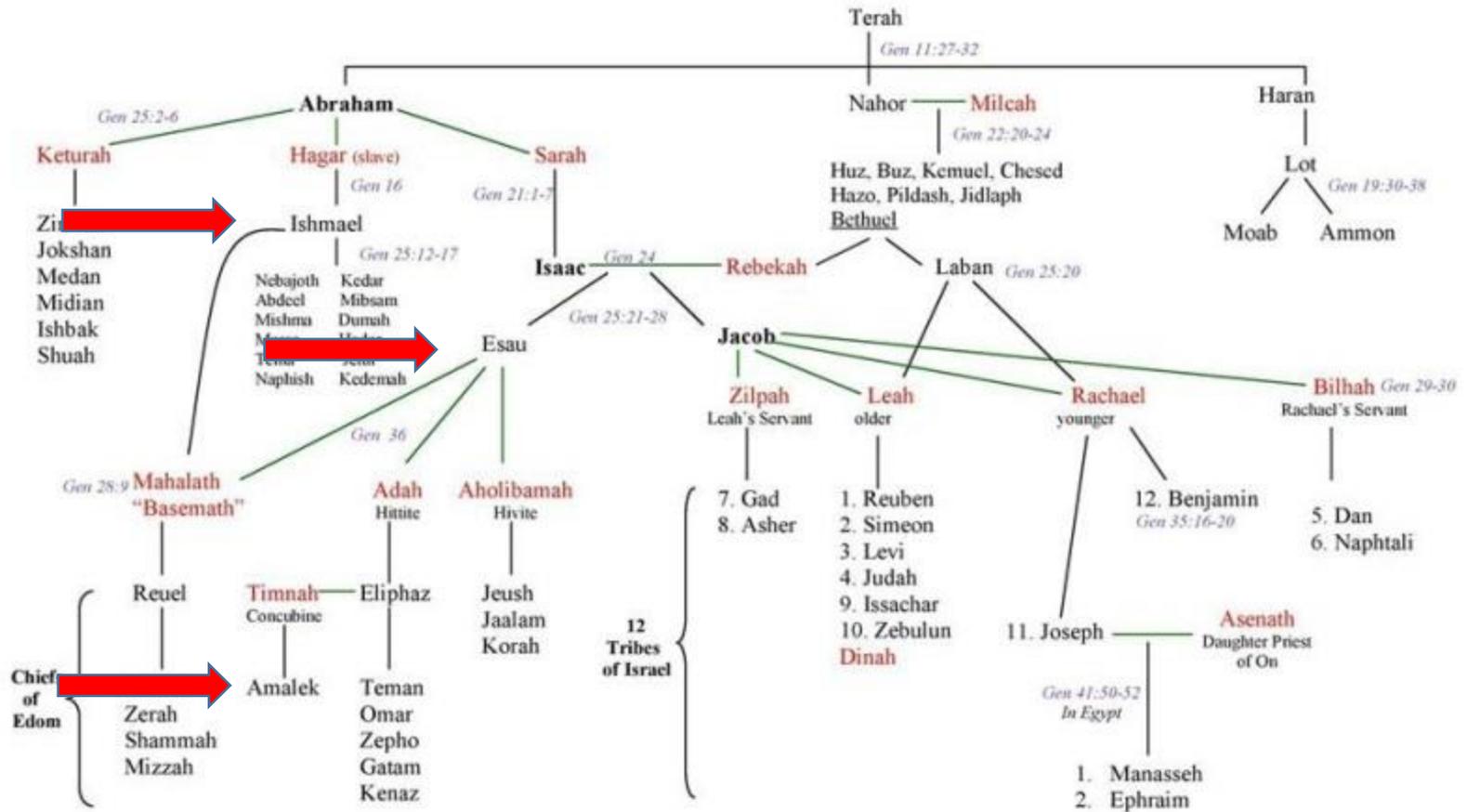
- Eventually, this will be fulfilled in Jesus Christ when the wise men come from East of the *Euphrates* seeking the King of *Israel*
- *Herod* the Great, an *Edomite (Idumaea)*, was eventually dispossessed
- This is a very important prophecy that impacted King David *

Numbers (Cont)

- **Numbers 24:20-25**

- **Amalekites** – Grandson of *Esau* (Genesis 36:16)
- **Kenite** – The tribe of Moses' father-in-law (**Judges 1:16**)
- **Asshur** – Second son of *Shem* (**Genesis 10:22**)
- **Eber** – Ancestor of Israelites and Ishmaelites *

COMPLETE GENEALOGY OF ABRAHAM



Numbers (Cont)

- **Numbers 25:1-13**

- Father Sebastian suggested that if *Balak* wanted *Balaam* to tell him how to defeat the *Israelites*, he would have suggested sending the *Moabite* girls into their camp to entice them to worship the ***Baal of Peor***
- This led to the zeal of *Phinehas* which became such a folk lore that it was even referenced in the **Book of Maccabees (1 Mac 2:26)**
- For the most part, Father left the reading of the rest of **Numbers** to his students *

Numbers (Cont)

- **Summary of Numbers 26-36**

- **Numbers 26**

- God directed *Moses* and *Eleazar* to take a census by tribe of all males 20 years old and upwards
- The total came to 601,730
- The Levites came to 23,000
- The land was to be allotted by tribal size via casting lots

- **Numbers 27**

- Described the Law of inheritance of daughters
- God directed *Moses* to view the Promised Land before he died
- The appointment of Joshua as Moses' successor

Numbers (Cont)

- **Numbers 28-29**
 - Another view of the liturgical calendar
- **Numbers 30**
 - Vows made by women
- **Numbers 31**
 - The extermination of the Midianites
- **Numbers 32**
 - The tribes of *Ruben*, *Gad*, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of *Manasseh* requested and was given permission to settle in the land East of the Jordan

Numbers (Cont)

- **Numbers 33**

- A review of the itinerary from Egypt to Moab
- Directions for occupying the land of Canaan

- **Numbers 34**

- The boundaries of the Promised Land

- **Numbers 35**

- The Levitical cities
- The cities of refuge
- A distinction between willful and unintentional killing
- Hortatory conclusion – kept free from defilement as it was the habitation of Yahweh

- **Numbers 36**

- Marriage of daughters possessing landed property

Numbers (Cont)

- We will now begin our study of the last book of the Pentateuch – **Deuteronomy**

Deuteronomy

Numbers 20:14 -

Deuteronomy

- **Deuteronomy** (meaning second Law)
 - The fifth book of the *Torah (Pentateuch)*
 - Differently constructed than **Genesis** and **Numbers** which were primarily narratives
 - Deuteronomy is a single, long, sermon by Moses to the people encamped on the *Plain of Moab* just before entering into the Promised Land
 - It contains many similar stories to the earlier Books of the Pentateuch and must be seen as a “catechetical instruction” to the descendants of those who left Egypt 40 years earlier and died in the desert

Deuteronomy (Cont)

- **Hilkiah**, was the High Priest ("Kohen") who found a lost copy of the **Book of the Law** during the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem at the time of King Josiah (640-609 B.C.) (**2 Kings 22:8**)

KINGS OF JUDAH (SOUTHERN KINGDOM)

930-586 BC

No.	King	Date BC	Bad/ Good	Years Reigned	Relation to Predecessor	End of Reign	Scripture Reference
1	Rehoboam I	930-913	B	17	Son of Solomon	Died	1 Kg 11:42-14:31
2	Abijah	913-910	B	3	Son	Died	1 Kg 14:31-15:8
3	Asa	910-869	G	41	Son	Died	1 Kg 15:8-24
4	Jehoshaphat	872-848	G	25	Son	Died	1 Kg 22:41-55
5	Jehoram	848-841	B	8	Son	Stricken by God	2 Kg 8:16-24
6	Ahaziah	841	B	1	Son	Killed by Jehu	2 Kg 8:24-9:29
7	Athaliah	841-835	B	7	Mother	Killed by Army	2 Kg 11:1-20
8	Joash	835-796	G	40	Grandson	Killed by Servants	2 Kg 11:1-12:21
9	Amaziah	796-767	G	29	Son	Killed by Court	2 Kg 14:1-20
10	Uzziah	792-740	G	52	Son	Stricken by God	2 Kg 15:1-7
11	Jotham	750-732	G	16	Son	Died	2 Kg 15:32-38
12	Ahaz	735-715	B	16	Son	Died	2 Kg 16:1-20
13	Hezekiah	715-686	G	29	Son	Died	2 Kg 18:1-20:21
14	Manasseh	697-642	B	55	Son	Died	2 Kg 21:1-18
15	Amon	642-640	B	2	Son	Killed by Servants	2 Kg 21:19-26
16	Josiah	640-609	G	31	Son	Wounded in Battle	2 Kg 22:1-23:30
17	Jehoahaz	609	B	3 Months	Son	Exiled to Egypt	2 Kg 23:31-33
18	Jehoiakim	609-598	B	11	Brother	Died in Siege	2 Kg 23:34-24:5
19	Jehoiachin	598-597	B	3 Months	Son	Exiled to Babylon	2 Kg 24:6-16
20	Zedekiah	597-586	B	11	Uncle	Exiled to Babylon	2 Kg 24:17-25:30