

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Numbers 20**

Today we are still in the wilderness waiting for the first generation to die off. We begin to see this happen. Who dies at the beginning today (vs. 1)? What happens next and what is the issue at hand (vss. 2-5)? How does Moses respond (vss. 6-11)? What is the problem with Moses' response (vss. 12-13)? What does this mistake cost Moses? It is time to begin moving again, but that is not as easy as before. Who and what is the problem (vss. 14-21)? Edom is the land where Jacob's twin brother Esau lived, and these are his descendants. Perhaps too much time has passed for them to be gracious. So, they go around Edom and where do they set up camp next (vs. 22)? We now see the next important death. Who is it going to be and why (vs. 23)? How does this happen (vss. 24-28)? How did the people respond (vs. 29)? All that is left of the original leaders now are Moses, Joshua, and Caleb. What does this tell you about God? What does this reveal about us, humanity? How does this point to Jesus?

### **Tuesday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – Numbers 21 – Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 pm in Chapel.**

As we move forward today, we begin seeing the journey back to the Promised Land this time is not as easy as last time. What problem do they encounter today and how is it resolved (vss. 1-3)? They have victory and are back on the road again. What do the Israelites begin doing again and what is God's response (vs. 4-6)? When the people repent, what needs to be done to end God's response (vss. 7-9)? Verses 10-20 are a travel itinerary for Israel. What happens at Beer (vss. 16-18)? Now we get to some war stories. Where is the next territory the Israelites need to travel through (vss. 21-22)? What is the king's response (vss. 23-24)? Who wins (vs. 25)? Verses 26-30 tell us a bit about the history of Amorites and their capital, Heshbon. Where else did Israel invade (vss. 31-32)? Back on the road again, which is the next kingdom that Israel faces (vs. 33)? What happens (vss. 34-35)? Why do you think the journey back to the Promised Land is more difficult this time? What might be God's logic behind this? What do we learn about ourselves in these passages and our need to rely on God without complaining? What does this reveal about Jesus walking in the wilderness with us? Spend some time in prayer today, thanking God for his walking with us, even when we do complain.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Numbers 22**

Back on the road again, where do the Israelites head and what is the response of the king and his people (vss. 1-4)? How does the king of Moab plan to deal with these Israelites (vss. 5-7)? What happens after the men arrive (vss. 8-14)? But King Balak is not giving up. How does he respond (vss. 15-17)? How does Balaam respond to this second request (vss. 18-20)? Remember what Pastor Shirley said about this, seeking out a second time about what God had already said. This leads to what comes next. Read verses 21-34. Why was the angel of God there (vs. 32)? How does Balaam respond to this intervention (vs. 33)? What is the new plan (vs. 35)? What mood is King Balak in when Balaam finally arrives (vss. 36-37)? What warning does Balaam give King Balak regarding what might happen now that he was there (vss. 38-41)? This gives us a clue to what we learn about tomorrow. But what did you learn about God and His ways today? Did you notice God sees in the deepest parts of our heart, not just our lip service? How about us? What did you learn about humanity and yourself in today's reading? How are you like King Balak? How are you like Balaam? How does this point to Jesus and what true faithfulness looks like? What plot, deception, or manipulation have you been planning that you may need to leave behind today, and start being obedient to God? Where might you be rechecking with God to see if he changed his mind? Spend some time in prayer seeking help, wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit today and then do what you are led to do.

### **Thursday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Numbers 23 Happy Thanksgiving!**

We continue today with the drama involving King Balak, Balaam and Israel. King Balak has taken Balaam up the mountain, where they could see part of the Israeli camp. What takes place when they arrive (vss. 1-5)? What is the first message delivered (vss. 6-10)? What is Balak's response (vss. 11-12)? We now move to attempt number two. How does this come about (vss. 13-16)? Notice it is not all of Israel, just a section. What does God tell Balaam to say (vss. 17-24)? What is Balak's response (vss. 25-26)? We end today with the preparation for the third attempt. What happens (vss. 27-30)? So the scene is now set and tomorrow we will read what happens. How does God reveal himself in this chapter (vs. 19)? How do you think of God and how does God's revelation of himself compare to your understanding? Remembering you are a child of God, what does this reveal about God's chosen humanity (vss. 20-24)? Do you see yourself living as the blessed and protected? If not, why not? How does this point to the full victory and protection we have in Jesus for eternity? Spend some time this Thanksgiving thanking God for giving you victory and protection from the evil one. Have a blessed day!

### **Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Numbers 24**

We will conclude Balak's and Balaam's story today. We ended ready and poised for a third attempt to curse Israel. As you read verses 1-2, what is different from yesterday's attempts? What does Balaam say in the power of the Holy Spirit (vss. 3-9)? Is this a curse or a blessing? How does King Balak respond (vss. 10-11)? Perhaps it would have been better for Balaam to have stayed home, because there was no profit in this for him after all. But Balaam is not finished. What is his response to Balak (vss. 12-14)? What is Balaam's final message to Balak (vss. 15-19)? What is his message to the Amalekites (vs. 20)? What about his message to the Kenites (vss. 21-22)? What is his final word to them all (vss. 23-24)? When Balaam has said all the Holy Spirit has given him to say, what happens (vs. 25)? Now go back and read the various messages, especially verse 23. What did God reveal about himself to you today? What do you learn about those who oppose God and those who are God's own? And today we see the first prophecies of Jesus made. This is so fitting, since next week we begin Advent! What do these verses tell you about Jesus (vss. 16-17 and 19)? Sunday we will celebrate Jesus as the one who is the Star of Jacob, the Scepter of Israel, and the Ruler who will destroy all who oppose God. This is our King. Praise the Lord!

### **Saturday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Revelation 19:11-21.**