

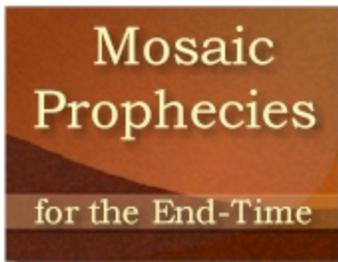
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Mosaic Prophecies for the End-Time

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God proves Himself by stating prophecies that later come true. The farther into the future that prophecies take place, the more powerful God appears to be, because it shows that He governs all affairs on earth and in this universe. James, the half-brother of Christ, explained the power of God in governing all events, past, present, or future:

"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world [aion, age]."

• Acts 15:18

He meant that as a statement of truth. That dictum by James is reiterated time and again in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament. God controls all affairs here on this earth, and though there is a Satan here as well, all things that even Satan does are within the parameters that God approves. God is in charge of all things, whether good or evil.

It is up to us to understand how God works in human affairs, to know through the biblical revelation how He works with us individually, and what our responsibilities are. He reveals who He is — our Father. Jesus Christ is our elder brother. We are brothers and sisters of one another and are destined to become members of the very family of God. In a nascent sense we are already the children of God. Of course, we lack the spiritual body, the spiritual character, and the spiritual knowledge, understanding and wisdom that God the Father and Christ Jesus have at the present time.

We are prophesied to receive that very knowledge and those attributes of God in the future. That is why we are here, to know who we are, where we are going, and what our responsibilities are. Once we know those things, it helps each of us appreciate one another, as well as our own lives that God gave us. God demonstrates Himself, and His power, by various means. But one way He demonstrates His authority, His governorship, His sovereignty over the world and the universe, is through His ability to fulfill prophecies

given in the past, and bring them to pass in the distant future. He does what is necessary to bring to pass His plan for the human race and for the universe.

The Work of God and His Knowledge of You

James' statement in Acts 15:18 is absolutely a fact. Each of us figured into God's plan even before the foundation of the world, before He made the Earth. That includes you personally.

If you want to know who you are, go to a mirror, look, say your name to yourself, and that name is well-known by God the Father Himself, and Christ Jesus. He knows each one of us. He also knows everyone in the world. Before our first parents were ever created, you were known, I was known, and so were the apostle Paul, and all those men, women, and children 2,000 years ago, and everyone living today (all 6 billion people). And known also are those born another thousand years from now to the end of the millennium. All are known in the plan of God. He created us for a purpose. He created us to appear at this very time in history.

We need to find out what God's will really is, to know what the divine plan of God really is that He is carrying out here on this Earth, His plan that began with the creation of Adam and Eve.

There is a marvelous and wonderful power which governs our lives if we have wisdom to understand it. We can do as we please within certain parameters, that is quite true. But when we talk about human free will, it is nothing more than a reflection of God's will in heaven, and that is absolutely stated in the Word of God. Philippians 2:13: "**For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**" God does everything according to the counsel of His will (Ephesians chapter 1), which means according to the decisions of His will. God designs in us and motivates in us His will, His purpose, and His method of doing things. He does all this in a mysterious way.¹

Note what we have in Second Timothy, the last epistle the apostle Paul ever wrote. He was summing up, the divine teaching bequeathed to him by Christ Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. It regards history, it regards prophecy, and it regards you and me. It shows that God knows His works from the beginning of the world unto the end, whether those works be good, or whether they be evil. He has designed things, eventually, to work out for good for each one of us, including His son Jesus Christ, in whom we find ourselves. Paul said it is God the Father,

"Who has saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

• 2 Timothy 1:9

The apostle Paul wanted to leave this statement with you and me, so that we could realize that we are not an accident. If we have difficulty understanding the powers of God in the manifestation of His wisdom and education in matters such as this, it is because we lack knowledge and understanding at present.

Moses, Israel and You

In the first section of the Bible where Moses was the main author, he discusses things in the Book of Genesis from earlier records, going back to Adam and Eve. But we are primarily concerned here with what Moses wrote concerning the future, the future for mankind, the future for Israel, the future for the world and where we all fit into it. God gave Moses special knowledge that he recorded in various sections of the Mosaic writings in particular, in one long psalm for Israel, but which has ramifications to include all people on Earth because it deals with the end-times.

¹ After our resurrection from the dead to glory we will be educated and we will understand how God ruled His creation at this present time. That will be part of our education by which we can participate in judgment and reconciliation of that creation. DWS

Moses was not just selected by God to raise up the nation of Israel and to give them laws, commandments and judgments, and to show who God really was. He was also called to show what this priestly nation of Israel would be doing through the ages, and what the completion of that role would be like at the end of the age. This would be when the kingdom of God would emerge on the Earth, when God Himself would rule with laws and commandments for the benefit of mankind.

He selected you, He selected me. He selected us so that we could fit into this plan that James talked about, where all the works of God are known from the beginning, so we can be assured that He will be successful, and that we will be in the divine family that He prognosticated generations ago, even before the foundation of the world. That is the comfort that all of us need.

The Purpose of Prophecy

God is working out a plan here below, and He revealed much of it to Moses. Moses and others gave prophecy as a means of proving that God is in charge. God is moving all the pieces on the chess-board. He will fulfill everything exactly in the fashion that He feels is warranted to bring His plan to pass.

Likewise, *our* salvation was given to us before the foundation of the world in Christ (2 Timothy 1:9). Christ physically secured it for us by His death on the tree of crucifixion and His resurrection from the dead some 2,000 years ago. His Second Coming, still future to us, will fulfill our salvation.

God gives prophecies for us to see in Scripture which have truly happened in the past. Many of them are especially related to His Son Jesus Christ, to give us assurance and security that the things He prognosticated for the future (especially the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, *and* our resurrection from the dead to occur at nearly the same moment), will also take place as planned. In Revelation 13:7–8 the apostle John was speaking about the *very* end time. He said that Jesus Christ, the Father's only begotten son sent to this Earth to die for mankind and to be resurrected as well, **"was slain before the foundation of the world."** He was not actually slain then, but in the plan of God He was slain before the foundation of the world.

In the plan of God all mankind was created to eventually place each individual — finally — into the family of God. He has on Earth a divine plan ordered and arranged so that each of us, if we read the Scripture carefully, can find out where we fit into that plan. See 1 Corinthians 15:53–54. When that all takes place, we will look back with full understanding on this history that God has given us from the time of Adam and Eve, through to today, and reaching to the period called the end-time, which we are just on the threshold of entering.

We are coming very soon into a new age that will be given to us and all mankind by God Himself. We will witness a divine intervention of no less than Jesus Christ Himself into world affairs, coming soon. It will be an intervention in nature, in politics, in religion, in all forms of society that you and I are familiar with. Get ready for some very interesting times.

Ancient Mosaic Prophecies

Some of these times were prophesied by Moses in the earliest parts of the Bible. When you go back to the earliest parts and find fulfillment in the latest parts, that means much more to you than if the prophecy was given five years ago. The farther back and the more detailed the prophecy might be, and the fulfillment seen by humans with their own eyes generations later, it gives more glory, more majesty and more divine authority to God who made the prophecies. That is why God gives us prophecies in the Scripture. Moses said that God proves Himself by prophecies.

Even the earliest prophecies are very important because they include end-time fulfillment. Moses tells Israel primarily what they would be doing in the future, and just before the emergence of the Kingdom of God on Earth. The basic prophecies really concern Israel. All nations are figured in, but only in relationship to the priestly role that the people of Israel play toward other nations.

In Moses' last year, his 120th year of life, he looked back at some forty years with the Israelites. God gave Moses prophecies to give to Israel and instructed him to record them in a written document so they

could read it from time to time and be assured of what God will do with them in the future, and that what Moses was saying was not in vain. Moses was saying, pay attention, take heed, because these prophecies that I tell you now will find fulfillment in future generations of Israel and the world. God will demonstrate that He governs all things in the Earth, and in the universe. And we find James, the legal half-brother of our Lord, saying what was absolutely true in Moses' time, that God knows all things from the very beginning, of all His works.

In his last year of life Moses summed up the teachings given to Israel when they would go into the land of Canaan. That is the reason the Book of Deuteronomy was written. It contains much the same information in Exodus, and Leviticus, and also in Numbers.

The other books of Moses presented information for the wilderness existence. The Book of Deuteronomy prepared Israel for a more civilized environment inside the land of Canaan where they will not live in tents any longer but in homes and cities with walls.² Prior to his death Moses gave the Israelites something to think about for when they would enter the Promised Land. These were essential teachings and prophecies of God to lead them into nationhood, later into a kingdom, and finally into the Kingdom of God, if you go farther in time to when the Messiah would come on the Earth. That Messiah was Jesus Christ.

Moses' Final Message

In the Book of Deuteronomy Moses sums up the experiences that the Israelites had in their wilderness experience. Then he instructed them to study this new information regularly:

“And Moses wrote this law [all five books by Moses], and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of YHWH, and unto all the elders of Israel. And Moses commanded them, saying,

‘At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release [a sabbatical year], in the feast of tabernacles [the autumn of the year], when all Israel is come to appear before YHWH your God in the place which he shall choose [first at Shiloh, then later at Jerusalem where the temples were built], you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.’”

• *Deuteronomy 31:9–11*

Moses is bringing together the first five books of the Bible and giving it into the hands of the priests and the elders of Israel to maintain these Words of God. In these Words of God were prophecies that dealt with the condition which Israel would find itself on the eve of the Messianic Kingdom.

Moses, with over forty years of dealing with Israel in the wilderness, gathered all the written documents, that he called “The Law of God,” together into a divine collection of five long scrolls. He gave them to the priests and the elders of Israel. Then he said in effect: these are the laws you are to go by from now, from the time when you cross over the River Jordan into the land of Canaan, and stretching out into the future to the time when God would present Himself on Earth. That would be in the Kingdom of God. He wanted Israel to maintain these laws and have everyone, including the leaders, every seventh year to sit down and read every word from beginning to end, and to do so in the autumn at the feast of tabernacles. Such was the account of Deuteronomy chapter 31.

The Song of Moses

The term “Song of Moses” refers to the closing end-time teaching of Moses. He tells Israel the condition

² When the Book of Deuteronomy was given, and particularly when the Song of Moses was composed, the tribes of Israel were about to transition from a pastoral life to a settled farming life. There were several major differences between the two ways of life, with many new problems and complexities. The Book of Deuteronomy updates God's rules for Israel for the new life in the Promised Land. *DWS*

they will be in until the future time when God Himself raises up a kingdom on earth. These prophecies are found in the Book of Genesis: the portions dealing with Abraham, and in chapters 48–50 of Genesis, prophecies given to Jacob and others, which Moses had at this time. When I talk about Mosaic prophecies, I not only mean prophecies that Moses himself gave, but also the prophecies he gathered into the first five books of the Bible. Those prophecies together show a plan that God is working out, a plan that Israel will fit into in a very profound way.³ The summation that Moses gives the Israelites is literally a song.

The song in Deuteronomy chapter 32 is Moses' second and last song in the Pentateuch. Moses gave Israel a song back at the time of the Exodus after Israel was saved by going through the Red Sea. Moses' first song is in Exodus chapter 15. When Pharaoh went in after the Israelites where they crossed the Red Sea, it says there was ice associated with that event. The ice began to break up and Pharaoh's army was thrown into the sea. Israel escaped but Pharaoh and his army went down like lead, sinking into the bottom of the sea from this ice condition into which the water formed.⁴

The interesting thing about this song for the Israelites is that it is basically *negative* in scope. It is not positive until the very end. Rabbis have noted this for a long time. Moses warns the Israelites about one thing, that they are human beings who do not have of themselves the power of God to do things perfectly.

This last instruction of Moses to the Israelites in Deuteronomy chapter 32 has a negative aspect which will lead to a positive result in the future. After bringing together the Scriptures, the Torah, the first five books, in Deuteronomy 31:9–11, Moses goes on to say that YHWH will raise up Joshua (verse 14), to lead after him. While Moses was speaking about Joshua, it says:

“And YHWH appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.”

• **Deuteronomy 31:15**⁵

Then comes a prologue to the song, declaring the reason it was given ...

“And YHWH said unto Moses, ‘Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers [that is, he would die]; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods [*elohim*] of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.’”

• **Deuteronomy 31:16**

That is the negative aspect. Only God can bring in the positive, and He will do that. That is prophesied as well:

“Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, ... I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.”

• **Deuteronomy 31:17–18**

Moses knew that Israel would turn to other gods. You might say that he did not have much faith in the people. That is certainly true. Going on, **“Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel”** (Deuteronomy 31:22). And at the same time he said in verse 26:

“Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of YHWH your God, that it may be there for a witness against you.”

³ Most of the 150 psalms of the Bible (which are also songs) are also prophecies. *ELM* See Dr. Martin's article [“Psalms, Music and Prophecy”](#) and [“Appendix One: Preliminary Suggestions For the Structure of the Psalms”](#) from Dr. Martin's book [Restoring the Original Bible](#) (Portland, OR: ASK Publications, 1994, 2004), available online free. *DWS*

⁴ See Dr. Martin's controversial chapter, [“Secret Four: The Red Sea Was Crossed on an Ice Bridge,”](#) in his book [101 Bible Secrets That Christians Do Not Know](#) (Portland, OR: ASK Publications, 1993, 1998), available online free. *DWS*

⁵ This action by God showed His approval of Moses' decision and statement to Israel. *DWS*

Here is what Moses said before he gave his second and last song:

“For I know that after my death you [you Israelites] will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; [note: “in the latter days”] because you will do evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. And Moses spoke in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they [Moses’ words] were ended.”

• *Deuteronomy 31:29–30*

Moses’ Song Begins

“Give ear, O you heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew [God is speaking], as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish [proclaim] the name of YHWH: ascribe you greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment [good judgment]: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

• *Deuteronomy 32:1–4*

That is the beginning of the song. Thus far all is positive, but that is because it is all centered on God’s actions. Verse 5:

“They [Israel] have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.”

He wants them to understand this from the very beginning, in relationship to God. Verse 6:

“Do you thus requite [repay] YHWH, O foolish people and unwise? Is not he your father that has bought you? Has he not made you, and established you [you Israelites]?”

That is right, He is the Father.

“Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance [after flood of Noah], when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.”

• *Deuteronomy 32:7–8*

All the nations in existence at that time were divided around Israel, with Israel in their midst. It means that He looked at Israel first, then the other nations around them.

When God divided the nations, how many nations were there back then? When you look at Genesis chapter 10, right after the flood, it shows that there were 70 names. Count them. (Some say 71 or 72 nations, but there are 70 names. Jewish authorities always recognize 70.) These 70 peoples come from three divisions of Noah’s three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. All races of mankind result from the three sons of Noah. This 70 was a noted number amongst the Israelites, indicating all of the nations of the world. These 70 did not include Israel.⁶

I will show in a prophecy recorded by Moses (as a Mosaic prophecy, but given by Balaam), that Israel was not reckoned amongst the nations. That is how much He loves Israel. They are the center of His whole endeavor on this Earth. He has some warnings for them.

⁶ I put forth a different interpretation of Genesis chapter 10 and Deuteronomy 32:8 than what Dr. Martin presents here in my presentations “[Idolatry and the Sons of God](#)” and “[Elohim and the Son of God](#).” See also my February 2009 Commentary “[The Division of the Earth](#).” DWS

Israel was separate, a priestly nation, the nation of God's own heart, the nation that He had given most to of all the nations. They were (and are) a nation with responsibility and they were expected to fulfill it. Here is the great warning that is coming out. When God divided the nations of the world, He had one nation around which He established all the other nations. That nation was Israel. He was showing Israel how important they were.

Note carefully what Deuteronomy 32:7–8 shows: the nations were separated before Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were ever born, before Israel became a people, long before Israel became a nation. Yet God at that time had Israel in mind, and so arranged events for its creation as first a people, then a nation.

There is also a negative aspect here. If Israel starts going after other gods, if they start worshipping in the wrong way, if they turn away from God and His commandments and His ways, then it will be worse for them than for the nations around them. This is where He gives the warning. It is a warning song for the latter days. If you read this entire song in Deuteronomy 32:1–43, you find it describes Israel since the time of Christ up to now, and even to this very moment on the threshold of the end of the age.

Moses' Warning to Israel

Here is Moses' warning for the mighty and wonderful nation of Israel,

“For YHWH's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance [this shows how much he loves them]. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye [that is how much God loves Israel]. As an eagle stirs up her nest, flutters over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them, bears them on her wings.”

• **Deuteronomy 32:9–11**

The Palestinian eagle, or the eagle of the Negev in the south, is a unique creature. To this very day this remarkable characteristic is noted. Once the eaglets are about ready to fly, the mother eagle will get them on the back of her wings and they grasp on as best they can. She will fly into the air away from the nest, high up, and then she will shake the little eaglets off deliberately, and they begin to fall. They are trying to fly, but they cannot fly yet. You know what she will do? She will come underneath one of them, grab it; another one, grab it; another one, grab it; and she always gets the last one. She goes up again and shakes them off. They start to go down and she comes underneath and gets one, and then another, until they learn to fly themselves. When they learn to fly they all go back to the nest.

He is showing how YHWH will deal with Israel. Moses says:

“As an eagle stirs up her nest, flutters over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them, bears them on her wings: So YHWH alone did lead him [Israel from the wilderness], and there was no strange god with him [at the time]. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; butter of kine [cattle], and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and ... [all of the good things].”

• **Deuteronomy 32:11–14**

That is what God has given to Israel. Then what will happen? It goes on to say that when they go into the land Israel will forsake God. As a result:

“And He said, ‘I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. ... I will move them [Israel] to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.”

• **Deuteronomy 32:20–21**

The apostle Paul quoted that very verse⁷ (as did Hosea in a similar context, Hosea 2:23), to say to Israel that once they would see their Messiah, they would reject Him. It was in the plan of God that they would reject Him. God would get another nation to do the job.

At the end of the age Israel will return and do the job that Israel was supposed to do. In the meantime, here is what God will do. He had five things that He would subject the Israelites to, because of their rejection of Him. He says I know you will reject me. You will do it.

Five Penalties for Israel's Disobedience to God

Here are the five-fold penalties indicated in Deuteronomy chapter 32:

1. Verses 22–23,

“For a fire is kindled in mine anger [says God], and shall burn unto the lowest of hell [*sheol*, the grave], and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap mischiefs upon them [Israel]; I will spend mine arrows upon them.”

2. Verse 24a,

“They shall be burnt with hunger,”

3. Verse 24b,

“... and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.”

4. Verse 25,

“The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.”

5. Verse 26a,

“I would scatter them into corners [of the earth].”

All nations of the Earth — and there are other prophecies on this — will find Israelites in their lands.⁸ They would be scattered and taken to all nations of the world. Our Jewish friends today (the rabbis) well know that they have fulfilled these prophecies. You find the people of Israel in every country of the world, exactly as the prophecies said. That has been their history from the time of Moses to the present. The glorious times of David and Solomon when Israel was unified did not last long. They went into final Babylonian captivity some four centuries later.

When Christ Jesus came on the scene by the plan of God, the Jews did not accept Him. Then in 70 AD, the Temple that Herod built was destroyed. It was given to another nation, a foolish nation.⁹ He is talking here about what Israel would do:

⁷ Paul quoted Deuteronomy 32:21 from the Greek Old Testament, the Septuagint. Romans 10:19:

“But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses says, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.”

Israel will be angry at God's inclusion of Gentiles into His *ekklesia*. They will be angry at the Gentiles who are brought in, but their true anger will be toward God. Regarding the reluctance of the early *ekklesia* to accept Gentiles without requiring them to adhere to the Law of Moses, see Dr. Martin's article, “[Development of New Doctrine](#).” DWS

⁸ Some people today believe that the United States of America and Britain as great nations represent Israel. That is not the case. See my website articles, “[Who are the Northern Ten Tribes of Israel Today?](#)” and “[Just Who Is an Israelite Today?](#)” which powerfully disprove this theory. ELM

⁹ Deuteronomy 32:21. The Romans (from whom many of us are descended) took over, and became the Europeans. There are prophecies in the Bible which speak about the Europeans and the Romans, and others, who will have a part to play at the very end-time. ELM

“For they are a nation void of counsel, O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end! How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight [if they would do right], except their Rock had sold them, and YHWH had shut them up? For their rock is not as our Rock ...”

• **Deuteronomy 32:28–31**

The “rock” of the foolish nation was not the same Rock of Israel, which was Christ. The foolish nation was to take up the mantle of Israel and do the job of Israel, until Israel will come to its senses. Will Israel do so? It says, at the end of this prophecy:

“Rejoice, O you nations, with his people [Israel]: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.”

• **Deuteronomy 32:43**

The end-time, Moses said, will see a revival of Israel. From his time to that very end time, there will be chaos, there will be difficulties. There will be times of glory, but mainly difficulties. At the very end, when this foolish nation joins other nations of the world, joins with God’s people, then Israel will find joy, happiness, fulfillment, and peace. But there must come this joining together of the nations at the end of the age, with Israel being in the midst. This is one of the central prophecies of the end-time. That is why I wanted to give it first. That is why you ought to study chapter 32 of the Book of Deuteronomy. It is a negative prophecy in many ways, but when it reaches the end, then it becomes highly positive.

Look at all the other prophecies of the Bible that show the glories coming out of Palestine, out of Israel, out of Jerusalem in the next few years. Keep your eyes on that area of the world, because God is absolutely in charge of events that will cause the glory of Israel to come back. They will repent of their ways. They will join with the foolish nation. In fact, they will lead the foolish nation. Read again Deuteronomy 32:43, which ends the song.

Soon after giving this song, Moses died. That Song was the last thing he left the people he loved and worked for. He said it will be far in the future before Israel would come again to the state it was in with Moses. But they will come to it. Today we are just on the threshold of seeing this prophecy for the latter days come to pass.

The Prophecy of Balaam

There were prophecies given in the time of Balaam. If you go back to the 24th chapter of Numbers you will find various prophecies given. Almost every one deals with the end-time. These prophecies will take place amongst the Israelites in the latter days, far into the future from Moses’ time. Some of the prophecies uttered by Balaam (that Moses recorded, thus they are Mosaic prophecies), under inspiration of God, have never happened in history — not yet. The Gentile prophet Balaam is speaking in Numbers chapter 24:

“And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise you what this people shall do to your people [the people of Moab; talking to Balak] in the latter days.”¹⁰

• **Numbers 24:14**

Balaam then shows that a star will come out of Israel. That star was to be the great Messiah. Certain things were to occur before the advent of this star that will bring the teaching connected with this Messiah into effect:

¹⁰ Other verses with terms similar to “the latter days” in the Old Testament are: Genesis 49:1; Deuteronomy 4:30, 31:29; Isaiah 2:2; Jeremiah 23:20, 30:24, 48:47 & 49:39; Ezekiel 38:16; Daniel 2:28 & 10:14; Hosea 3:5 and Micah 4:1. Look them up and study them. DWS

“And when he looked on Amalek,¹¹ he took up his parable, and said, ‘Amalek was the first of the nations ...’”

• **Numbers 24:20**

The first nation to war against Israel was Amalek. The war took place before Mount Sinai. The Israelites won because Moses’ hands were held up when he was tired, remember? (Exodus 17:8–16). **“Amalek was the first of the nations, but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever [far future]”** (Numbers 24:20).

It started with the Amalekites as the nation that went against Israel from the very beginning, the nation of Amalek will come to an end.¹² Since then nation after nation after nation has been against Israel. The Philistines attacked Israel as did the Assyrians. The Babylonians, the Persians not so much, but eventually they all oppressed Israel. The Hellenists did the same; the Romans did the same. Hitler did the same thing.

We are coming into an age when things will be different. A star is to arise in Israel in the latter days.¹³ Just before the arising of this star, these prophecies will take place. It says here, in snippets,

“And he took up his parable, and said, ‘Alas [or Woe], who shall live when God does this [establishes this star]! And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur [Assyria], and shall afflict Eber [the Hebrews], and he shall perish for ever [far away in time].”

• **Numbers 24:23–24**

This evil force that is coming against the Hebrews shall perish.

Now it says Chittim shall come against Asshur. What you have to do is realize that at the time Moses wrote this, when Balaam gave the prophecy, not many nations were around, only 70 at that time. Chittim represented a small segment of the world, the island of Cyprus. The first name of Cyprus was *Chition*. From there on the Chittim people from Japheth spread into Asia Minor. They spread into Macedonia. It was common in the centuries before Christ for Jews to call Alexander the Great and others the people of Chittim.¹⁴

Chittim in the prophecy of Balaam represents Europe. Asshur represents Asia. Do you know that there will be a war between Europe and Asia, taking place in the Middle East and that Europe will fail? Only a snippet is given here concerning the end-time. My, how I wish Moses or Balaam would have put a little bit more in there. They did not do so, but these are prophecies concerning the end-time.

Daniel says we will understand these prophecies as we get closer. We are getting closer to these prophecies. Read all four major prophecies of Balaam dealing with the end time, but connect them with the one I gave you from Deuteronomy chapter 32 concerning Israel.

Moses is the one who put these prophecies together for the end-time. And though they are just little snippets of prophecies, when we put them together with Daniel, with Isaiah, and the Book of Revelation, it

¹¹ Amalek in Numbers chapter 24 is a synonym for Egypt; the Amalekites (at this time near the end of the Exodus) had conquered and were ruling Egypt. Their conquest of Egypt took place after Amalek attacked Israel (Exodus 17:8–16) some 40 years before, at the beginning of Israel’s wilderness sojourn. After that battle Amalek went into Egypt which was weakened by the great and devastating plagues that God inflicted upon the Egyptian people and empire. *DWS*

¹² God is saying here that He shall wipe out an entire people, an entire nation. If humans were to do such a thing we would call it genocide. When God does it, it a righteous act because of who He is. God will eventually save (in His own timeframe) all Amalekites who ever lived. God’s purpose is to make an example of the people of Amalek. *DWS*

¹³ Numbers 24:17, 19:

“I shall see Him, but not now. I shall behold Him, but [He is] not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, ... Out of Jacob shall come He that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remains of the city.”

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¹⁴ In the Dead Sea Scrolls we find Romans called Chittim, the Chittim people. “Chittim” is a symbol of Europe. Take “Asia,” originally a small province of Asia and Asia Minor, came to refer to the whole continent. A small tribe called Epher, opposite Rome, in the African continent, gave the name “Africa” to the whole continent. Rather interesting is it not? A small tribe, just to the east of Brindisi, Italy, in the Greek Archipelago, was known as the Greka and gave the whole name to Greece. *ELM*

will open your eyes to events to come in the Middle East. These prophecies of Moses will come alive in the next few years. You can be assured they will.

God is out to prove Himself in history to the world.

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