March 4/Day 63

Numbers 21

Verses 1-3

- What people group lives in the Negev at this point?
- Did the king wish to allow Israel to pass?
- What did Israel ask the LORD to do? Did He?

Verses 4-5

- Did you remember the setting from yesterday was Mount Hor? Do you remember who died there?
- Why did they go around Edom? Remember, Edom was Esau.
- What did the people do when they became impatient?

Verses 6-8

• What did the LORD send when the people complained? Notice, the LORD sent them. We often have a hard time acknowledging that God would do anything we would consider bad. Isaiah 45:7, "The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these."

Verses 10-13

- Moab was the son of Lot by his eldest daughter.
- A wadi is a dried-up riverbed which floods in rainy season.
- The Amorites are descendants of Cannan, Ham's son.

Verses 14-19

• Did you know there was a "Book of the Wars of the LORD"?

Verses 21-26

- What did Israel ask of the Amorite king?
- Did he allow this? What did he do instead?
- What happened?

Verses 27-35

- Who came against them next?
- What do we see happening in these passages in regard to the land of promise?

Numbers 22

Verses 1-6

- Why did Moab fear Israel?
- Remember, Jethro and Zipporah were Midianites.
- Who was Balak?
- What did he want Balaam to do? Why, was Balaam a prophet though he was not an Israelite?

Verses 7-14

- What did the men have in their hands for Balaam? What does this tell us?
- Did God speak to Balaam? How did the conversation go?

Verses 15-20

• What happened this time?

Verses 21-30

- Who stood as an adversary to Balaam?
- How did Balaam's donkey like this? Do you think animals can sense or see spirits?
- Do you find it hard to believe that God caused the donkey to speak? If God can create the entire universe and open barren wombs, can He make a donkey speak?

Verses 31-35

- What did God show Balaam after he harmed the donkey?
- The angel of the LORD, believed to be a preincarnate Christ, said Balaam's way was contrary to Him. What does this mean?
- What did Balaam acknowledge?
- What was the plan?

Verses 36-41

- How did Balak receive Balaam?
- Where did he take him?
- Ancient people built temples for their false gods in high places so that anywhere they are in the city they could look up to it. Think of Roman temples.
- Baal was the Canaanite fertility god. Its name means lord or master.

See you tomorrow.