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**WORD WITH
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BLESSED OF THE LORD

Children of Israel are the people who are BLESSED OF THE LORD! They are God's chosen people. There are so many places we see that God has spoken His Word of promise to them for. I like these here: **"...for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye" (Zachariah 2:8).**

God had promised them that, **"1. But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 2. When thou passest through the waters, I will with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." (Isaiah 43:1-2).**

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD" (Isaiah 54:17).

Today in my personal meditation I was reading Number chapter 22 onwards and I was amazed to see God's protection over the people of Israel. They were on the way to the Promised Land under the leadership of Moses. Balak the king of Moab when he saw that children of Israel pitched against them to fight with them he was so scared and called Balaam a prophet, to curse the people of Israel. King Balak knew that he cannot defeat the people of Israel. He sent for Balaam to come and curse the people of Israel so they can be destroyed. But Balaam refused to do that even after Balak was willing to give him great prize for his work. I like the answer Balaam gave to king Balak's people: **"...I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me.." (Numbers 22:8), and again, "...If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more" (Vs. 18).**

Two times Balak sent his people with big money as bribe to Balaam But two times Balaam refused to go with them and curse the people of Israel. At the first time Balaam went to God and asked him and look what God told him: **"And God said unto Balaam, thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people for they are BLESSED" (Numbers 22:12).** Next time again when the Balak's people came to call Balaam, God told him: **"And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, if the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do" (Numbers 22:20).** Balaam each time went to the Lord and asked Him and look what God told Balaam: "

Balaam could not curse the people of Israel but he pronounced blessing over the people saying, **"....blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee" (Numbers 24:9b).** **"How shall I curse, whome God hath not cursed? Or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?" (Numbers 23:8).**

Balak took Balaam at three different places from there to curse the people of Israel but I believe that from three places Balaam saw only one scene: **THE CROSS.** The 12 tribes of Israel people were staying in such way that from above it was looking **the shape of The Cross.** People of Israel by themselves were not perfect but God used to see them through His Son Jesus Christ! As a Blessed people! It is same with us neither we are perfect. God sees us through the Blood of Jesus His Beloved Son that we are righteousness of God in Jesus Christ! Hallelujah!

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith,** excellent traveling Companions.
(Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

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