

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD SEEN  
IN HIS WAYS WITH  
BALAAM.

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NUMBERS XXII.—XXIV.

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CHAPTER XXII.—It was the object of the enemy to hinder God's people from the enjoyment of the land God had promised to bring them into. It was not now a question of getting out of Egypt. They were brought out, and nearly at the end of the way. *Could* they be prevented entering into the land? If it depended on what *they* were, of course they could be; and Satan, the accuser of the brethren, could hinder *our* getting to heaven because of our sins, if it were on the ground of our worthiness that we must go there. Israel had been stiff-necked and rebellious all the way along, though God had been bringing them water out of the rock for their thirst, and manna from heaven for their food; and now the solemn question has to be settled, whether they are to be prevented entering on account of it. It is the power of the enemy here exerted, not his wiles; *they* come after in the history of Balaam. But this was the point, whether, by force or by wiles, the enemy could keep Israel out of Canaan. We shall see how God announces His thoughts about the