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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

DECEMBER 4.

BALAAM.—Num. 24: 10-19.

Balaam is one of those characters of whom, whilst so little is told that we seem to know nothing of him, yet whatever that little is, raises him at once to the highest pitch of interest. His home is beyond the Euphrates, amongst the mountains where the vast streams of Mesopotamia have their rise. But his fame is known across the Assyrian desert, through the Arabian tribes down to the very shores of the Red Sea. He ranks as a warrior chief (by that combination of soldier and prophet already seen in Moses himself) with the five kings of Midian. He is regarded throughout the whole of the East as a prophet whose blessing or whose curse was irresistible, the rival, the possible conqueror, of Moses He was, i. e., Balaam, as an old writer remarks, "one of those unstable men whom the apostle calls 'double minded,' an ambidexter in religion like Redwald, King of the East Saxons, the first that was baptised who (as Camden relates) had in the same church one altar for the Christian religion, and another for sacrificing to devils; and a loaf of the same leaven was our resolute Rufus, that painted God on one side of his shield and the devil on the other, with this desperate inscription, "In utrumque paratus," I am ready for either.

The Lord hath kept thee back.—He has deprived you of the best post in my court for the service you have done him. Thus it is that they who appear to be losers by obeying God rather than man, are apt to be rebuked by the wordly minded as having foolishly thrown away the highest proffered advantages.

If Balak would give—The answer of Balaam seems truly noble, and worthy of being prompted by a better spirit. But the sequel showed that instead of resisting the temptation he was only yielding to it. After his strong assertion of principle, he again sought an interview with God, for the purpose of changing, if possible, the divine plans, showing that his heart was still set on Balak's gold. He might have known that what had been wrong on the first visit of Balak's messengers would not be right on the second. *I cannot*—His will was to curse Israel and win Balak's hire, but a higher power overruled his lips. Rightly did he say, "I cannot," rather than "I will not." *What the Lord saith*—As a prophet, he could only speak what God put into his lips. Balak did not give him credit for sincerity, but supposed that, as a soothsayer, he could divine as he chose.

I will advertise (advise, or instruct) *thee. In the latter days*—Hebrew, literally, "In the afterhood of days," a phrase imputing the time to come, whether that be more or less remote. Here doubtless it has an extended reach of meaning, embracing the era of the Messiah and his New Testament Church, when the spiritual Israel should waste away the spiritual Moab.

Took up his parable—That is, began to prophecy, but in a dark and mystic strain. *Whose eyes are open*—Opened in inward vision to discern things that were hidden from ordinary beholders. *Saw the vision of the Almighty*—An ecstatic or trance state is described, in which, as is well known, the external sight is closed, while the internal sight is opened. *Falling*—The word indicates the force of the afflatus which, like an armed man, comes upon the seer and strikes him down. The faithful prophets of the Lord do not appear to have been subject to these violent illapses. In Balaam and in Saul the word of God could only prevail by first subduing their alien will and overpowering the bodily energies which the will ordinarily directs.

I shall see him—Better, "I see him, though he be not now; I behold him, though he be not nigh." Balaam there spoke of what he saw in fact with the bodily eye. Here he describes what is actually before him in inward vision. *Him*—That is, the prince, represented in the succeeding words by the star and scepter. On these the prophetic gaze of Balaam is fixed, not on the people encamped on the plain beneath him. The idea is that he had a view in dim perspective of the event or the personage which constituted the main theme of his prophecy. *A star out of Jacob*—The star has amongst all nations served as symbol of regal power and splendor. The birth and future glory of great monarchs were believed by the ancients to be heralded by the appearance of stars and comets. In the "star out of Jacob" Balaam beholds not David as the one king of Israel, but the Messiah, in whom the royalty of Israel promised to the patriarchs (Gen. 17: 6, 16; 35: 11) attains its fullest realization. The Jews understood this prophecy as referring to Messiah or Christ. The false Christ who, under Hadrian, took up arms against Rome, gave himself out as the Messiah when Balaam had foretold, and assumed the name of "Barchocab," or the "son of the star," for the purpose of placing himself in nearer connection with that prophecy, although after being slain in battle, the Jews, finding themselves deceived, called him *Bar-coziba, the son of a lie. The corners of Moab*—Literally, "the two sides of Moab," i. e., the length and breadth of the land. Comp. Jer. 48; 45. *Moab* and (verse 18) *Edom* are the first of these that are mentioned, viz., the two nations that were related to Israel by descent, but had risen up in hostility against it at that time. *Destroy all the children of Sheth*—Rather, "overthrow the sons of tumult," i. e., the warriors of Moab, whose valor and fierceness is frequently referred to elsewhere.

Edom shall be a possession—Since Edom here is only to be considered as the representative of the powers of the world hostile to the kingdom of God, and Israel continues to exist in the Church of the New Testament, so the consummation of the fulfilment is to be looked for in the times when the conflict of the kingdom of God with the world will be completed by the victory of the former.

ROOT THOUGHTS.

To be a prophet is a great thing, but to be a loving, fair-minded, consistent servant of God is a greater, yea, a far greater, thing. "Though I have the gift of prophecy . . . and have not charity, I am nothing," said Paul, and so should all say.

Balaam was a prophet, but he was not just such a servant of God as would serve for a model of excellence. He had a mind divinely illuminated, but his heart was sordid, corrupt, low. He knew the right, but he loved the wrong. He "saw visions of the Almighty," but he was keenly sensitive to the approaches of men. He was a "strange mixture of a man," not an Israelite, but knowing the God of Israel; uttering magnificent prophecies, but seemingly unconcerned as to whom or where they hit.

BREAKING DOWN.

Men often have their hands full, are overcrowded with business and drive hurriedly along at it, but they may not be overworked. We cannot always tell when we are overworked. A man does not always know himself, no more than he knows the strain on the main-spring of his watch that will break it. But there comes a time when it breaks—a click, a snap, and the watch stops. Men break down in this way. They go on day after day the pressure bearing harder each successive day, until the vital force gives out, and the machine stops. It is a great pity that the indications of this state of things cannot be seen beforehand, and if seen regarded. It is one of the last things that men will admit to themselves, much less to others. They flatter themselves that it is only a little weariness of the flesh, which will pass off with a few hours rest, when, in fact, every nerve-power and resource are exhausted, and the system is driven to work by sheer force of will. When the oil on the shaft or in the oil-box is exhausted, every revolution of the wheel wears on the revolving part, and will soon ruin it. The same is true of the human body.

USEFUL HINTS.

Always stand a wet umbrella with the handle down; one trial will convince you of the rapidity with which it will drain, and your umbrella will last longer if dried quickly.

A Vermont dairy farmer says that when he feeds meal to his cows seventeen pounds of milk make a pound of butter; but when no meal is fed it takes twenty-three to twenty-six pounds.

Grease may be absorbed from a carpet by frequent applications of magnesia or buckwheat flour. It should be sprinkled on the spot, allowed to remain a while, and then brushed off.

The *Ploughman* says, if the cucumber that grows nearest the root be saved every year, an earlier and smaller variety will be the result; if saved near the ends, a larger and later variety will be obtained.

For chilblains, boil one pound of alum till dissolved, place the feet in the water as hot as it can be borne, and keep there till the alum has solidified. Two applications cured the worst case I ever knew. Mine were disposed of effectually at one trial.

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To open the mouth while chewing the food, instead of keeping the lips closed; to talk when the mouth is full; to suck up soup from the spoon; to put a knife in the mouth; to bend the head low down over the plate; eating rapidly, or to make any noise in eating are breaches of good manners,

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Mirrors should never be hung where the sun shines directly on them. They soon look misty, grow rough and granulated, and no longer give back a correct picture. The amalgam, or union of tin foil with mercury, which is spread on glass to form a looking-glass, is easily ruined by the direct, continued exposure to the solar rays.

INFORMATION.

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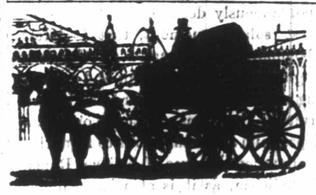

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