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Worksheet

1. Who was Balaam? Was he really a servant of God? (see Bible Dictionary, "Balaam," p. 618).
2. What did Balak want Balaam to do? (see Numbers 22:1–6).
3. Why didn't Balak ask his own god to help him?
4. Why did Balaam want to go to Balak if the Lord told him not to? (see Numbers 22:7–21).
5. Why was the Lord angry with Balaam for going if He told Balaam he could? (See Numbers 22:20–22. See JST Numbers 22:20.)
6. Why could the donkey see the angel and Balaam could not? How could a donkey speak? (see Numbers 22:22–30).
7. What was more difficult, opening the mouth of a donkey or the eyes of Balaam? (see Numbers 22:27–33). What does that teach us?
8. If Balaam was sent to bless Israel, why did he tell Balak to offer the elaborate sacrifices? (see Numbers 23:1–24:13).
9. Who was Balaam prophesying of in Numbers 24:14–19?
10. What led to Israel's involvement in idolatry and whoredoms with the daughters of Moab? (see Numbers 25:1–5).
11. Who was Phineas? What did he do that earned him the Lord's "covenant of peace"? (see Numbers 25:6–13).
12. Why did Israel go to war against the Midianite-Moabite alliance? (see Numbers 25:16–18).
13. Why was Balaam killed? (see Numbers 31:8, 16).