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The Coming Victorious King has Come!

Numbers 24:17-19

Theme: The prophecy of a coming King who will arise out of Israel and lead his people to victory over their enemies.

A Warning to Israel's Enemies ...An Encouragement for Israel

The prophecy can be looked at in two ways:

- It is a *certain* **warning** to Israel's enemies.
- It is a *certain* **encouragement** to Israel.

What does it say?

*Out of Israel will come a King who will
lead Israel to victory over enemies.*

Star is used metaphorically for *king*.

A *sceptre* is part of royal insignia: a symbol of authority and power, *cf.*

Genesis 49:10.

The prophecy initially came to pass in David 300 years after the settlement in Canaan.

David was the *type* [foreshadowing] of which a greater King is the *Antitype*.

That greater King was/is the Messiah,
Jesus Christ!

A Warning to Unbelievers ... An Encouragement for Believers

1. The King has Come!

Jesus Christ has come. He is the star from Jacob, *cf.* Revelation 22:16. He is the sceptre Who has risen out of Israel, *cf.* Hebrews 1:8.

- **If you are not a Christian, be warned.** You are in danger if you are not ready to meet Him, *cf.* 2 Peter 3:3-4; Matthew 25:46.
- **Christian, be encouraged.** He is Your King! You cannot be prised from His grasp, *cf.* John 10:28-29; Romans 8:38-39.

2. The King Has been Victorious

Martin Luther argued that man born in sin has five main enemies.

In His coming and in His completed work Jesus dealt with each:

- Satan (1 John 3:8);
- Sin (Hebrews 4:15);
- Law (Hebrews 4:15);
- God's Wrath (Romans 3:25);
- Death (Matthew 28:5-6).

This is a warning to unbelievers!

How?

Outside of Christ you face each of these enemies alone and they will defeat you. They are too big for you.

What a sad, deplorable position to be
in!

Join the ranks of the redeemed!
Believe on Jesus Christ!

Listen to our boast:

In Christ, Believers have conquered:

- Satan (Colossians 1:13);
- Sin (Colossians 2:13-14; Romans 6:12-14);
- The Law (Romans 6:14);
- God's wrath (1 Thessalonians 1:10);
- Death (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

Christians have conquered their most
ferocious enemies through Christ!

(Romans 8:37)

Conclusion—Join the Conquerors!

We are approaching another
Christmas.

*Thanks be to God for His indescribable
Gift!*

(2 Corinthians 9:15)

The good news is that Baalam's
prophecy has come to pass.

Join the Conquerors ... or be defeated!