

Balaam Seemingly Failed

Num 24:10-14 Then Balak's anger was aroused against Balaam, and he struck his hands together; and Balak said to Balaam, "I called you to curse my enemies, and look, you have bountifully blessed them these three times! (11) Now therefore, flee to your place. I said I would greatly honor you, but in fact, the LORD has kept you back from

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Num 24:10-14 ...(12) So Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying, (13) 'If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the LORD, to do good or bad of my own will. What the LORD says, that I must speak'? (14) And now, indeed, I am going to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the latter days."

Balaam Actually Succeeded, But How?

Num 25:1-3 Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. (2) They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. (3) So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel.

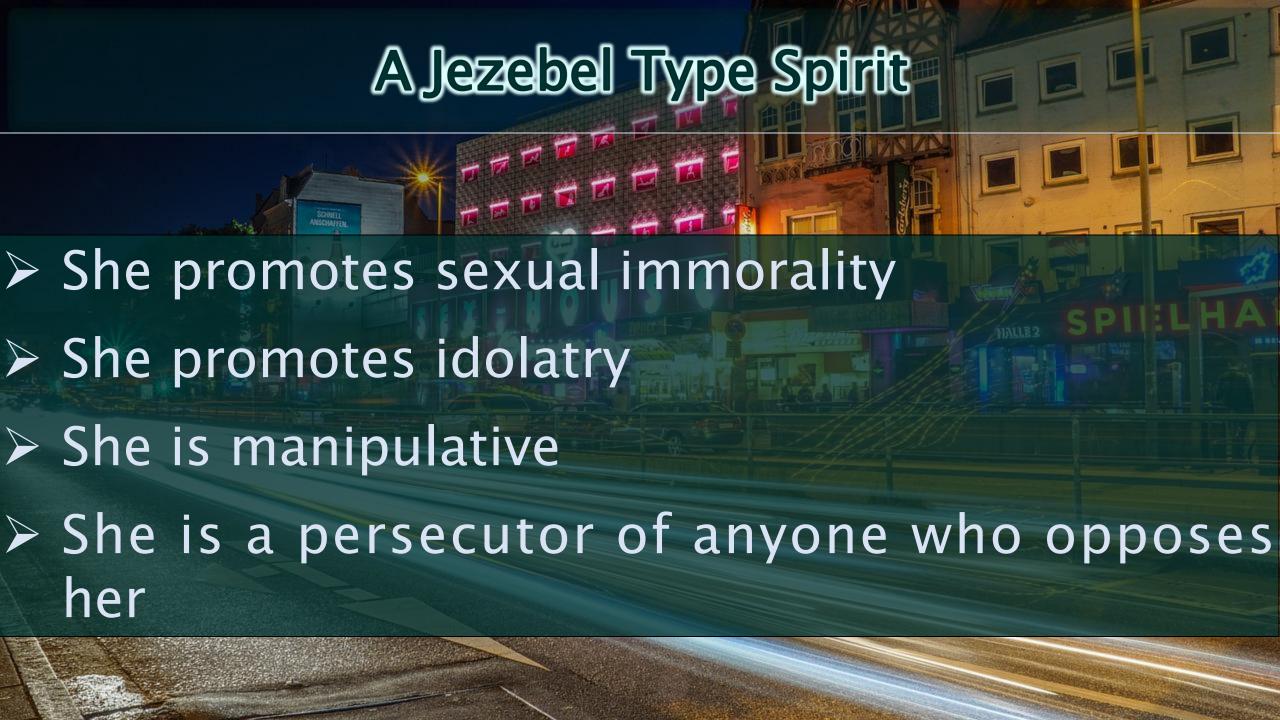
The Crafty Doctrine of Balaam

- > Balaam only feigned allegiance to God's Law
- He weaponized God's Law against Israel by teaching Balak how to make them stumble (Lawfare).
- > He parsed words creatively (deconstruction)
- > His zeal was his own belly, not God's interests

Jesus Christ Exposes the Doctrine of Balaam.

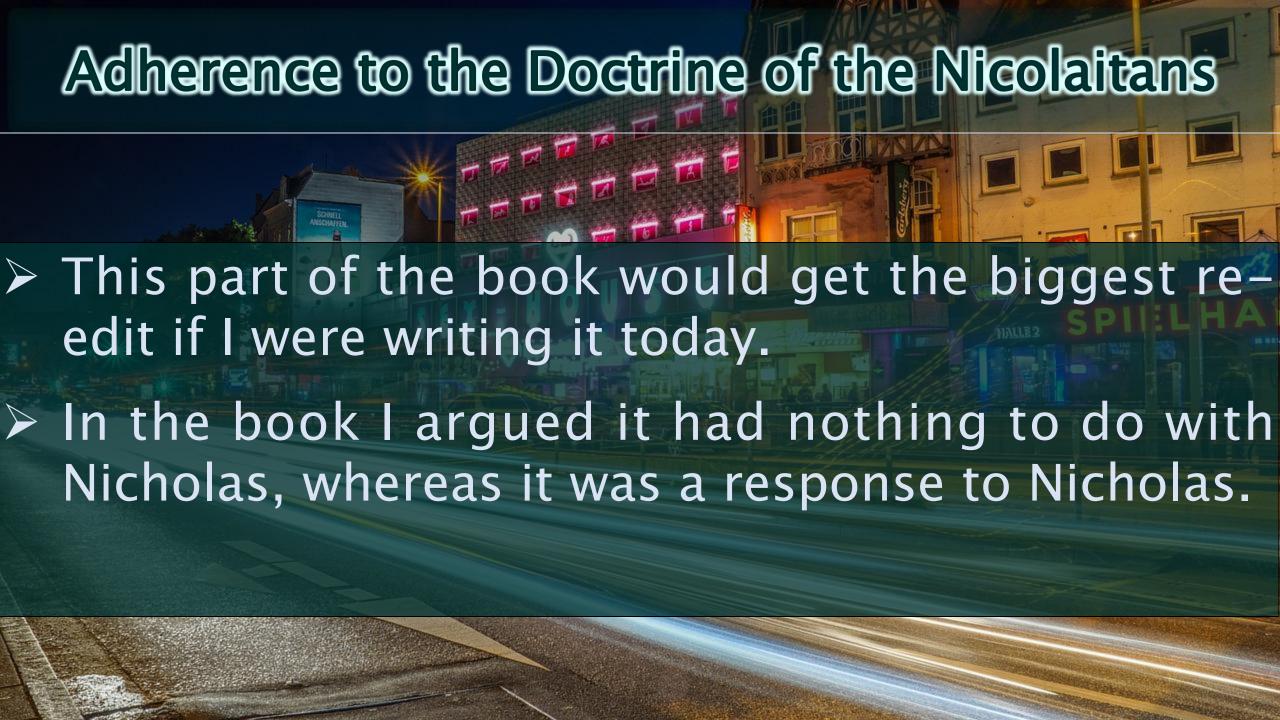
Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.







Rev 2:20-21 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. (21) And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.



Adherence to the Doctrine of the Nicolaitans

- My argument against the Nicolaitanes being followers to Nicholas was that it was named inconsistently.
- Balaam and Jezebel were clearly named after their prototypes, not their followers

The Gnostic Doctrine of the Nicolaitans

- My argument was that Nicolaitanes was a decriptive name: nike ~ laos, meaning conqurer of the people which pointed to it's Gnostic/Hermetic nature.
- This was not wrong, and while it did apply to religious systems that lorded it over the people, Wokism is a more complete fulfillment then Popery.



Jesus describes Nicolaitanism as that thing He hates

Matthew 23 describes the use of religion as a tool to oppress as the one thing Jesus hates the most

Doctrine of the Nicolaitans Weaponizes Religion

Rev 2:15-17 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. (16) Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. (17) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

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Mat 23:1-4 Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, (2) saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. (3) Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. (4) For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

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Mat 23:8-12 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. (9) Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. (10) And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. (11) But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. (12) And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

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Mat 23:34-36 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, (35) that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. (36) Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

How These Work Together

- A harlot church flourishes in an environment where ministers who are in the ministry to advance their own selfish interests or their own name are rewarded and those who are zealous for the Lord are punished. (The Doctrine of Balaam)
- Ministers who do not care about earthly rewards or punishments cannot be controlled by any combination of carrots and sticks, whereas those who do care can be controlled.

How These Work Together

- The Doctrine of the Nicolaitans is used to take power away from the people and give it to the few. It is easier to control a few and use them as leverage to control many than to try to directly control many.
- A Jezebel spirit seduces and manipulates people towards sexual immorality and idolatry.
- She also schemes and stirs up persecution against those who cannot be bought nor deceived.

Adherence to the Doctrine of the Nicolaitans

Mat 23:37-39 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! (38) See! Your house is left to you desolate; (39) for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'BLESSED is HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE