

Balaam's donkey

in Numbers 22:22-35 **was** / is ...

“So the donkey said to Balaam, “Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever disposed to do this to you?” And he said, “No.” Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face. And the Angel of the LORD said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me.” (Numbers 22:30-32)

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also in

Second Peter 2:15-16

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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contrasted with

her foolish master

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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healthy and

quite intelligent

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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instinctively

afraid of the Angel

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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miraculously

able to speak **SOME**

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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more helpful

than Balaam's servants

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not crazy

about money (2 Pet. 2:15-16)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Descriptive



Meditation

misunderstood & mistreated

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not made

in God's image (Gen. 1:26-28)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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not speaking

about great / many things

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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ordinarily

submissive (22:30)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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protecting

herself and Balaam

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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thinking like

a normal domestic donkey

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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trying to

avoid being struck (22:28)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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unable to grasp

why she was struck (22:28)

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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very different from

talking fairytale animals

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

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wrongly assuming

Balaam also saw the Angel

(Agree? yes, no, partly)

Directions: after reading through **Numbers 22:22-35**, **2 Peter 2:15-16**, and some informative articles about donkeys, consider and discuss how Balaam's donkey is described above. — **Do you agree with the various points?** How would you change some points or add new ones? — **At the end of the study, think about and discuss the most important descriptive phrases and make practical applications.** Obviously, we should not be like Balaam (2 Peter 2:15-16), but how should we perhaps be like his donkey? — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.