

## Compromising God's Truth

In Revelation 2:14 God, chastening the church in Pergamos, states, 'But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.' What is the doctrine of Balaam?

In [Numbers 22–24](#) we read how the Moabite King Balak tried to get Balaam to curse the people of Israel, to destroy their effectiveness in warfare. However, God would not allow Balaam to do this. But in [Numbers 25](#), we read that the Israelites sinned against God and so God judged them accordingly—thousands died. What caused this?

Balaam wanted God to be angry with the people of Israel, so he advised Balak to get some of the most beautiful women in his kingdom to draw the men of Israel into unclean and idolatrous practices.

Balaam knew that if the Israelites adopted pagan ways, God would not bless them as He had done. And so, the Israelites let the pagans influence them, instead of standing firm on the sure Word of God and His Holy Law!

Satan has used this 'trick' time and time again. The church at Pergamos had committed spiritual 'fornication' in allowing people to compromise the Word of God—allowing pagan ideas to be adopted into the church. [2 Peter 2:15](#) and [Jude 11](#) also refer to people who have rebelled against God and are compared to Balaam.

Now what has all this to do with millions and billions of years? I believe Satan has used the same trick on the church today, as many Christian leaders have committed a form of 'spiritual fornication' in compromising with the world and thus have undermined the authority of the Word of the living God. How?

Suppress the truth where it is CONVENIENT.... Romans 1:18

Have become literalist or Fundamentalists.... Hebrews, Romans 1: 19-24 Pharisees... 7 woes....

Exchanged the truth of God for a lie... Rom 1:25