

Veritas Class
November 30, 2014
Pursuing Covenant Righteousness in the Holy Assembly of YHWH
(23:1-8)

Introduction

A. Closing the Door to the Assembly of YHWH (vv. 1–6)

1. The Exclusion of Males with Mutilated Genitalia (v. 1)
2. The Exclusion of Children Born of Unholy Unions (v. 2)
 - a. The Meaning of מְמַזְרֵר (*mamzēr*) (Zech 9:6)
 - b. The Context (Ammonites and Moabites)
 - c. The Scope “Ten generations” (cf. *ad ’ôlām*, “in perpetuity,” v. 4)
3. The Exclusion of Ammonites and Moabites (vv. 3-6)
 - a. Who was Balaam?
 - (1) The Biblical Evidence (Numbers 22–24)
 - (2) The Extra-biblical Evidence (Deir ‘Allah)
 - b. How did YHWH respond to the Moabites? (v. 5)
 - c. Why did YHWH respond this way?
 - d. What shall we make of the categorical rejection of Ammonites and Moabites in v. 6?

B. Opening the Door to the Assembly of YHWH (vv. 7–8)

1. The Vocabulary
2. The Peoples Admitted
 - a. Edomites
 - b. Egyptians
3. The Significance of this Passage
 - a.
 - b.