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5. How does this contrast with God's design for his church? (See Eph 5:25-27)
6. In your own words, what kinds of people were they able to victimize? Explain.
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8. What is your impression of Balaam?
9. In what ways are the false teachers like Balaam?
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