

UNBELIEF LEADS TO REBELLION (Illustrating the eight stages of reversionism)

1. Rebellion #1: When one reacts to the Word of God in unbelief he forsakes assembling and becomes a WORK-a-holic. Numbers 15:32-36.
2. Rebellion #2: When one reacts to the Word of God the next step is a frantic search for happiness. In this case the famous men in the congregation defy God's man, Moses. Their preference is Korah, who they want in place of Moses. This is the famous men-leadership rebellion. Numbers 16:1-7 (250 dead).
3. Rebellion #3: Rank and file rebellion; immediately following the severe discipline of the men in leadership, the rank and file believers fall into gross complaining. Numbers 16:41-50 (14,700 dead).

These waves of rebellion followed by the sin unto death describe how those over 20, except Caleb and Joshua, died in the wilderness.

4. Rebellion #4: Emotional Revolt Rebellion, each of these four first rebellions corresponds to the first four stages of reversionism. Here they sense no prosperity or fulfillment. They are preoccupied with death. Numbers 20:1-6.
5. Rebellion #5: Negative volition in leaders (Moses). Moses reacted to the unbelief of the congregation, and the Lord disciplined him for it in Numbers 20:12, "And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron, because ye believed Me not, to sanctify Me, in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them."

It doesn't matter whether unbelief (negative volition) is in the rank and file (rebellion #3) or in the famous leadership men (rebellion #2), or in the final authority type of leadership (rebellion #3), God does not put up with it! God is always fair! Numbers 20:7-29.

6. Rebellion #6: blackout of the mind reversionism, same as the sixth stage of reversionism. Not only was there geographical rebellion present, but this was stopped by putting up a serpent on a pole. Unbelief bites believers in their unbelief. Many died in this rebellion. The believers were helped and the plague ceased. The typology of the serpent refers to the Lord being lifted up on the cross, Numbers 21:4 ff.
7. Rebellion #7: Will of God rebellion regarding Balaam and Balak. This is

the same as the seventh stage of reversionism, the blackout of the heart, the inability to apply Bible doctrine.

Balaam was forbidden to go to Balak and curse the children of Israel. He went anyway (from directive to permissive will of God) and God would not allow Balaam to curse them (for they were a blessed people). Numbers 22:12. The overruling will of God kept him from cursing them, Numbers 22:24.

8. Rebellion #8: Reverse Process Reversionism Rebellion. Balaam had an accurate message due to the overruling will of God but his ministry encouraged believers to fornicate. Numbers 25.

Revelation 2:14, “But I have a few things against you, because you have there them that hold to the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.” This is reverse process reversionism in the area of man and woman.

9. Rebellion #9: Reverse Process Reversionism Rebellion, another woman test. Numbers 31:1-35. Incomplete obedience. Instead of doing away with the women involved in the Balaam problems (Numbers 31:16), they kept them.
10. Rebellion #10: Reverse Process Reversionism Rebellion, in the sense that the younger generation (those under 20) were going to disobey God just as their fathers did. Note Numbers 32:7-10.

This involved the two and a half tribes whose inheritance was on the east side of Jordan. Instead of helping their fellow tribes, they decided they wanted to go pacifist. Pacifism always helps the enemy, thus the reverse process reversionism (Numbers 32:1-42). However, they worked out a situation that pleased the Lord and Moses.