

# "A Fool and His Donkey"

Numbers 22-25

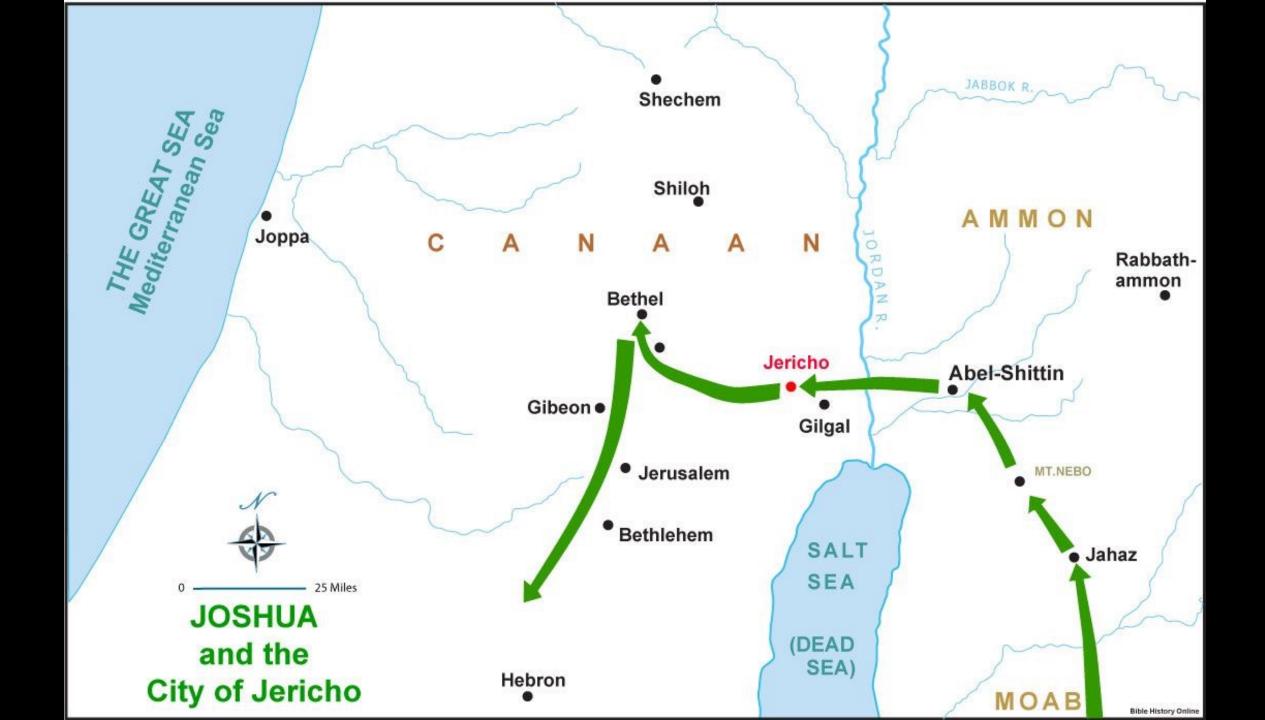




# Psalm 68:6

Only the rebellious dwell in a parched land.





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- 1. They walked on a path seeking wealth or gain.
- 2. They abandoned themselves to that desire.
- 3. They perished in that error.



#### 2 Peter 2:14-16

[These false prophets] have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children! Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing, but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

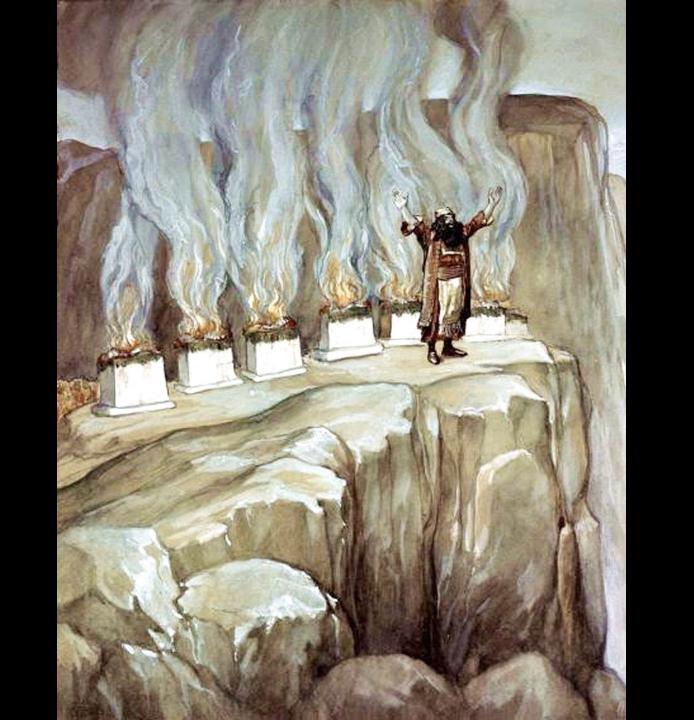


#### Numbers 22:41

And in the morning Balak took Balaam and brought him up to Bamoth-baal, and from there he saw a <u>fraction</u> of the people.



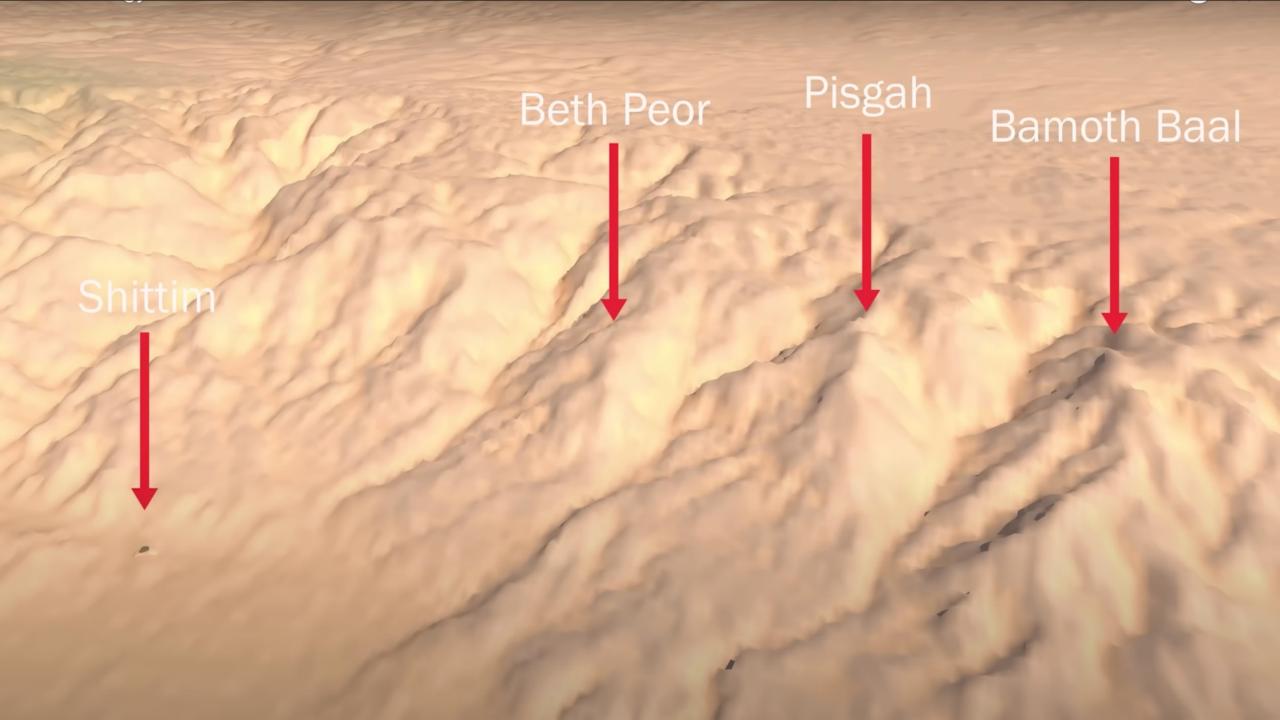




# Numbers 23:7-10 (1st Oracle)

"From Aram Balak has brought me, the king of Moab from the eastern mountains: 'Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, denounce Israel!' How can I curse whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce whom the Lord has not denounced? For from the top of the crags I see him, from the hills I behold him; behold, a people dwelling alone, and not counting itself among the nations! Who can count the dust of Jacob or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the upright, and let my end be like his!"





#### Numbers 23:18-24

And Balaam took up his discourse and said,

"Rise, Balak, and hear; give ear to me, O son of Zippor: God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? Behold, I received a command to bless: he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it. He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob, nor has he seen trouble in Israel.

#### Numbers 23:18-24

The Lord their God is with them, and the shout of a king is among them. God ("Yahweh") brings them out of Egypt and is for them like the horns of the wild ox. For there is no enchantment against Jacob, no divination against Israel; now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel, 'What has God wrought!' Behold, a people! As a lioness it rises up and as a lion it lifts itself; it does not lie down until it has devoured the prey and drunk the blood of the slain."

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- Iniquity and perverseness (KJV)
- Wickedness and trouble (Amplified)
- Evil and malice (Aramaic to English)
- Misfortune and misery (NIV)



# Numbers 14:21-23

But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it.

#### Israel's 10 Rebellions

- 1. At the Red Sea, where it seemed that Pharaoh's army would destroy them (Ex. 14:10-12)
- 2. At Marah, where they found bitter water (Ex. 15:22-24)
- 3. In the Desert of Sin, as they hungered (Ex. 16:1-3)
- 4. In the Desert of Sin, as they disobeyed Moses on the storing of the manna until the morning (Ex. 16:19-20)
- 5. In the Desert of Sin, as they disregarded Moses concerning the gathering of the manna on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Ex. 16:27-30)

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- 6. At Rephidim, as they complained for water (Ex. 17:1-4)
- 7. At Mount Sinai, as Aaron led the people in making the golden calf (Ex. 32:1-35)
- 8. At Taberah, where the people raged against the Lord (Num. 11:1-3)
- 9. At Kibroth Hattaavah, in the grumbling provoked by the rabble for quail (Num. 11:4-34)
- 10. At Kadesh in the Desert of Paran, when the people refused to receive the good report of Joshua & Caleb, but rather wished themselves dead (Num. 14:1-3)

# Acts 7:42-43 (NASB)

But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets,

'It was not to Me that you offered victims and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, was it, O house of Israel? You also took along the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of the god Rompha, the images which you made to worship.'

# Micah 7:19

He will again have <u>compassion</u> on us; he will tread our iniquities <u>underfoot</u>. You will cast all our sins into the <u>depths of the sea</u>.



# Psalm 103:12

...<u>as far as the east is from the west</u>, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.



# **Isaiah 38:17**

Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for <u>you have cast all my sins behind your back</u>.



#### Romans 4:15

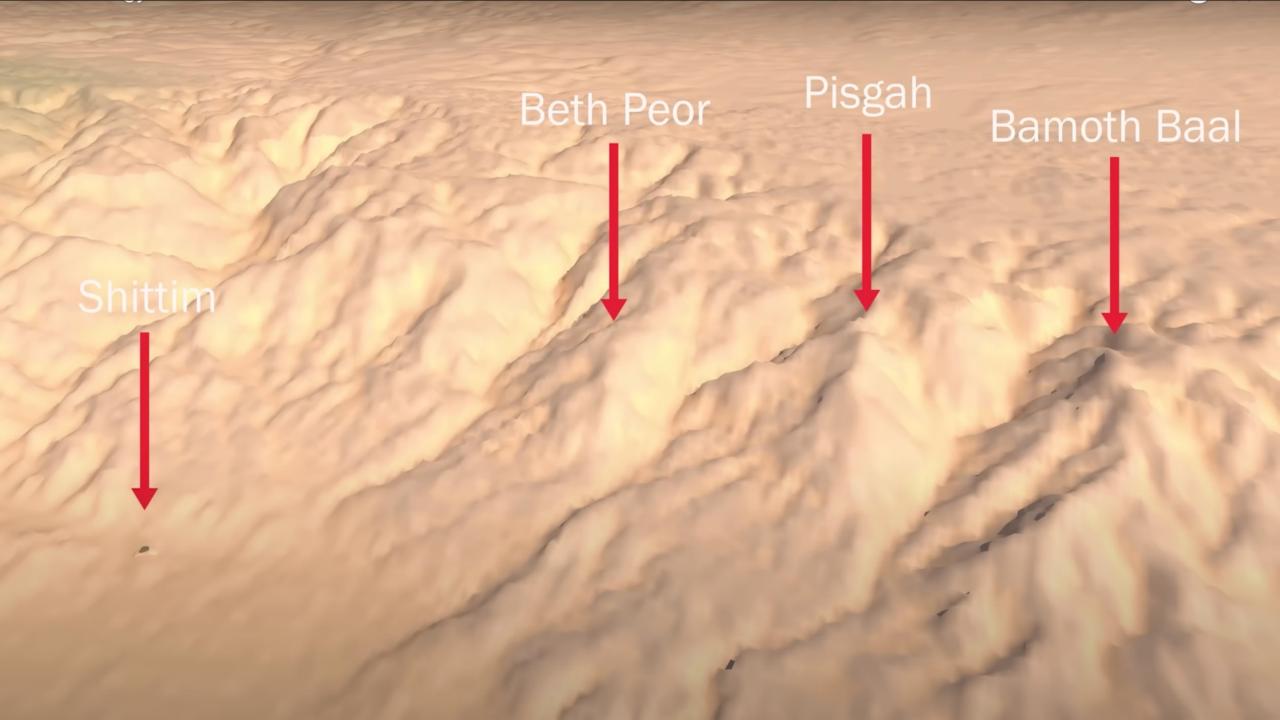
For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.



#### Proverbs 26:2

Like a sparrow in its flitting, like a swallow in its flying, a curse that is causeless does not alight.





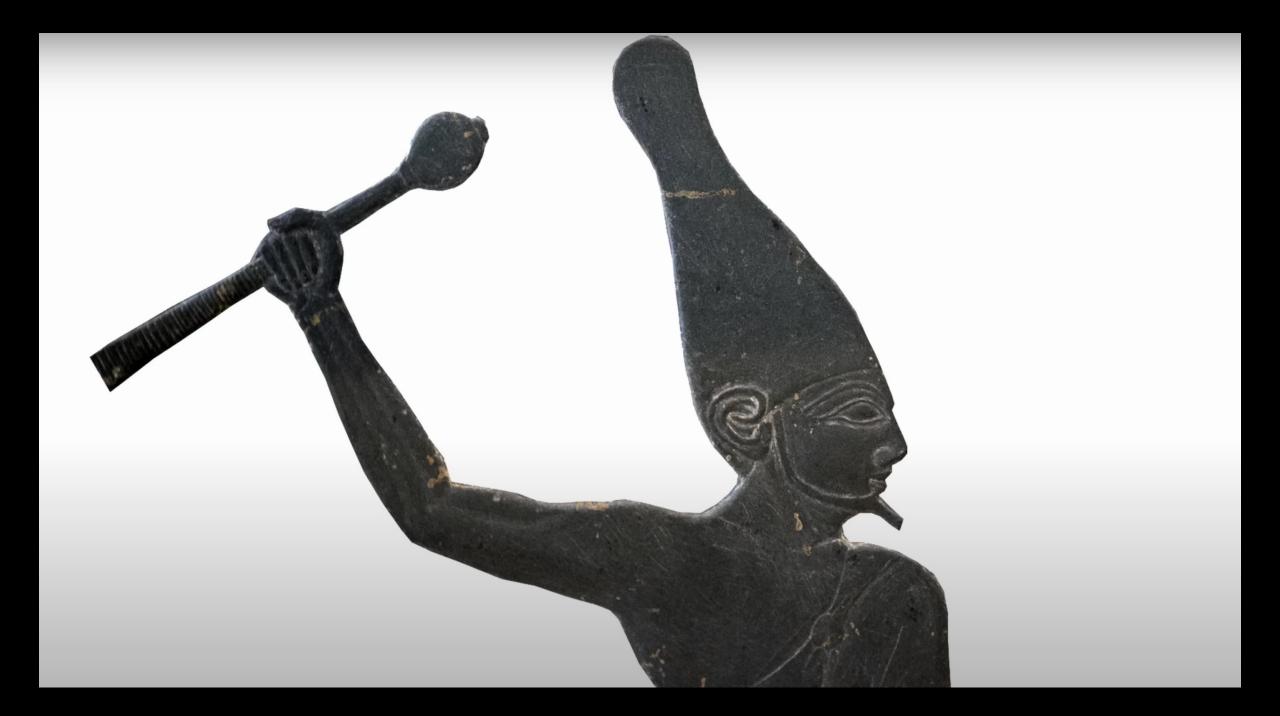




# Numbers 24:17

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a <u>star</u> shall come out of Jacob, and a <u>scepter</u> shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.













# Numbers 31:16

Behold, these, on Balaam's advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the Lord in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the Lord.







#### Revelation 12:10

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.



# Deuteronomy 23:5

But the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam; instead the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loved you.

