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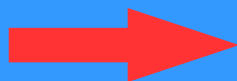
“Balak”

(King of Moab)

BeMidbar 22:2 – 25:9  
(Numbers)

# Numbers 22:2a

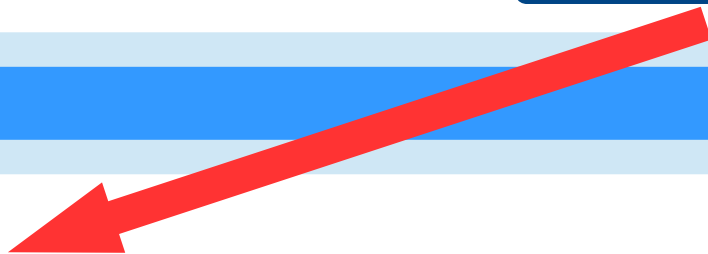
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Balak



וַיֵּרָא בַלָּק בֶּן-צִפּוֹר . . .



And Balak, son of Zippor, saw . . .

# Numbers 22:2

וַיֵּרָא בָּלָק

בֶּן-צִפּוֹר

אֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר-

עָשָׂה יִשְׂרָאֵל

לְאֲמֹרִי:

And (he) saw, <sup>→</sup>Balak,

son of Zippor,

all that

(it) did, <sup>→</sup>Israel,

to the Amorites.

# SUMMARY OF *BALAK*

## BeMidbar

22:2-20 Balak Summons Balaam

22:21-39 Balaam's Donkey

23:1-24:25 Balaam Blesses Israel

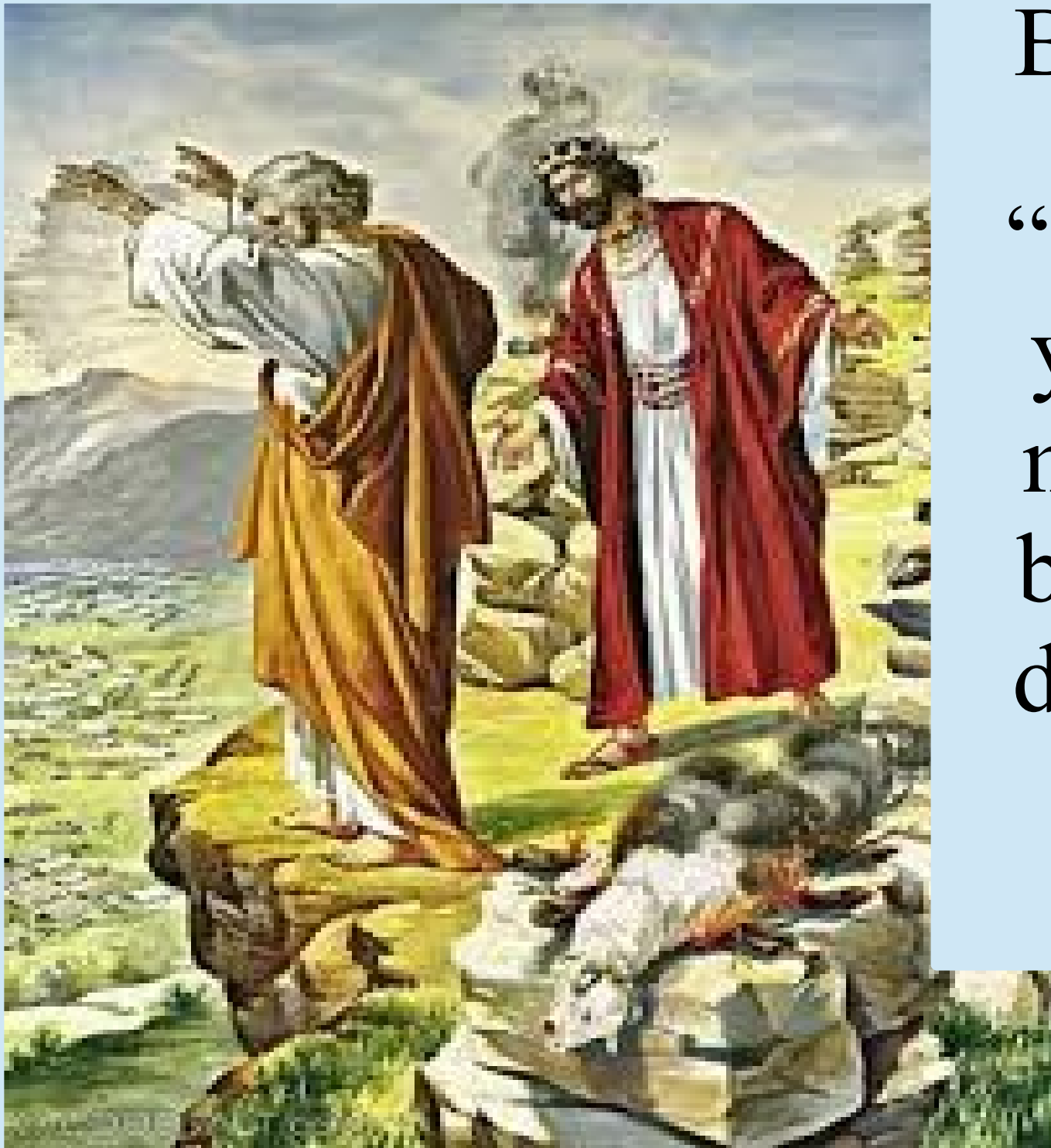
25:1-9 Moab Seduces Israel

Balaam's donkey stops at the sight of an angel.



Balaam beats  
his donkey until  
it speaks to him.





Balak said to  
Balaam,  
“... I brought  
you to curse  
my enemies,  
but you have  
done nothing  
but bless  
them.”

מֵה טֹבֹ

How goodly

אֹהֲלֶיךָ יַעֲקֹב

are your tents, O Jacob

מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל

your dwelling places, Israel



# מַה טוֹב

The first two words of the verse, *mah tovu*, "how fair," became the name for the beautiful prayer that begins worship in synagogues.

Be sure to watch this video to help learn the Hebrew words and to hear this prayer sung very beautifully:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_woCU7VdH4o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_woCU7VdH4o)

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