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★ Num 22 22-32 God's Plan, Angel & Balaam's Donkey

Num 33-34 33-36 Instructions Given

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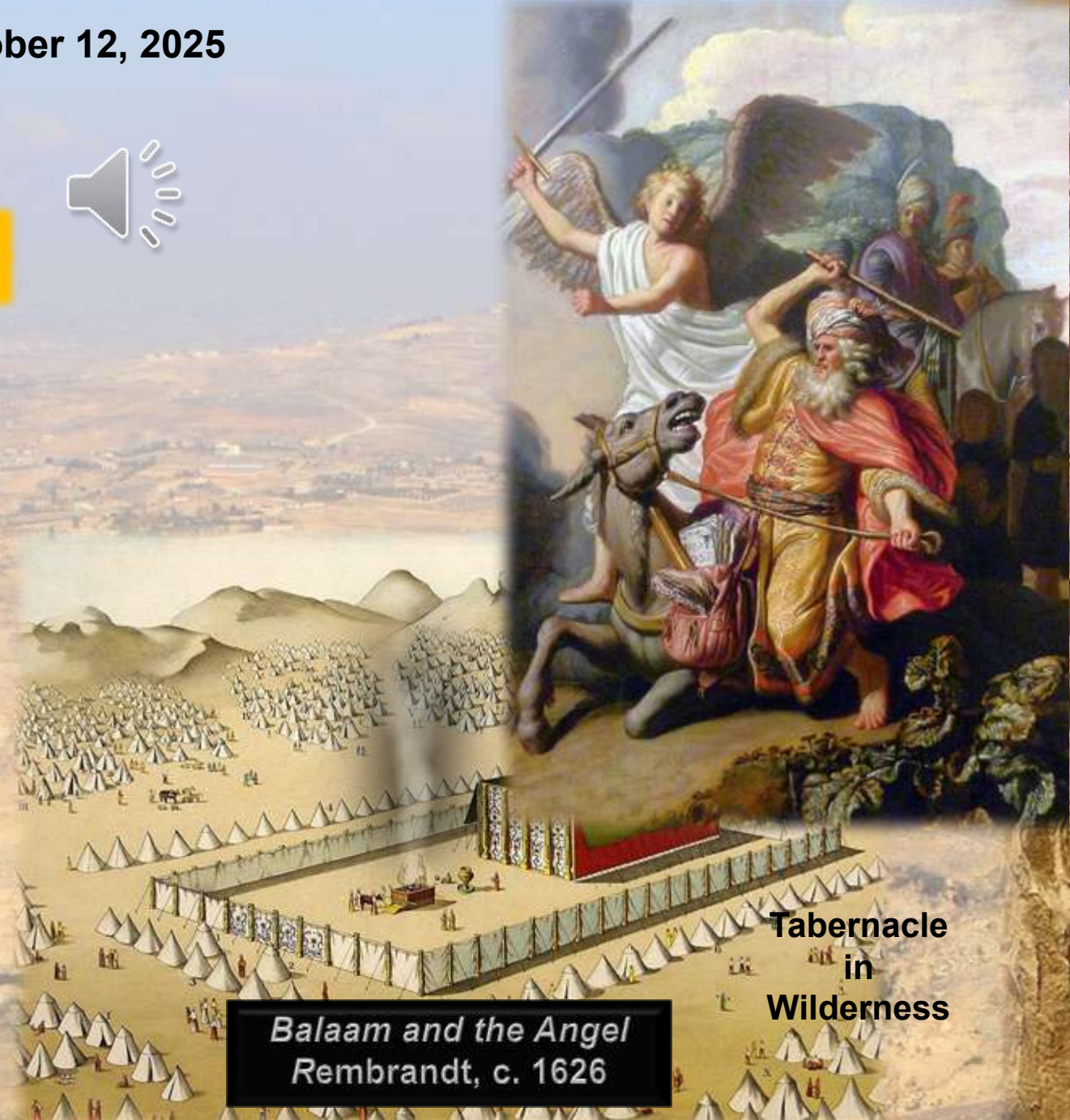
Deut 30

Deut 33

Numbers 22:28

**DONKEY to Balaam,
What have I done to you
to make you BEAT me
THREE TIMES?**

View of Mt. Nebo
east of Dead Sea



Balaam and the Angel
Rembrandt, c. 1626

Tabernacle
in
Wilderness

Pray for Israel
Hostages in Gaza
coming home SOON
PEACE in the
Middle East
War is over ...
APPEARS war is over



Women display placards during a gathering at Hostages Square in Tel Aviv on Saturday. Israel has agreed to a truce plan and has pulled its troops back from several areas of Gaza, bringing hope that hostages will be released on Monday.





Sunrise at Woodville First Baptist, Friday, 10-8-25

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Rembrandt, c. 1626



And Balaam's
Talking Donkey

Ever **THOUGHT** you were doing alright, all good, all smoothly?
Only to see that your **BEST INTENTIONS** went awry, astray, off course?
Balaam **DID** what God wanted, in actions, or so he **THOUGHT**
Yet God was upset with Balaam and nearly **KILLED** him
Except his **DONKEY** saved him!

Stranger things have happened ... I *guess* stranger???
yet this story is very strange, odd, weird, hard to see



Innocent *Talking Donkey*
who did **RIGHT** by Balaam *and*
still got **BEATEN**

Ever done **RIGHT** & still got **BEATEN**
Hate to say it, but so did

Balaam's Donkey



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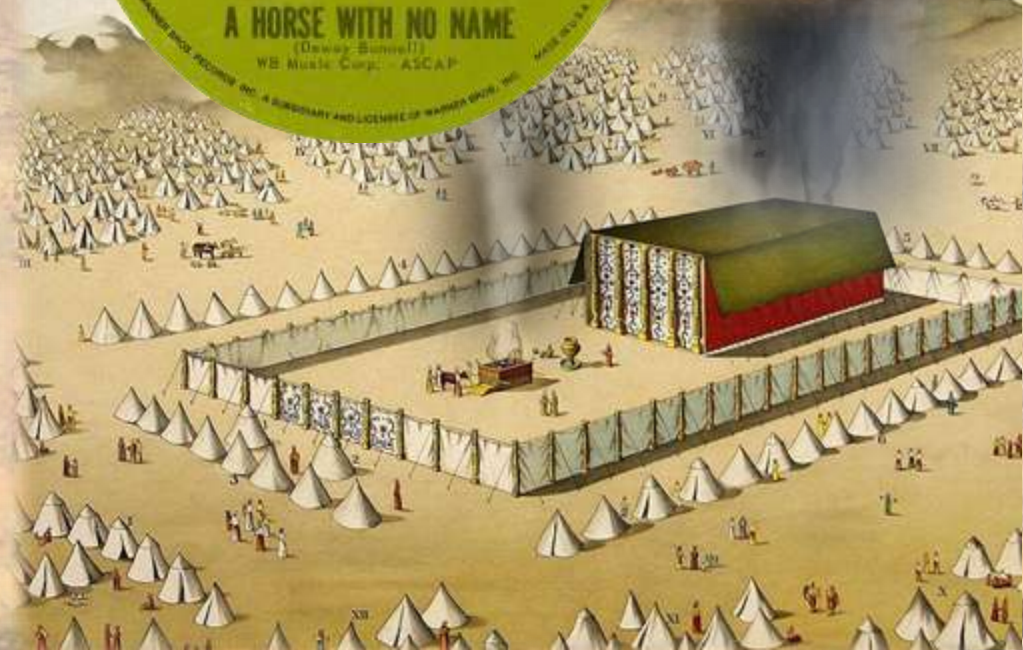
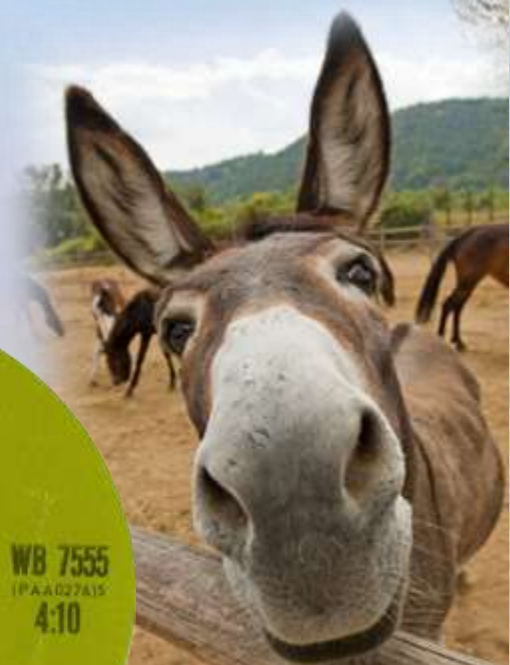
On the first part of the journey
I was looking at **ALL THE LIFE**



There were plants & birds
& rocks & things

There was sand & hills & rings

Balaam is on a journey
on a donkey with No Name
a journey soon to be **STOPPED**



HOW then shall we LIVE - IF we today miss Num 21 in John chapter 3
Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night

Did you notice the words of **John 3:16** are
either Jesus' *or* John's words!

John 3:16 that we know so very well and
that has been translated into nearly
EVERY LANGUAGE ON EARTH

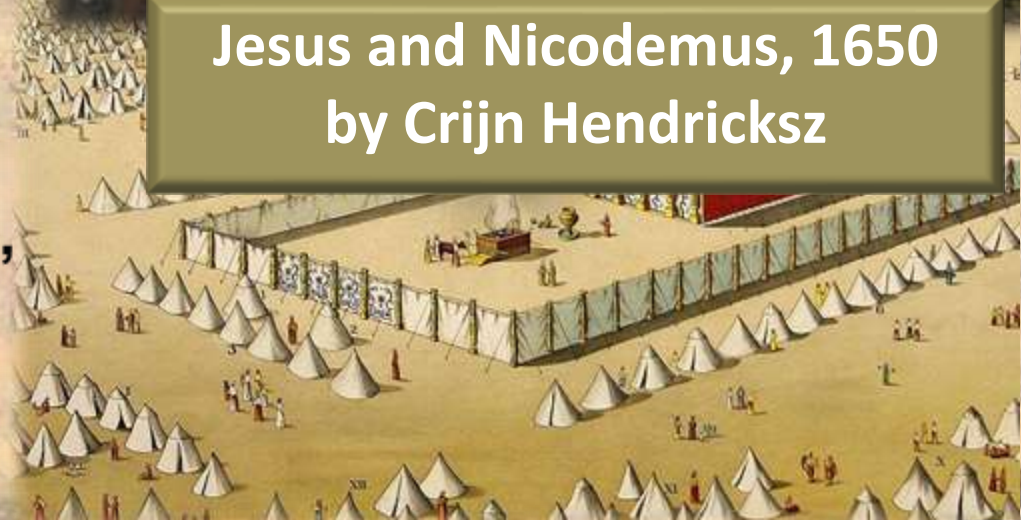
John 3:16 – no quotation marks in original
Red-Letter Bibles reflect 1,900-year-old
debate on whether Jesus or John
was the author of **3:16-21**

If Jesus, then it is 2-fold “in other words”

If John, **3:16-21** is John's “in other words”
& in similar language as his 1 John



Jesus and Nicodemus, 1650
by Crijn Hendricksz



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38 YEARS

Today

22-32

Deuteronomy

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Numbers 14–21 Rebellion, Judgment, Lack of Trust

V. Journey from Paran to the Plains of Moab 20:1–21:35

A. Death of Miriam ~ Sin of Moses

Striking Rock *INSTEAD* of Speaking 20:2–13

B. Edom Refuses Passage 20:14–21

C. Death of Aaron & Arad 20:22–21:3

D. Snakes & Bronze Serpent — 21:4–9

Look UP & LIVE

THIS is, of course, one of the O.T.
stories repeated in N.T.

WHAT a story it is that, that, *that*

Has a GREATER MEANING in N.T.



AFTER Numbers 21:4-9 on the SNAKES

21:10 Israelites moved ... camped at Oboth.

11 To Iye Abarim ... wilderness that faces Moab toward the sunrise.

12-13 ... camped in the Zered Valley.... then alongside the Arnon River....

14-15 That is why the Book of the Wars of the LORD says:

“Zahab in Suphah and the ravines ... the Arnon ... border of Moab.”

16 ... to Beer, the well where the LORD said to Moses ...

“I will give them WATER.”

21:17-35 Israel defeats Sihon & Og

**35 So they struck Sihon King of Amorites down,
together with his sons & whole army,
leaving them no survivors.**

And they took possession of his land.

LAND of the TRANSJORDAN, *EAST* of Promised Land



VI. Israel in the Plains of Moab

22:1–31:54

A. Balaam and the King of Moab

22:1–25:18

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2. *Angel & Balaam's Donkey*

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3. Balaam's 7 Messages & Blessing to Israel 23:1–24:25

4. Moab Seduces Israel for Baal ~ Phinehas Kills 25:1–18

B. *Second Census*

26:1–65

C. Instructions for the Second Generation 27:1–30:16

1. Daughters of Zelophehad

27:1–11

2. Moses' Successor 27:12–23

3. Daily, Sabbath, Monthly Offerings

28:1–28:15

4. Festival Offerings 28:16–29:40:

a. *Passover* & Feast of Unleavened Bread

28:16–25

b. Feasts of Weeks – c. Feast of Trumpets

28:26 – 29:6

d. Day of Atonement

29:7–11

e. Feast of Tabernacles

29:12–40

5. Laws about Vows

30:1–16

D. Vengeance on Midian – *Brutal*

31:1–54

VII. Tribes East of the Jordan

32:1–42

**Today
22-32**



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Moses gets 12,000 men, 1,000 from each tribe

Kills many Midianites, burned towns, killed 5 kings

Kills all men, took many women and children

Orders killing of all boys & girls who have slept with a man

31:18 “**save for yourselves every girl who
has never slept with a man.**”

Astounding slaughter & spoils by 12,000! – *likely others too*

31:33-35 - 675,000 sheep, 72,000 cattle, 61,000 donkeys

AND

32,000 women who had never slept with a man.

... gold weighed 16,750 shekels = 420 pounds

● today gold is over \$4,000 oz = \$64,000 lb = \$26.9 million

**Today
22-32**



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**Today
22-32**

Reubenites & Gadites - very large herds and
do NOT want to cross Jordan, but stay in Transjordan

Curse expanded – NONE who were 20 leaving Egypt
will enter land, *except* Joshua & Caleb

YET Reuben & Gad promise to FIGHT with ALL
NOT return to Transjordan until all is taken

Moses agrees, IF they cross over & fight
Moses orders Eleazar & Joshua to allow

Reubenites & Gadites to return to the Transjordan territory



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Nasty Chapter – couldn't win with battle ...

Moab sends women to seduce Israel to worship Baal with SEX

Moses orders ALL KILLED

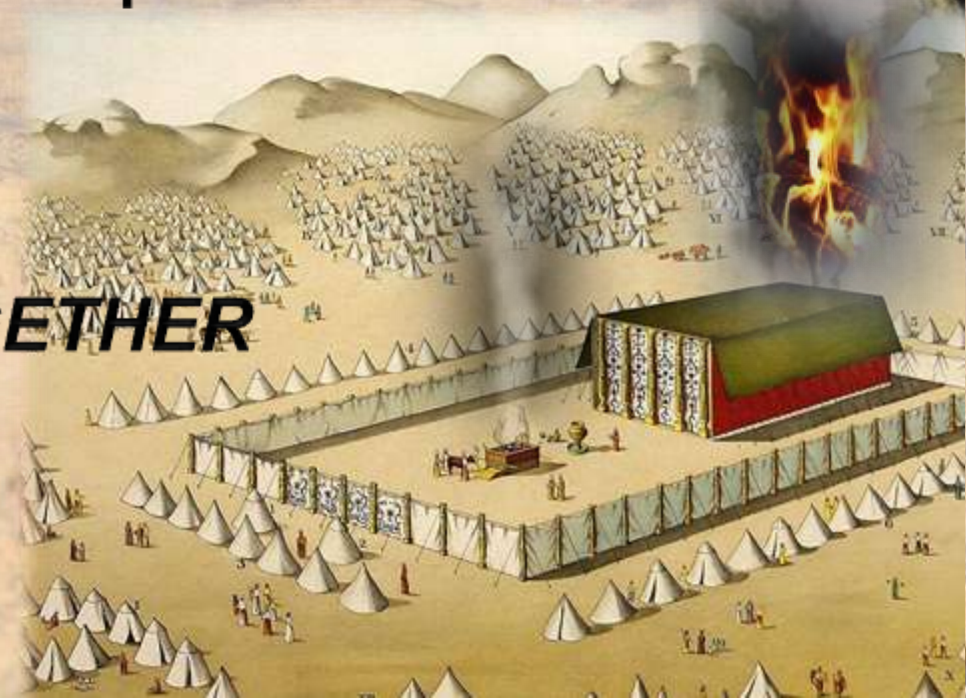
Grandson of Aaron, Son of Eleazar

Phinehas drives a spear through

BOTH the man & the woman *TOGETHER*

Killed two naughty Birds

with One Spear



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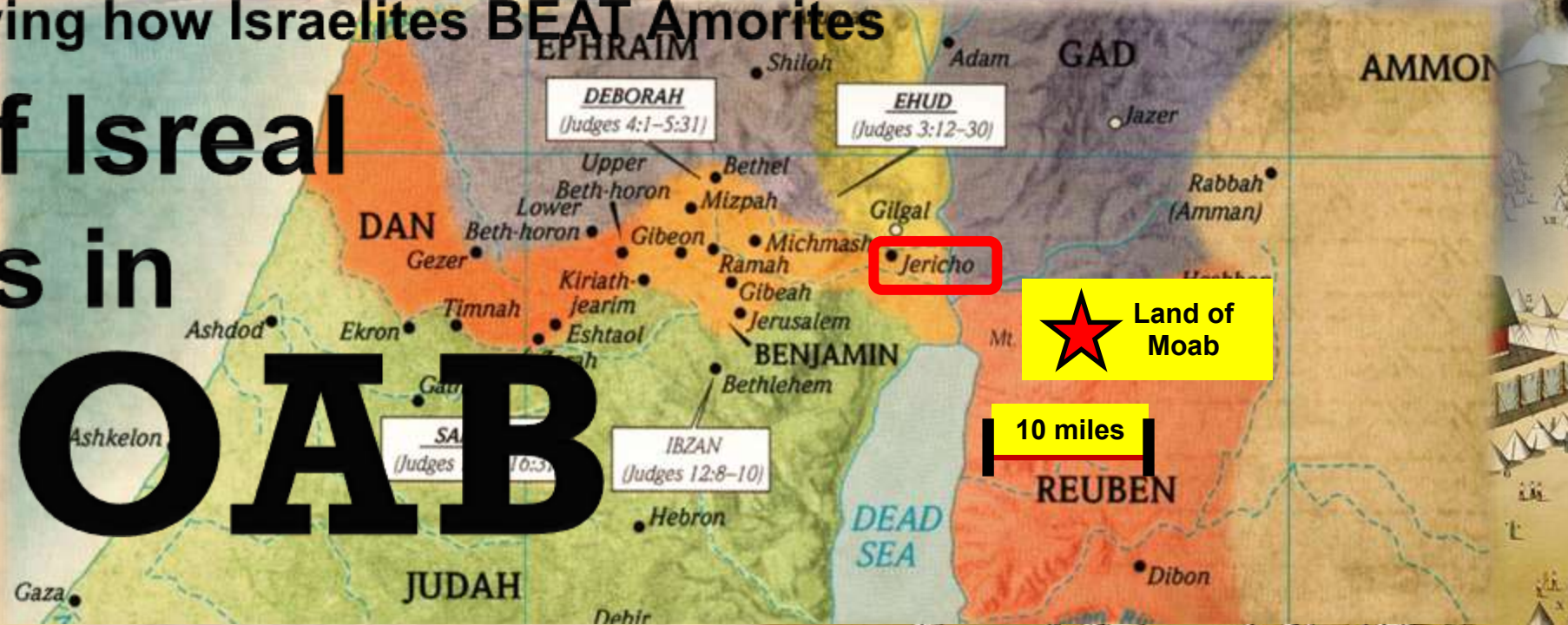
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FEAR of Israel
reigns in
MOAB



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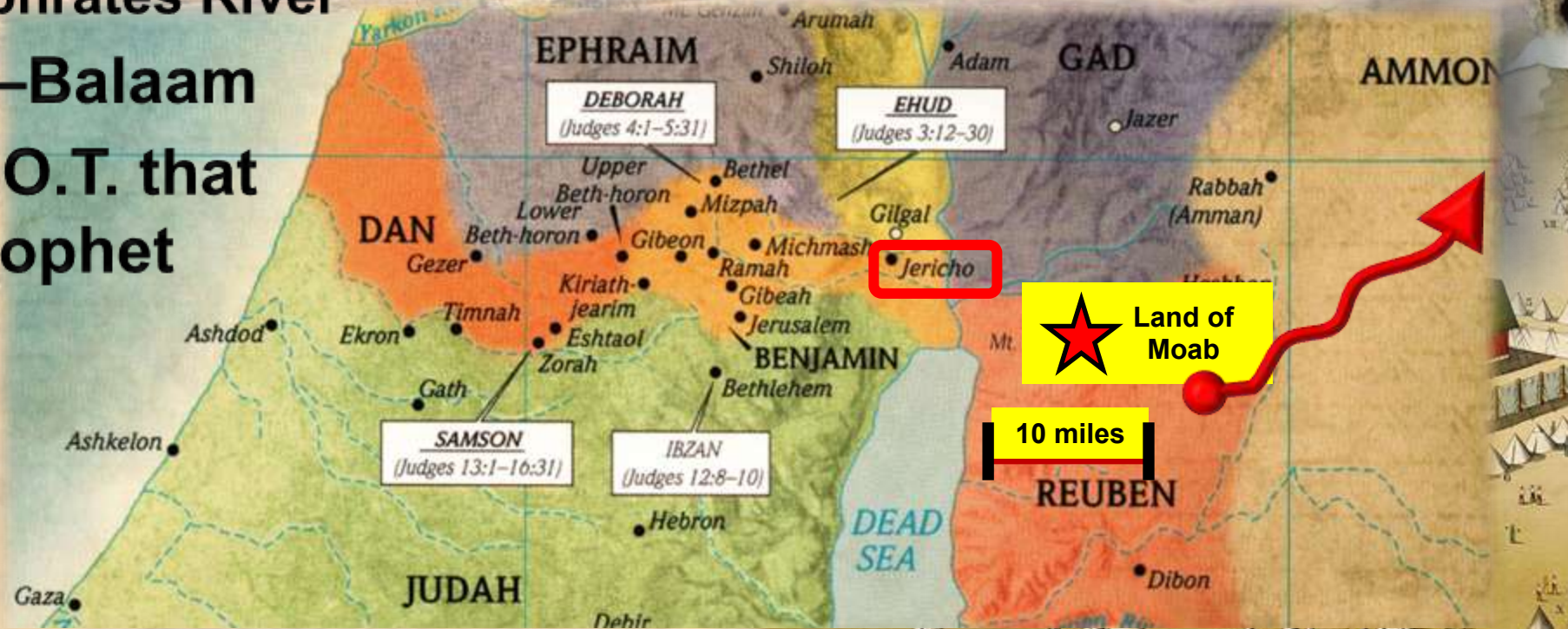
Up near the Euphrates River

Lives a man—Balaam

Never told in O.T. that

Balaam is Prophet

He is often said
to be a Prophet
for how God
talked to him



"A Horse with No Name" by folk rock trio America
written by Dewey Bunnell, released in U.S. in 1972
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La, la, la, la, la, la
La, la, la, la, la, la
La, la, la, la, la, la

Balaam = means "Devourer"

While we do NOT know from Numbers
what Baal did to anger God

2 Peter 2:15-16 Which have forsaken
the right way, following the
Way of Balaam ... who loved the
wages of unrighteousness ... rebuked
dumb ass speaking with man's voice
forbad the madness of the prophet.



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by Gustav Jaeger, 1836

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Num 22:5 Balak sends messengers to Prophet Balaam with a CHECK for payment ... Balaam lives a loonnnnnng way off

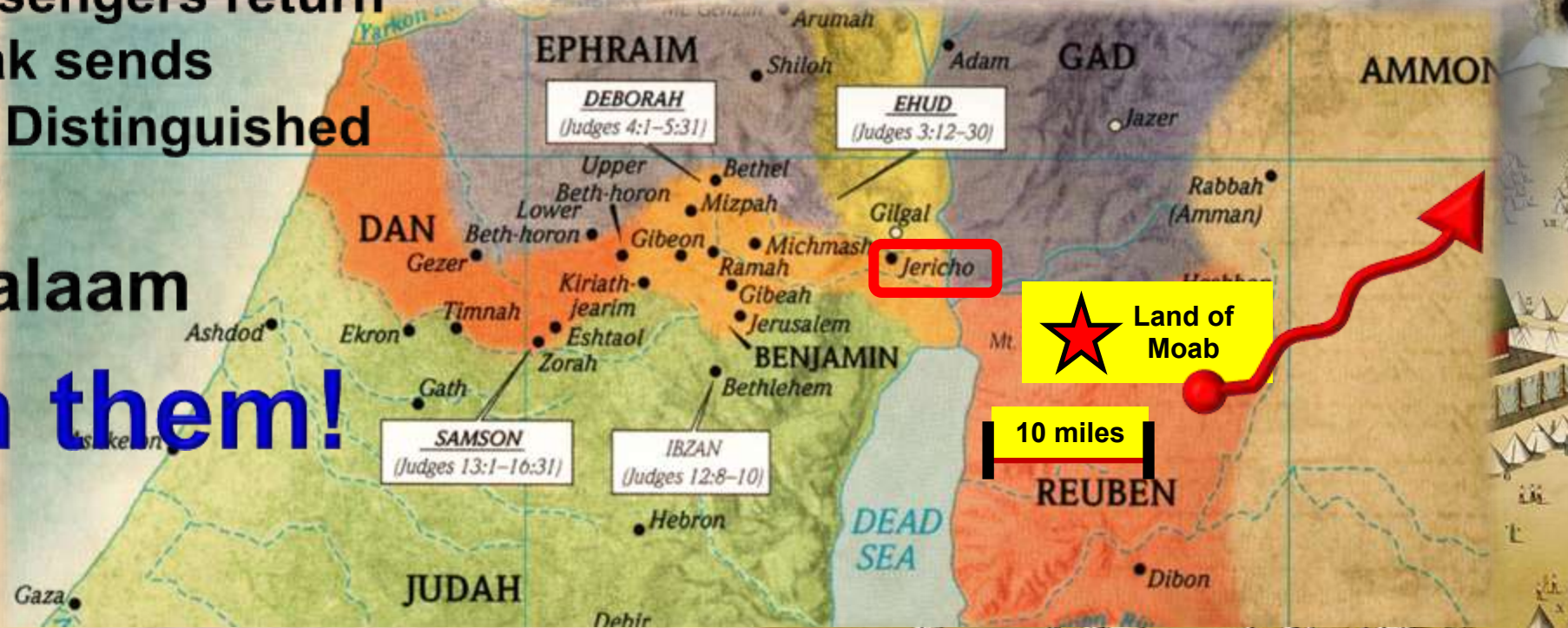
Messengers told to ask Balaam to CURSE Israel – **God says NO!**

Num 22:15 Messengers return
and King Balak sends
others MORE Distinguished

2nd time –

God tells Balaam

GO with them!



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Num 22:22 After God told Balaam NOT to go

After 2nd visit, God tells Balaam TO GO! – he saddles DONKEY

God is ANGRY with Balaam – WHY???

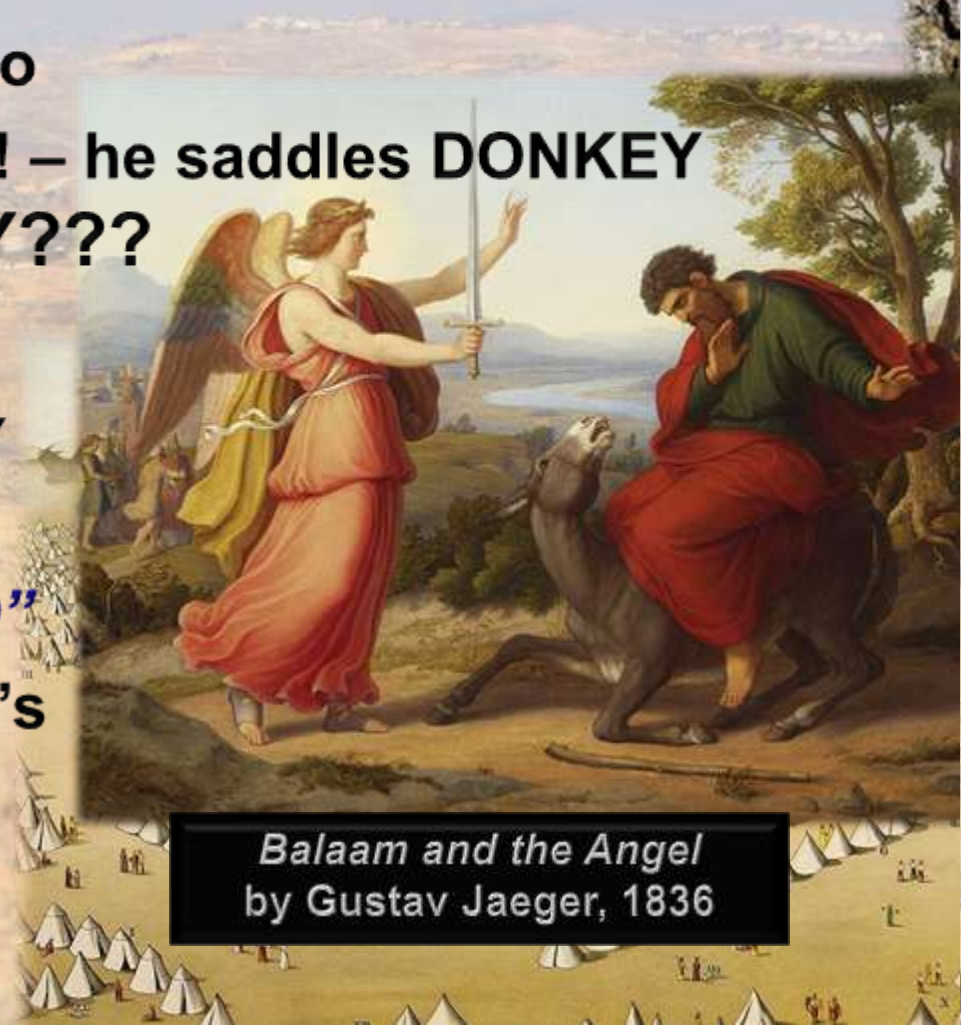
God told Balaam “to go with them” - THEN

God is ANGRY? – We do NOT know WHY
so SPECULATION is superhighway ...

I suspect Balaam was ***THINKING “REWARD”***

Never mind, God KNEW & God saw Balaam's
thoughts & God KNEW Balaam was

NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD



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Num 22:23 **When the DONKEY SAW the Angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, Donkey turned off the road into a field.**

Balaam beat it to get it back on the road.

Balaam beat the poor donkey

Cause the DONKEY had more insight than

Cause the DONKEY had more SIGHT than

WHAT is going on here?

Balaam could not SEE

LORD's Warning!



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"A **Horse** with No Name" by folk rock trio America
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The first thing I met was a fly with a buzz
And the sky with **NO** clouds

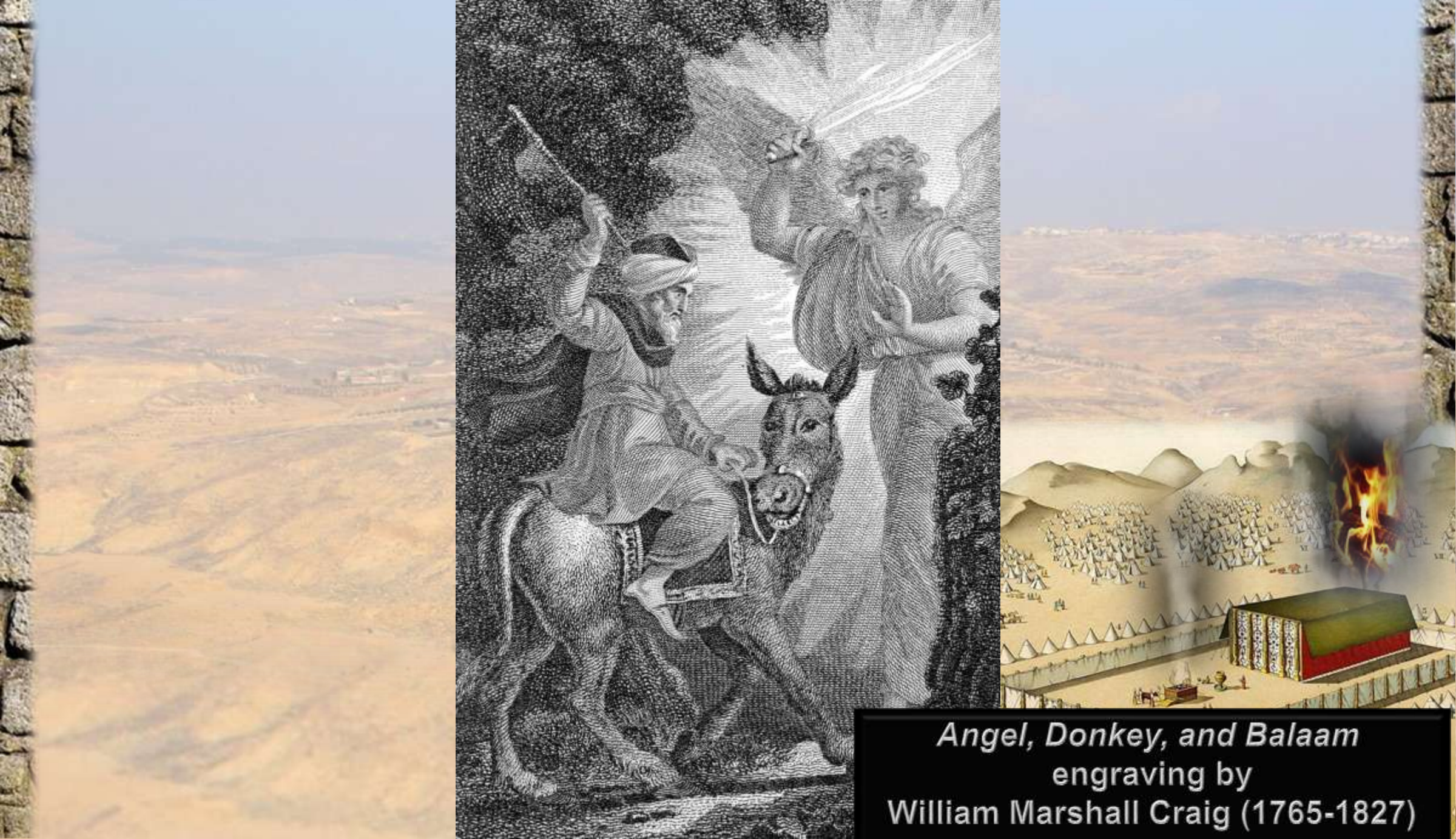
The heat was **HOT**, & the ground was **DRY**
But the **AIR** was full of **SOUND**

I've been through the desert
on a horse with No Name

Balaam – gonna meet the
HAND of God through a

DONKEY





Angel, Donkey, and Balaam
engraving by
William Marshall Craig (1765-1827)

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Num 22:24 Angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path with walls.

25 When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord,
it pressed against the wall, crushing Balaam's foot.

So Balaam beat the donkey again.

Innocent Donkey is suffering because of

Blindness of GOD's Man of the Hour

One lesson is that sometimes an innocent
might SUFFER because of YOUR blindness

I don't mean that – yet here it is

IF Balaam could see ...

what the DONKEY saw?



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Num 22:26 Angel of the Lord moved ... in a narrow place
where there was no room to turn,
either to the Right or to the Left.

27 When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord,
it lay down under Balaam, and
Balaam was angry and
he beat **DONKEY** with his staff

Ever been in that spot – where there was

No Turning – Left or Right?
you know what God does next



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Balaam and the Angel
by John Linnell, c. 1859

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Num 22:28 Lord opened the donkey's mouth, it said to Balaam,
“What have I done to you to make you beat me these 3 times?”

29 Balaam answered the Donkey,
“You have made a **FOOL** of me!
If only I had a **SWORD** in my hand,
I would **KILL** you right now.”

30 Donkey said to Balaam,
“Am I not your own donkey, which
you have always ridden, TO THIS DAY?
Have I been in the habit of
DOING THIS TO YOU?”

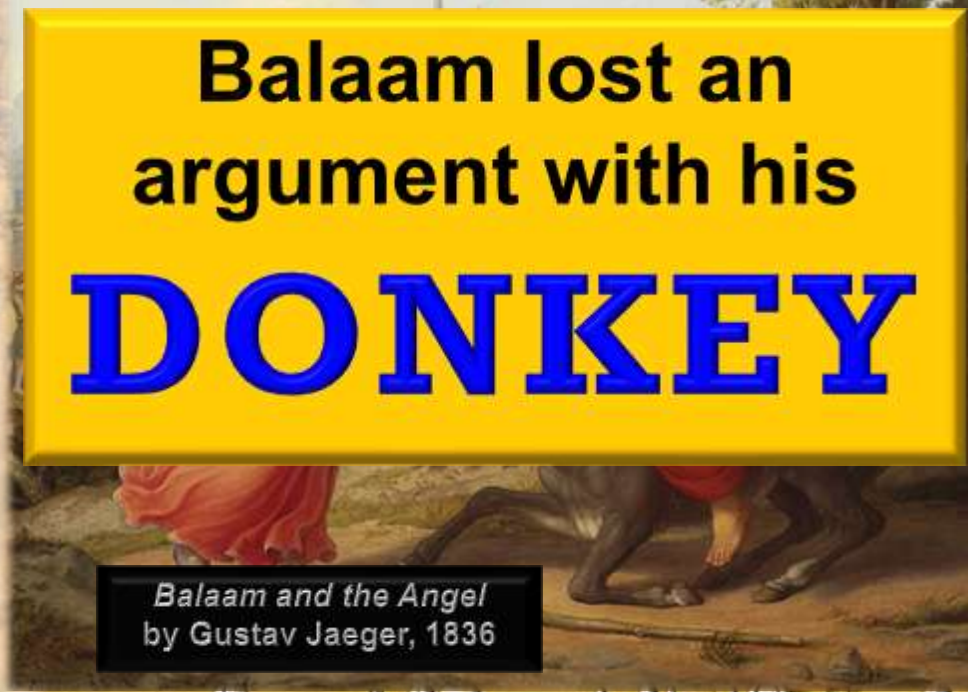
“NO,” Balaam said.



Balaam lost an
argument with his

DONKEY

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"A Horse with No Name" by folk rock trio America - 1972

After two days in the desert SUN

My skin began to turn RED

After three days in the desert FUN

I was looking at a river BED

And the story it told of a river that flowed

Made me sad to think it was dead

You see, I've been through the desert

On a horse with no name

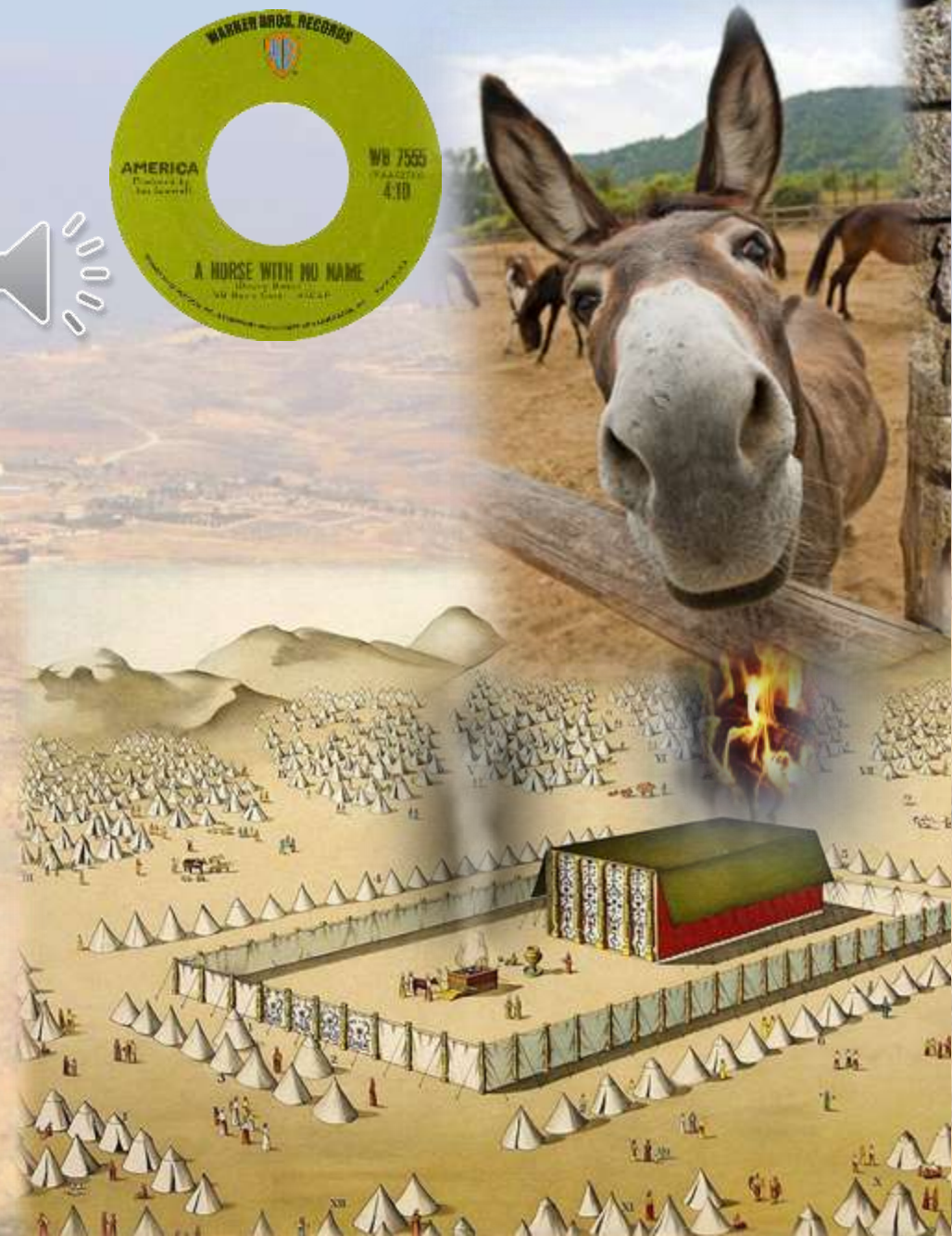
It felt good to be out of the rain

DONKEY plead innocent – plead sane

BALAAM had to be FEELING the HEAT

BALAAM arguing with a

DONKEY!



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Num 22:31 LORD opened Balaam's eyes ... saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road with his sword drawn.
So Balaam bowed low and fell facedown.

32 Angel of the LORD asked him,
“Why have you beaten your
donkey these three times?

I have come here to oppose you
because your path is a reckless one....

You see now ... God was protecting
Balaam from himself ... with a

Smart-talking **DONKEY**



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Balaam and the Angel
by Pieter Lastman 1622,



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Num 22:33 Donkey saw me & turned away ... from me these 3 times.

If the DONKEY had not turned away, I would certainly

have killed you by now, but

spared the **DONKEY**

Even the Angel is drilling Balaam

Balaam is out of his league

Beaten by Donkey & Angel

LORD's Warning!



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Num 22:34 Balaam said to the angel of the Lord,

“I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road
to oppose me. Now if you are displeased,
I WILL GO BACK.”

35 Angel of the Lord said to Balaam,

“Go with the men, BUT
speak ONLY what I tell you.”

So Balaam went with Balak's officials.

Balaam's **MISSION** confirmed

His **MIND** made **RIGHT**



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Lot of lessons or morals or wisdom that
we can & should take from Numbers 22

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Moral 1 – READ Balaam's 7 Messages to King of Moab

Moral 2 – BEWARE of Crooked Wages

Moral 3 – DO NOT Make God Force a DONKEY to do

YOUR WORK!

That makes you the BIGGER ____ **FOOL**

