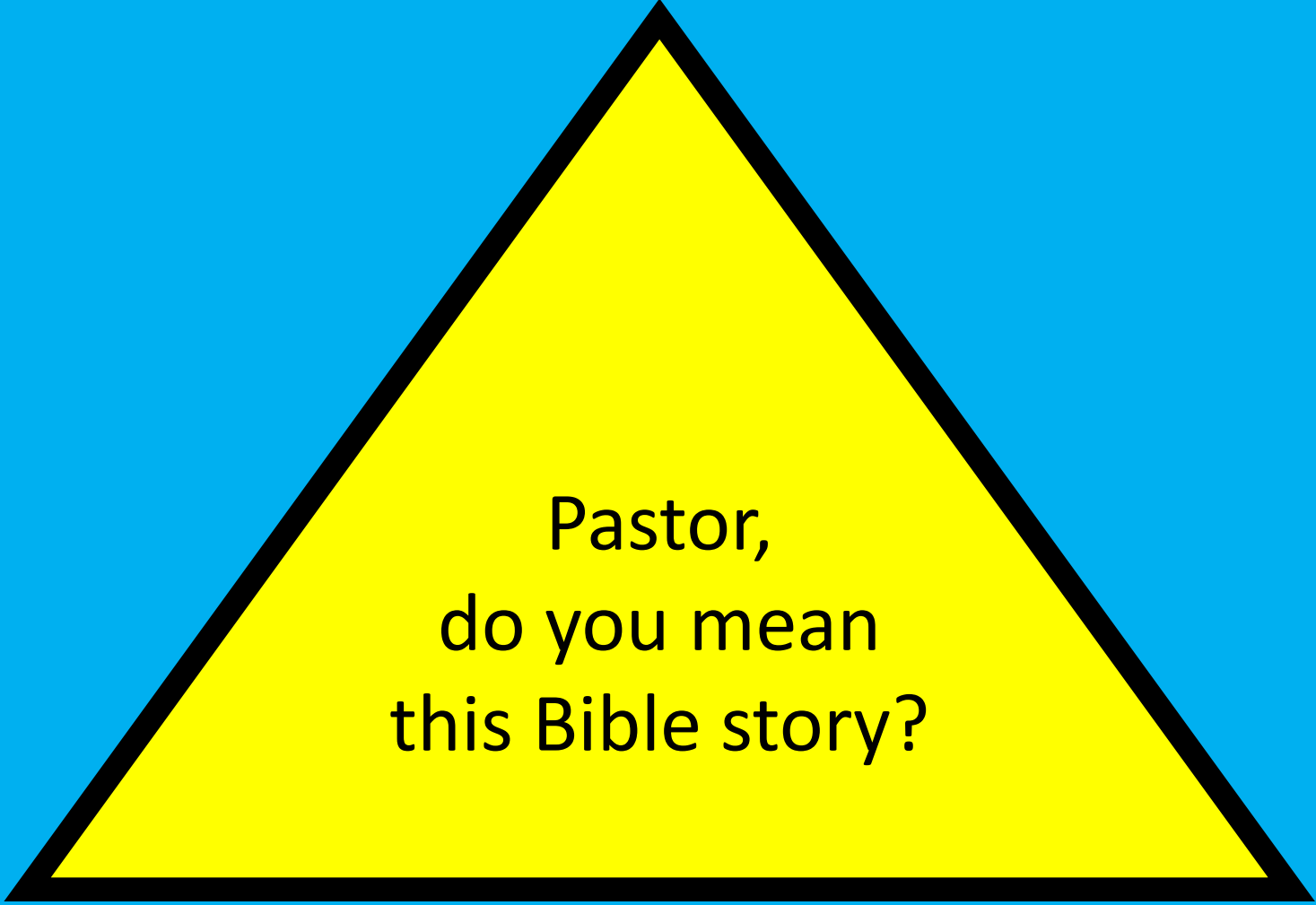


# Balaam the Prophet

Balaam the Prophet

An Ass and a Soothsayer

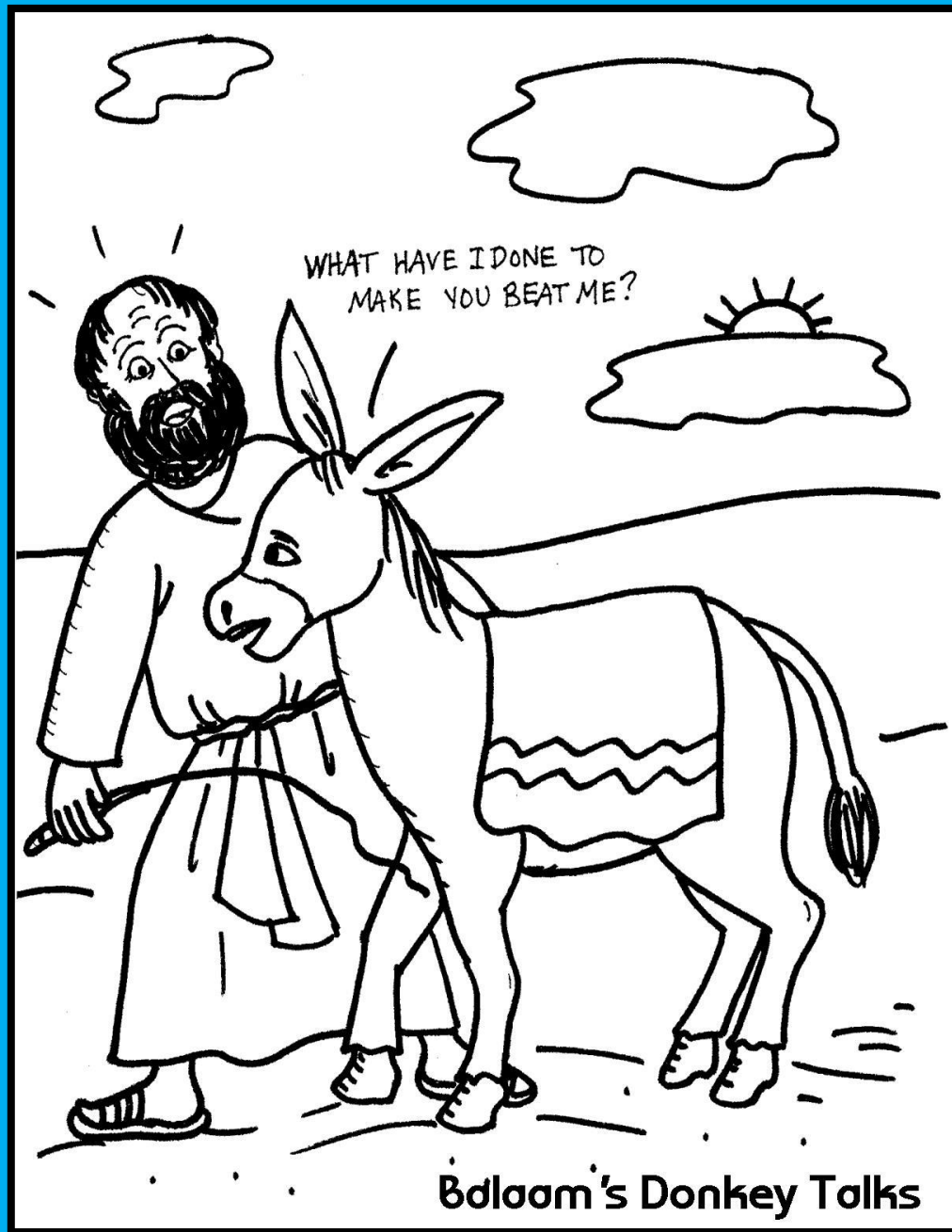


Pastor,  
do you mean  
this Bible story?



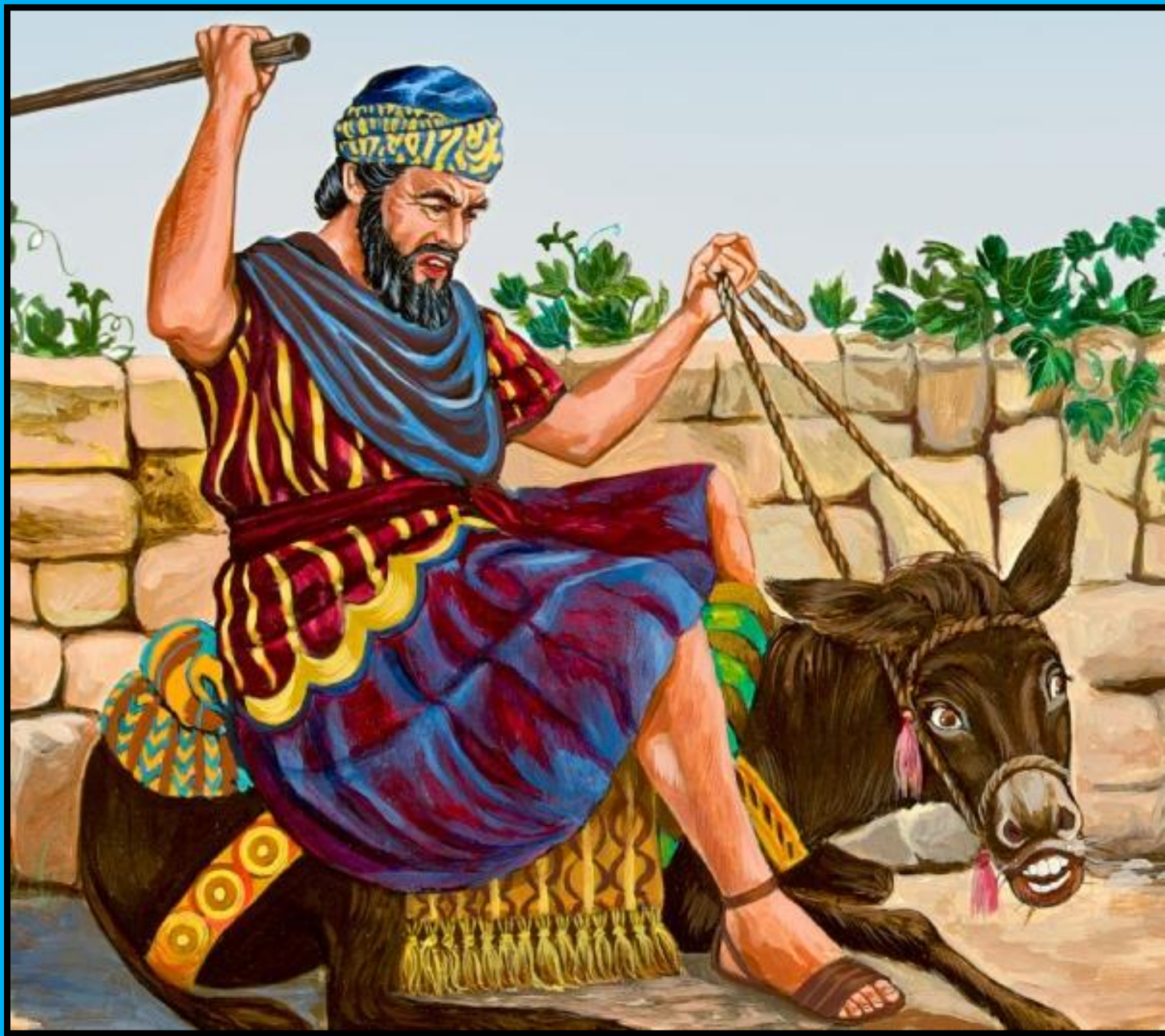
NUMBERS 22

# BALAAM'S DONKEY



Balaam's Donkey Talks








Yes!

But there is more  
to the story than  
a talking donkey.




Balaam's folly.  
Great prophecies.  
Balaam's tactics.  
Excellent lessons.



Let's start with Israel as  
they got near Canaan,  
the promised land.



Moab was afraid of  
Israel and did not  
know what to do.



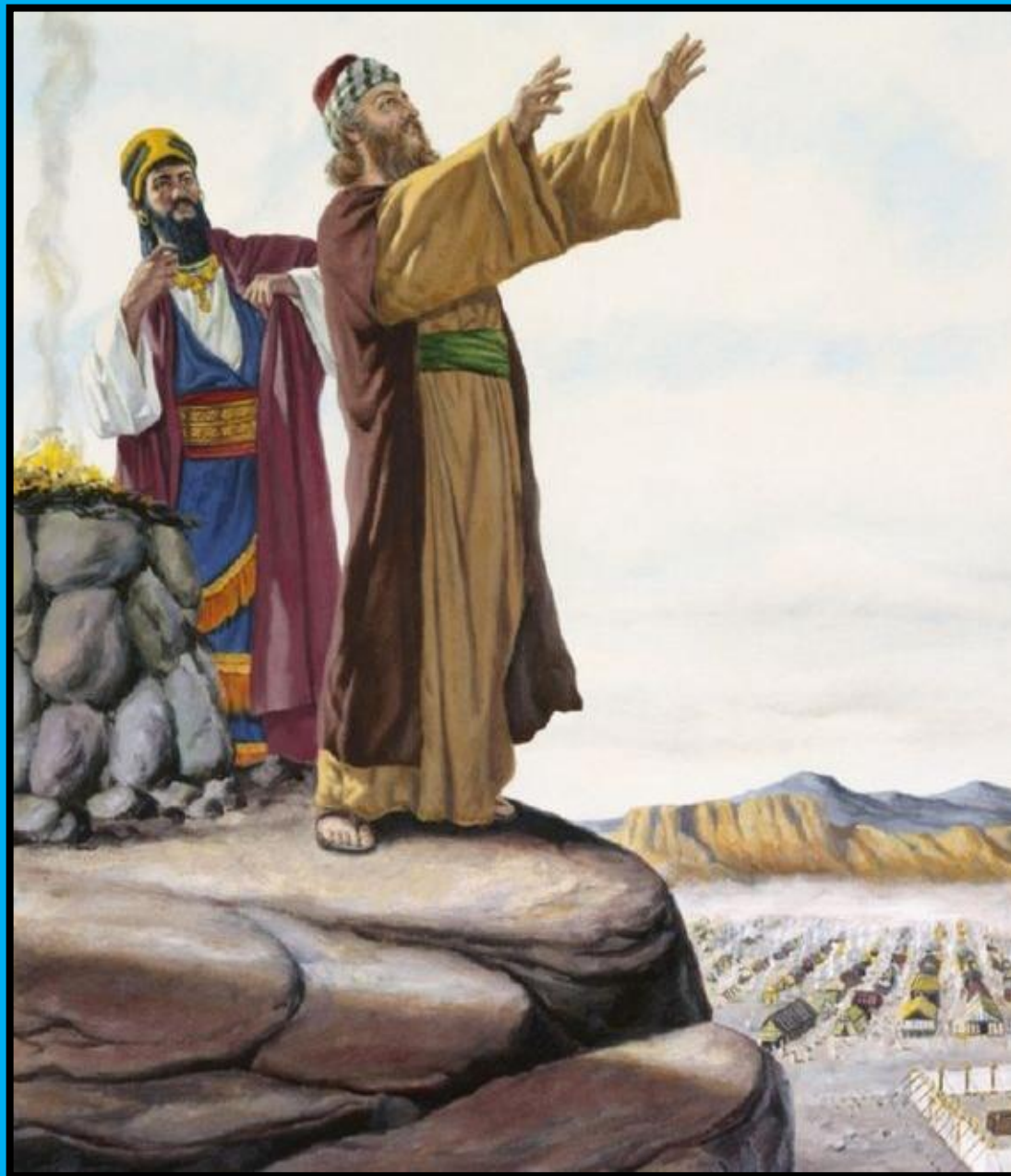
We need to learn  
about two men:  
**Balak & Balaam.**

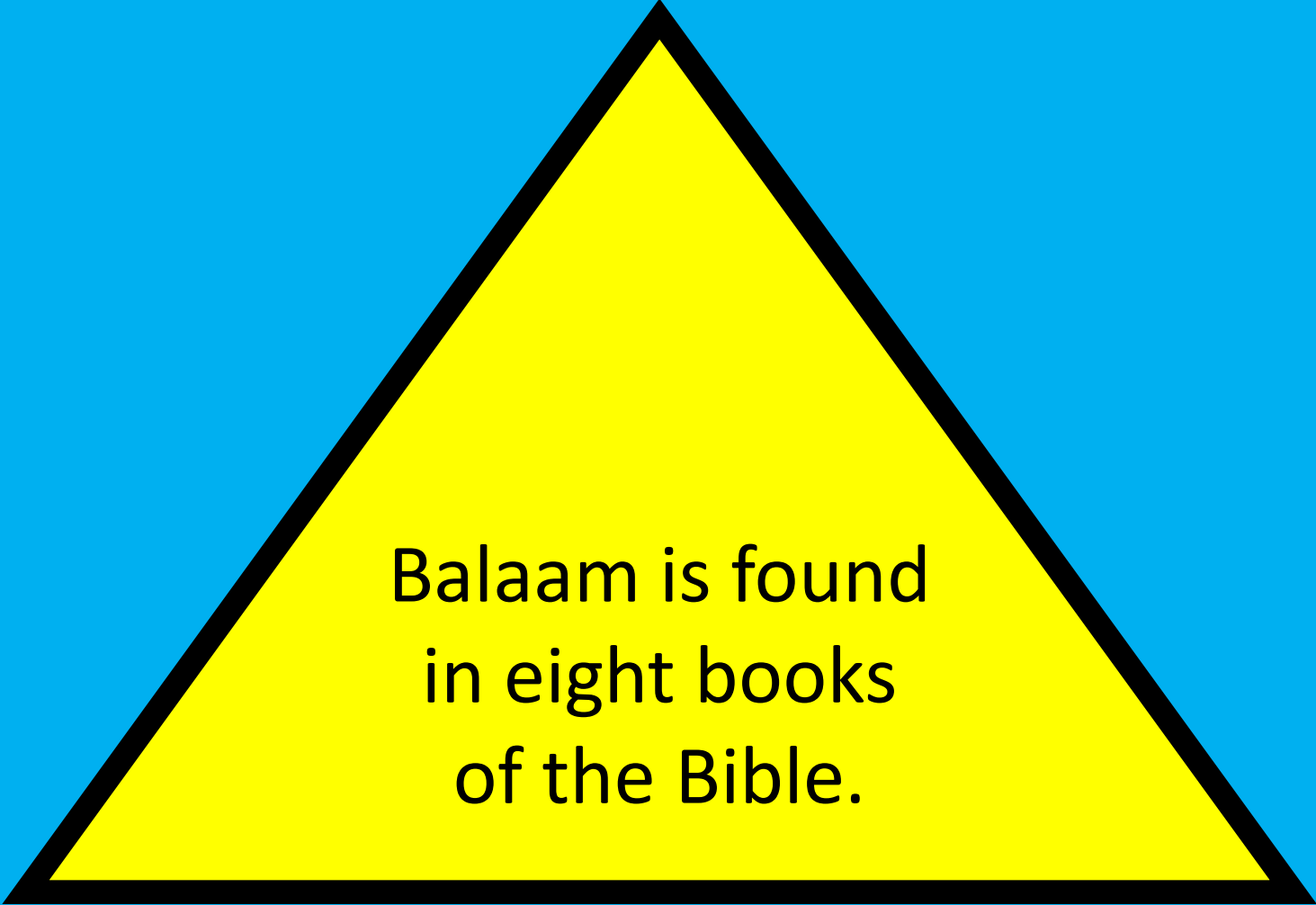
Balak, king of Moab,  
was terrified by Israel  
after they destroyed  
the nearby Amorites.

Balaam was a false prophet that used sorcery and witchcraft to bless or curse men.

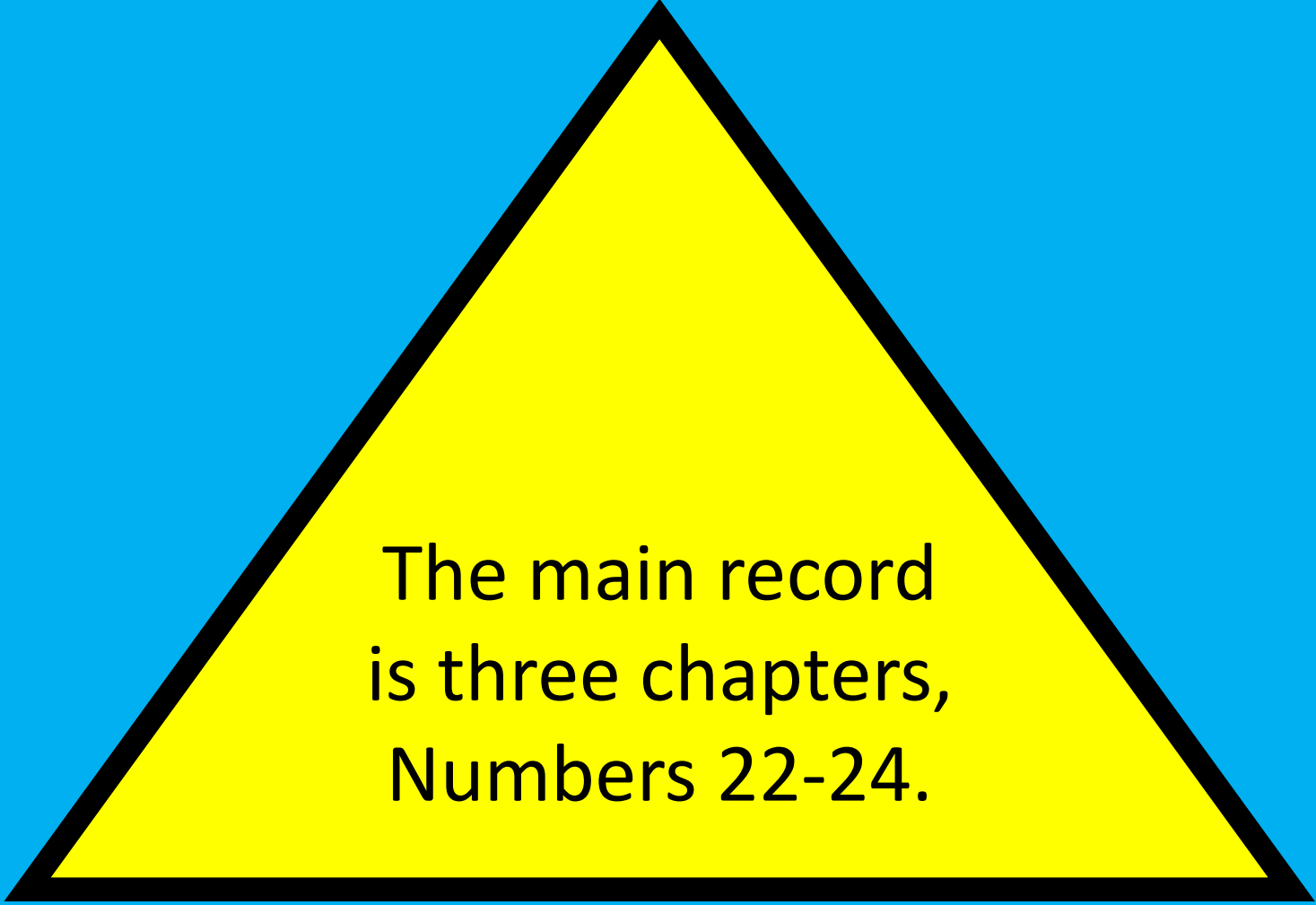
Balak, king of Moab,  
offered to honor  
and pay Balaam  
to curse Israel.



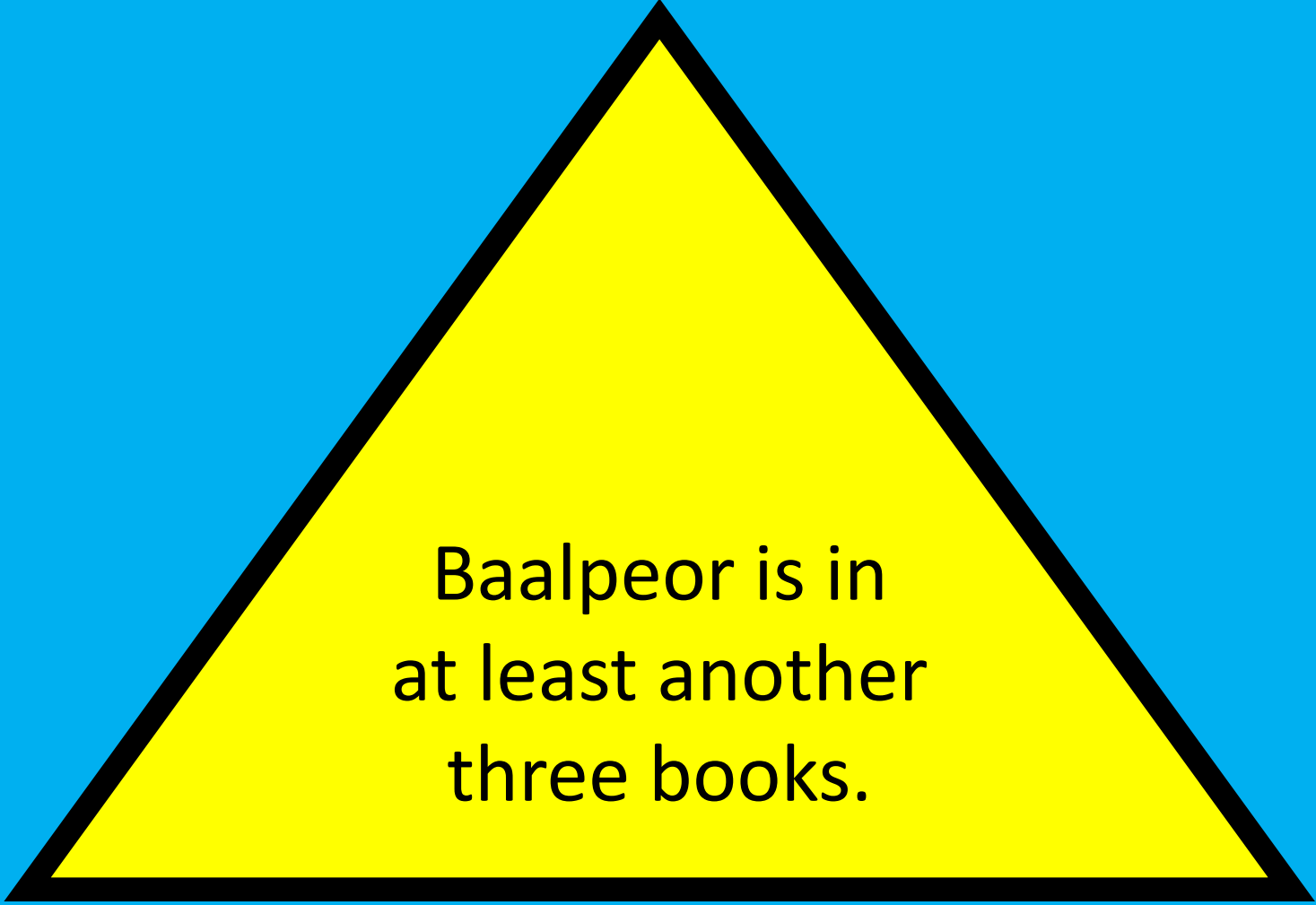




Balaam is found  
in eight books  
of the Bible.



The main record  
is three chapters,  
Numbers 22-24.




Baalpeor is in  
at least another  
three books.



11 books  
of the Bible!


# Three Words to Learn about Balaam

- **Divination**: Trying to foretell the future by use of sorcery or witchcraft (Numbers 22:7).
- **Enchantments**: Use of sorcery or magic to bewitch or curse or give powers (Numbers 24:1).
- **Soothsayer**: A person that tries to predict or foretell the future; prognosticator (Josh 13:22).
- The Bible clearly condemns all three as sins.




Did God talk  
to this false  
prophet?

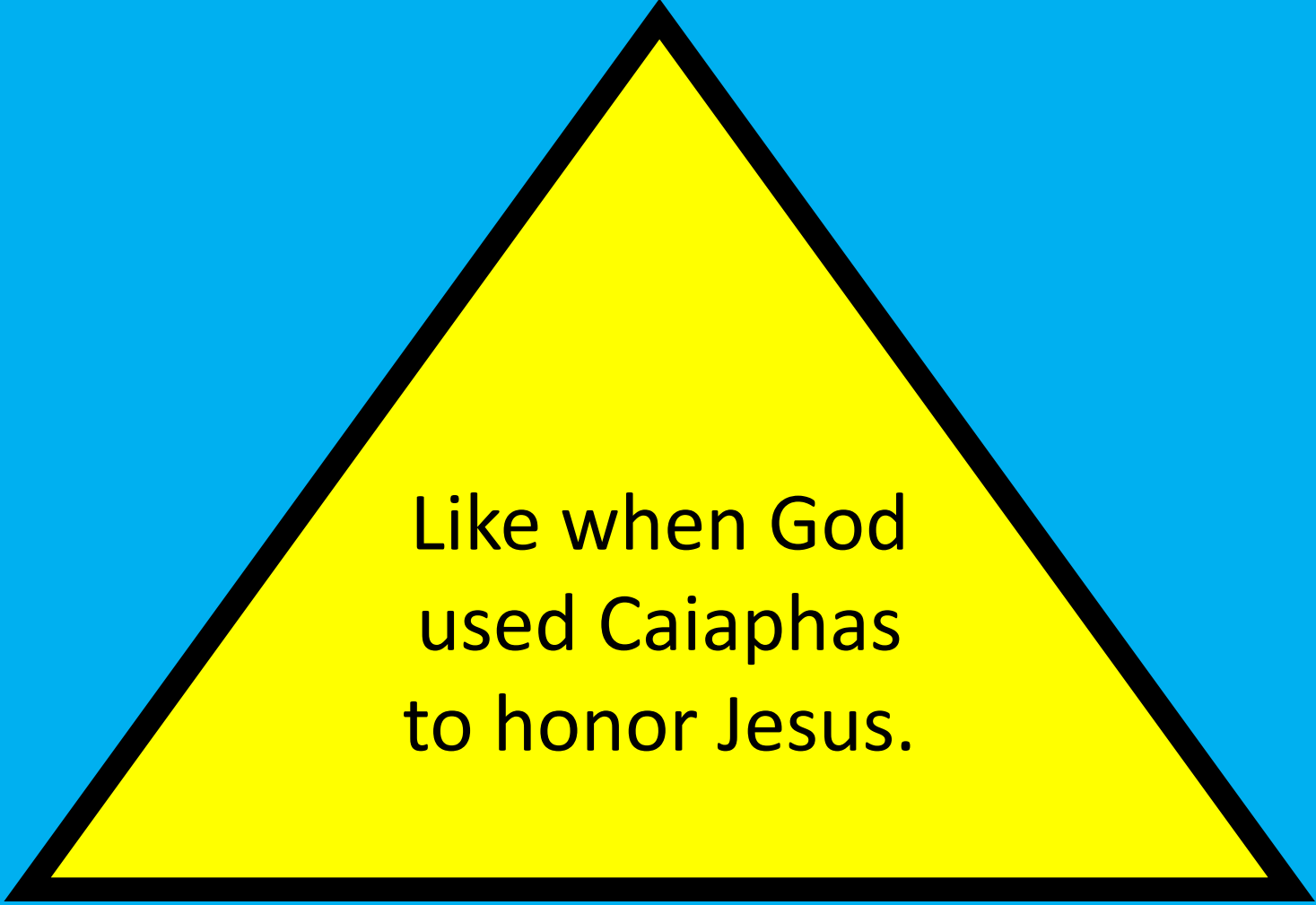




Only when He  
wanted to use  
Balaam for His  
own glory!

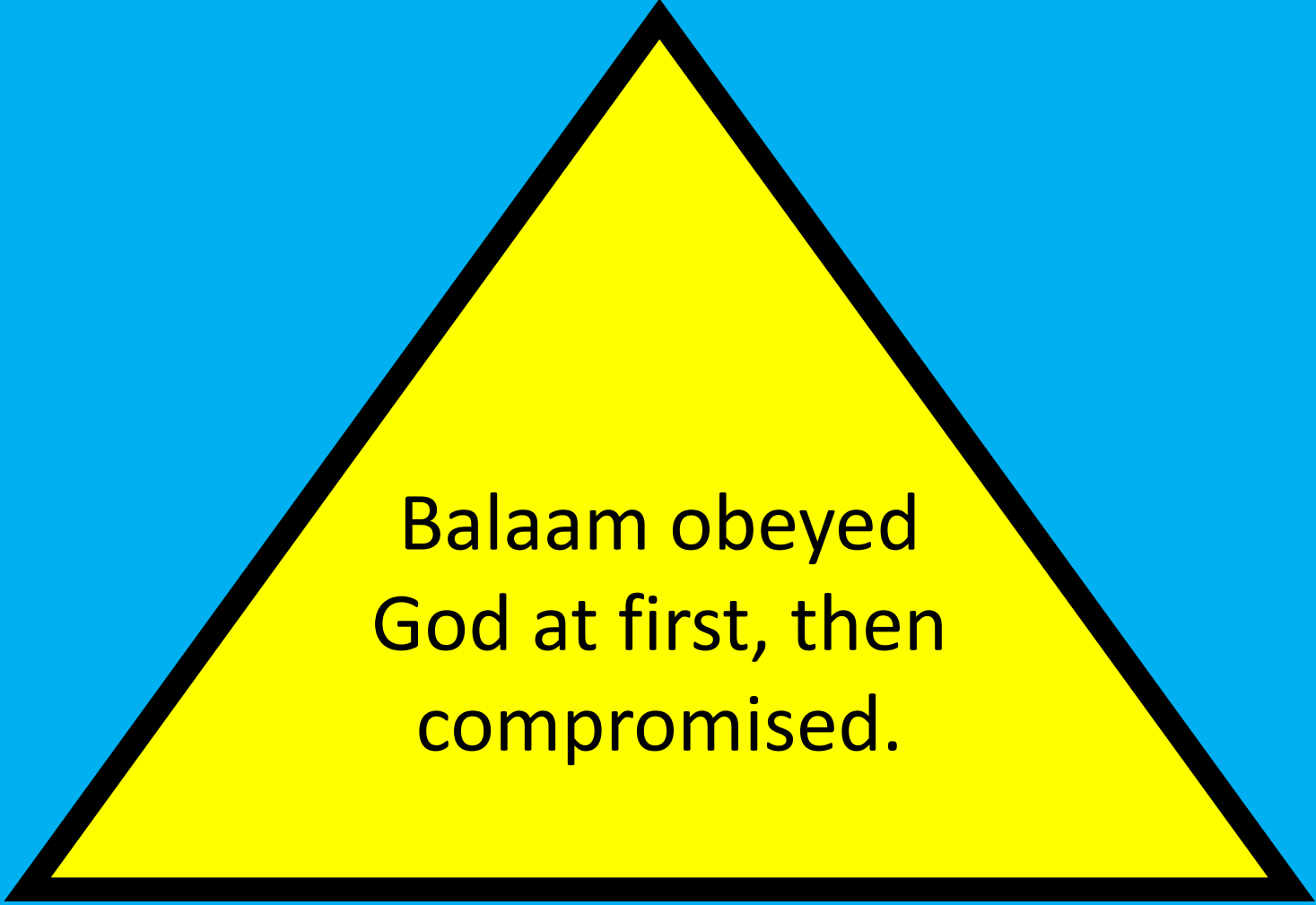


Like when God  
used Satan to  
test Job.




Like when God  
used Caiaphas  
to honor Jesus.

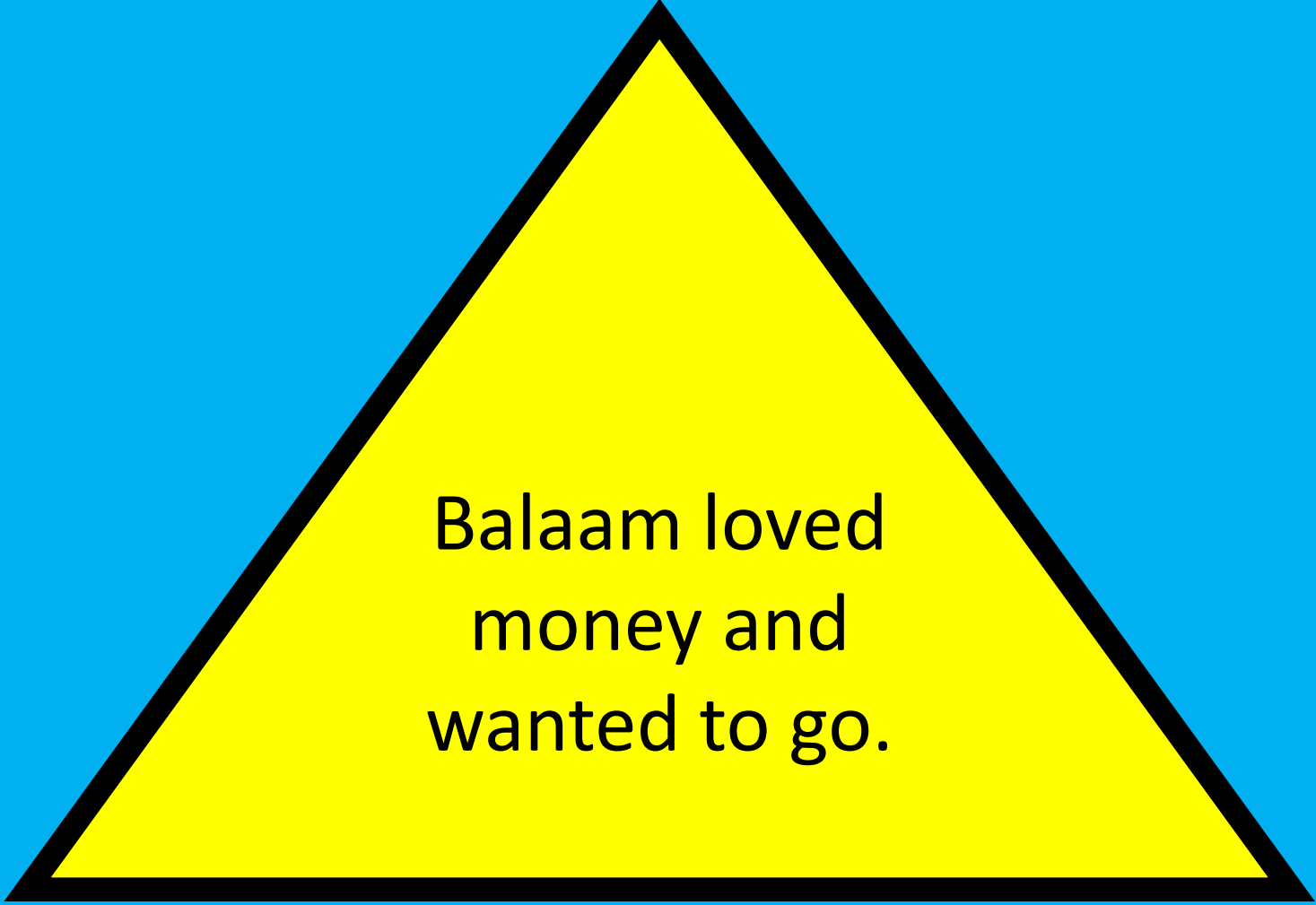
Other such persons in the Bible are Pharaoh's magicians, Simon the sorcerer, the damsel of Philippi, and so forth.



Balaam obeyed  
God at first, then  
compromised.




When Balak  
asked him again,  
Balaam listened.



Balaam loved  
money and  
wanted to go.

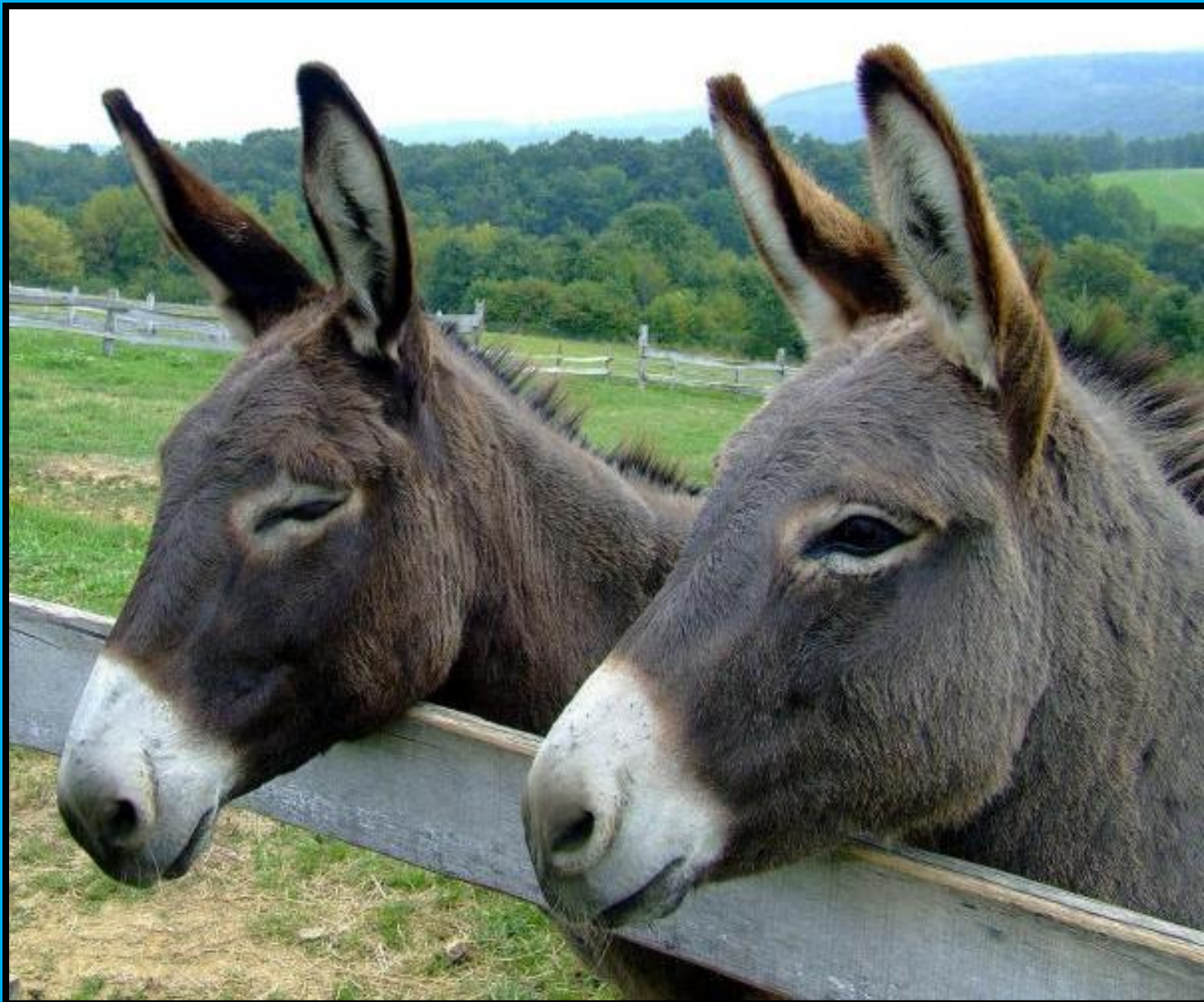




God let him go  
but showed His  
anger at Balaam.

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

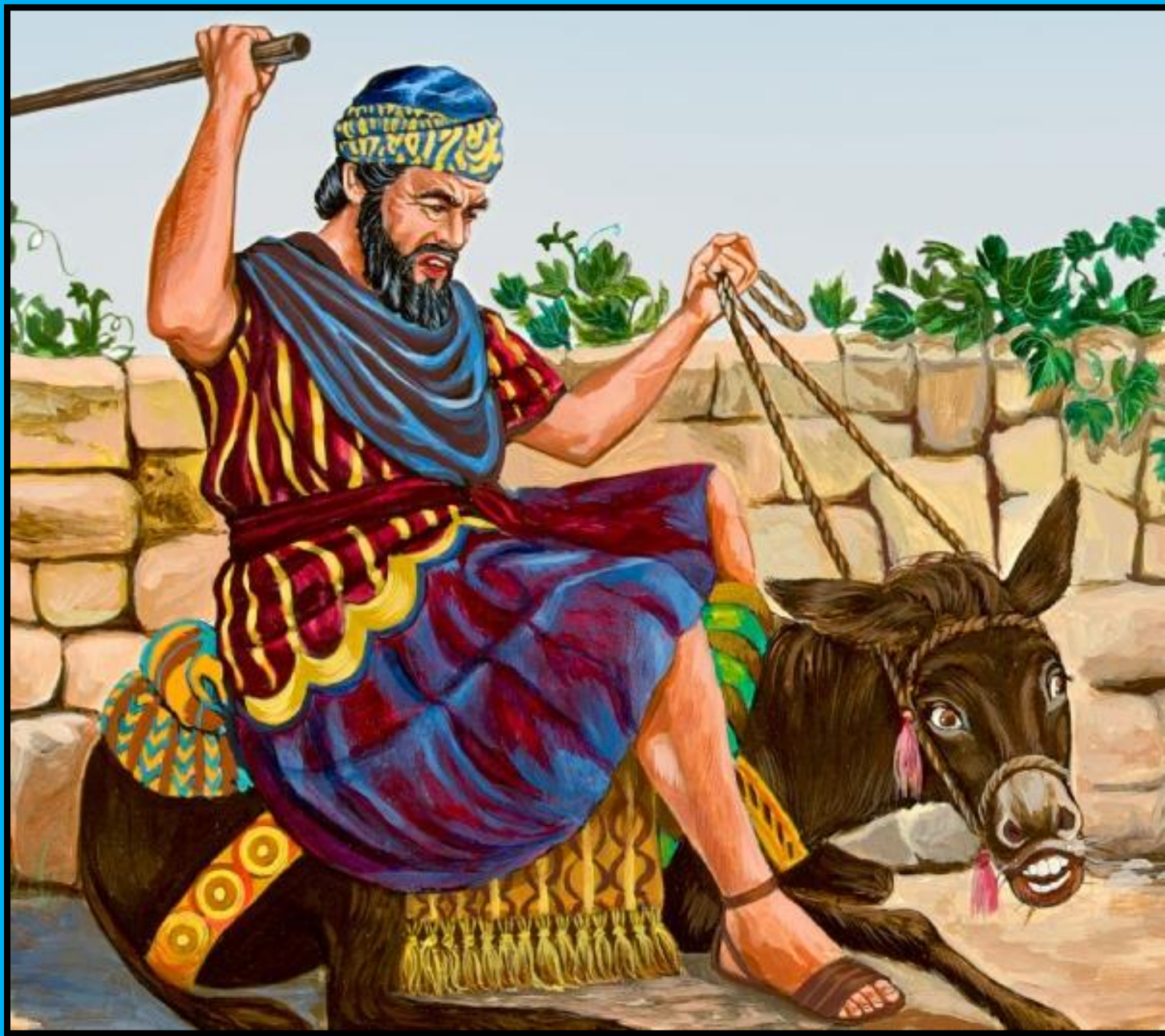
II Peter 2:15-16





Ass = Donkey







# **Balaam Rode His Ass to Curse Israel**

- The ass saw God's angel standing in the way.
- The ass left the road and went into a field.
- Balaam hit his ass for leaving the road.
- The ass crushed Balaam's foot against a wall.
- Balaam hit his ass again for crushing his foot.



# **Balaam Rode His Ass to Curse Israel**

- The ass then fell down to avoid the angel.
- Balaam smote his ass again for falling down.
- Then God gave the ass the ability to talk.
- The following donkey talk truly took place.
- The donkey could talk ... and he could count!



The Ass Said:

*What have I done unto  
thee, that thou hast  
smitten me these  
three times?*

Balaam Said:

*Because thou hast  
mocked me: I would  
there were a sword in  
mine hand, for now  
would I kill thee.*

The Ass Said:

*Am not I thine ass,  
upon which thou hast  
ridden ever since I was  
thine unto this day?*

The Ass Said:

*Was I ever wont to do  
so unto thee?*

**Balaam Said:**

*Nay.*





The Angel Said:

*Wherefore hast thou  
smitten thine ass  
these three times?*

The Angel Said:

*Unless she had turned  
from me, surely now  
also I had slain thee,  
and saved her alive.*





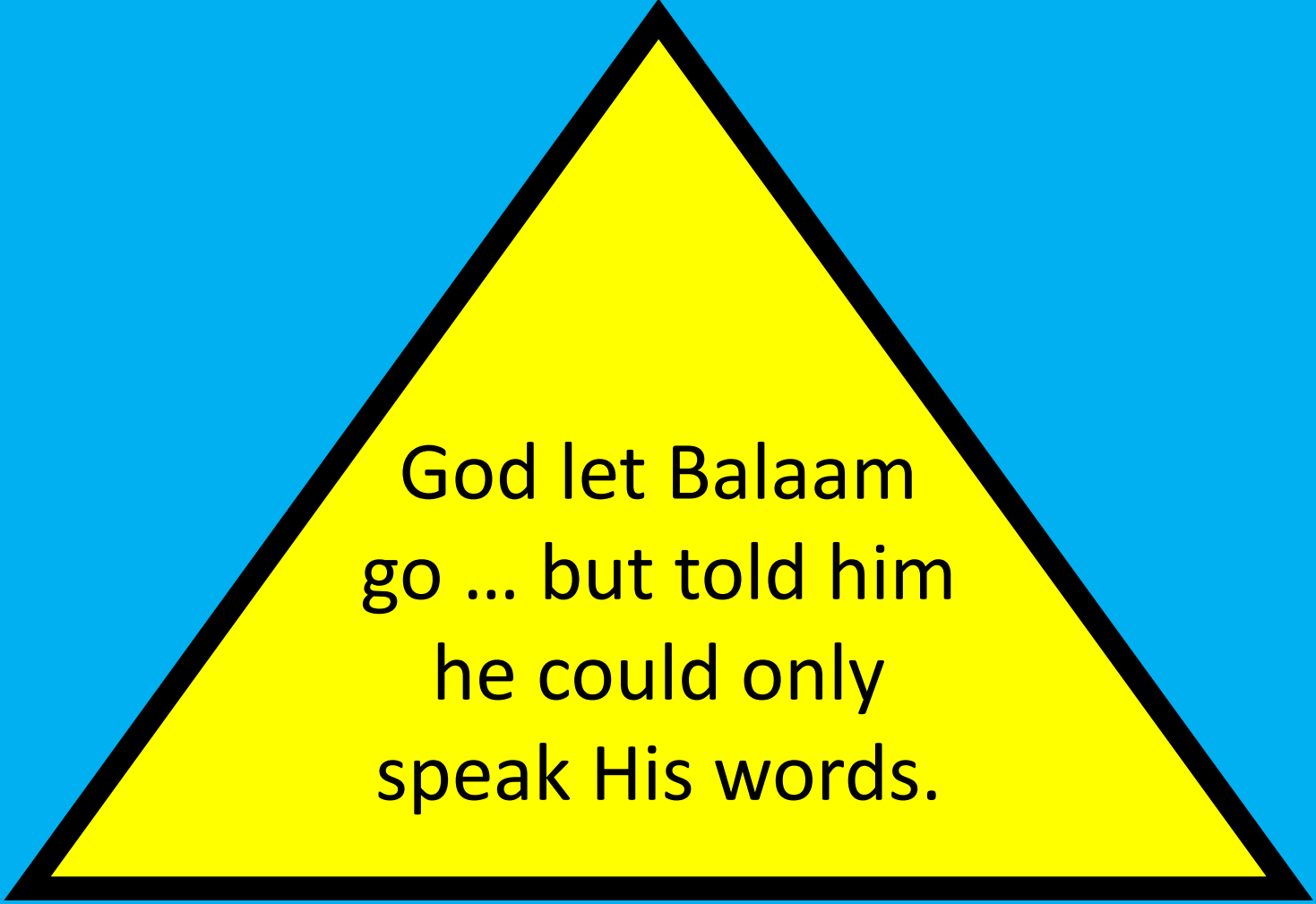




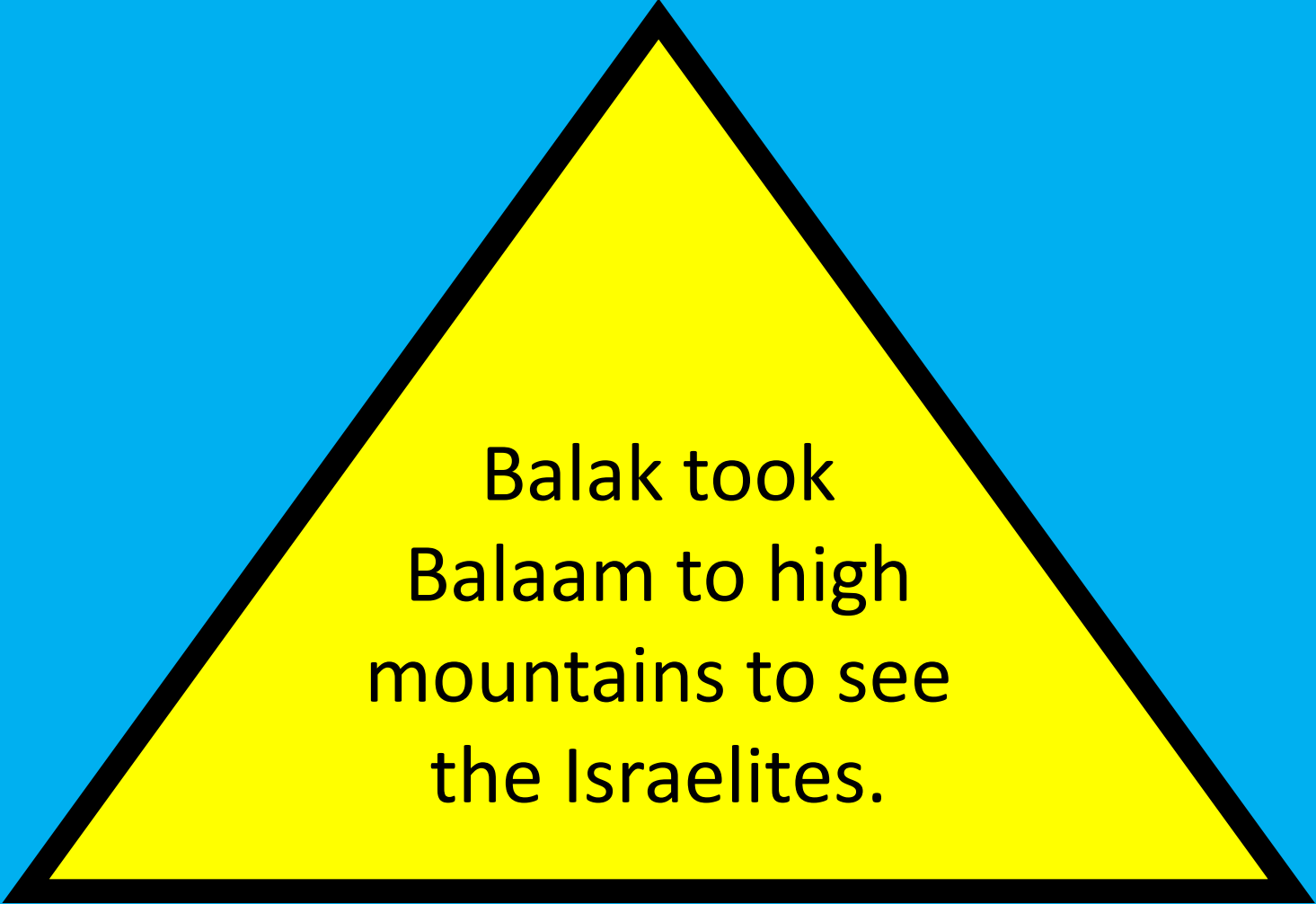
15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

II Peter 2:15-16




God let Balaam  
go ... but told him  
he could only  
speak His words.

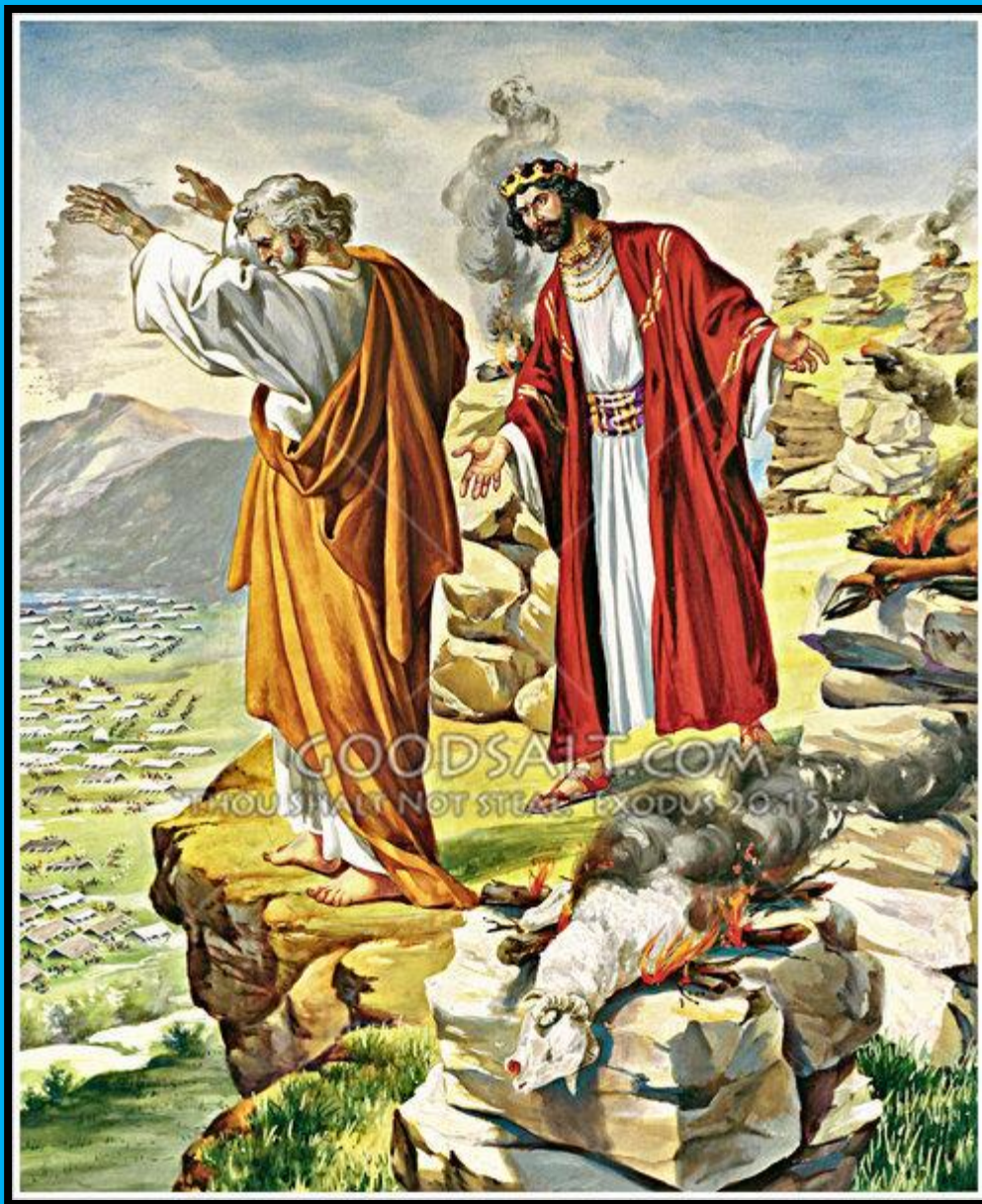


Balak took  
Balaam to high  
mountains to see  
the Israelites.



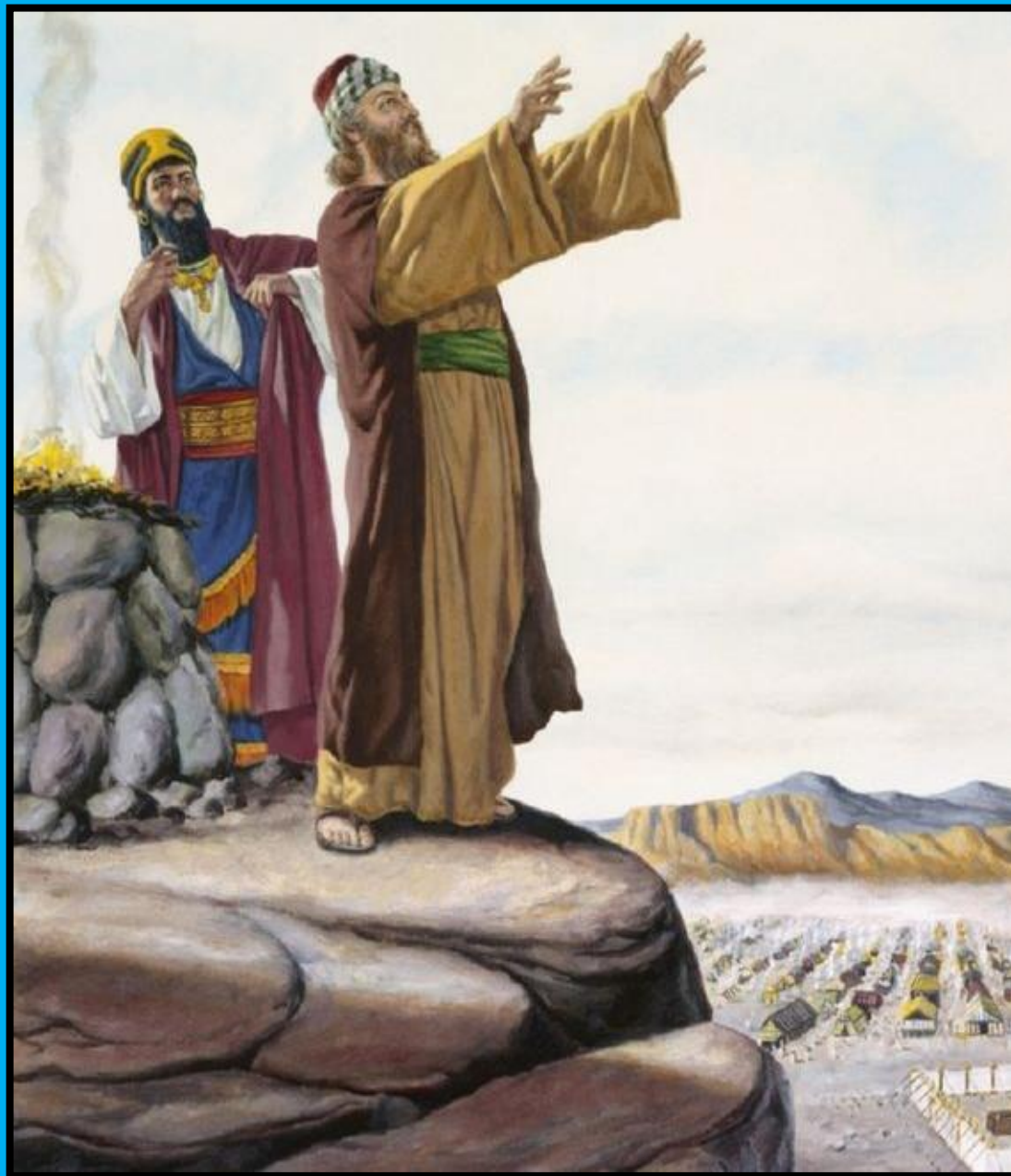


Balak offered  
many sacrifices  
to help Balaam.



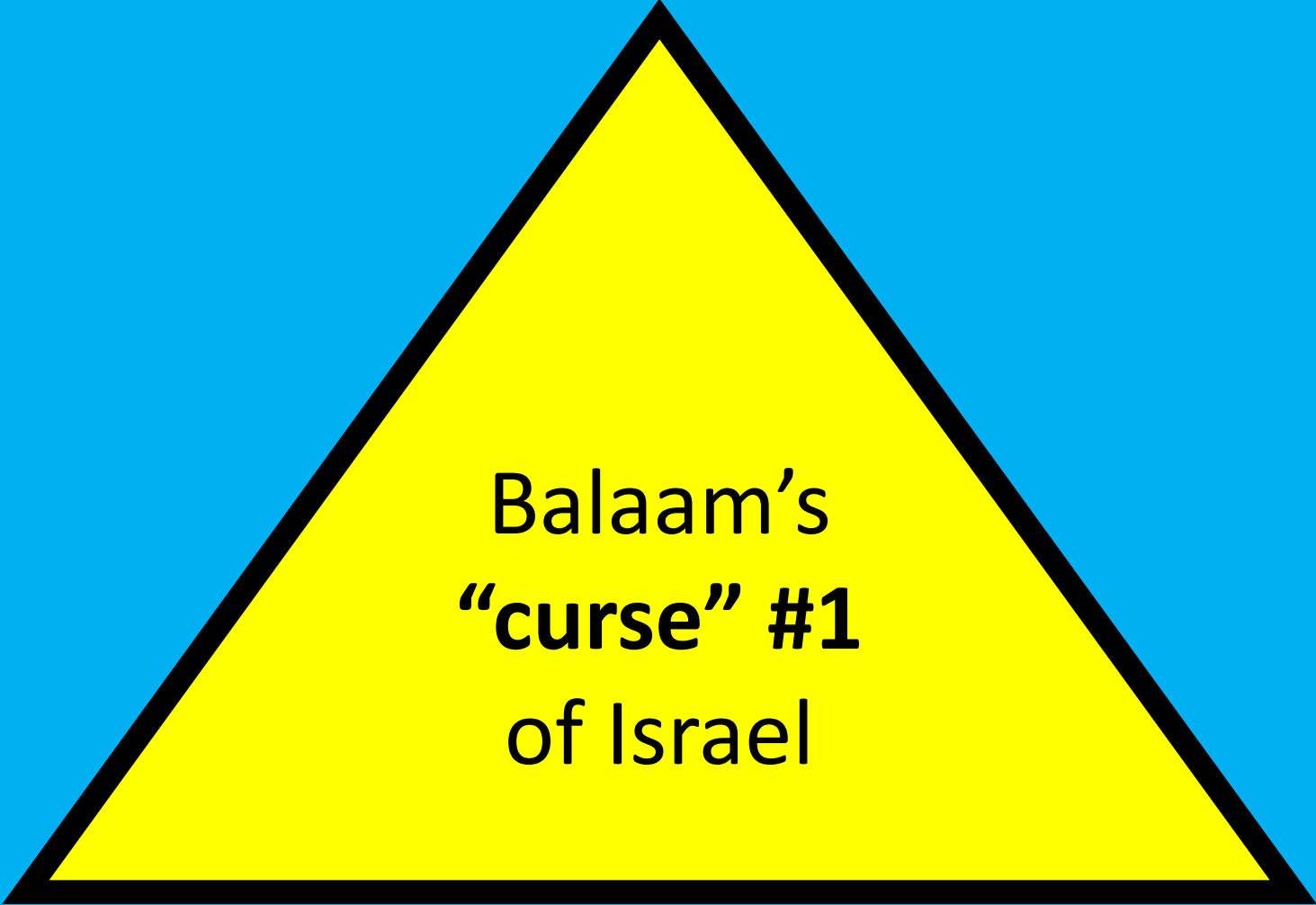













Balaam's  
**"curse" #1**  
of Israel

And he took up his parable, and said, Balak  
the king of Moab hath brought me from  
Aram, out of the mountains of the east,  
saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come,  
defy Israel.

Numbers 23:7



We need not fear  
kings, for our God  
overthrows their  
diabolical plans.



How shall I curse, whom God hath not  
cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD  
hath not defied?

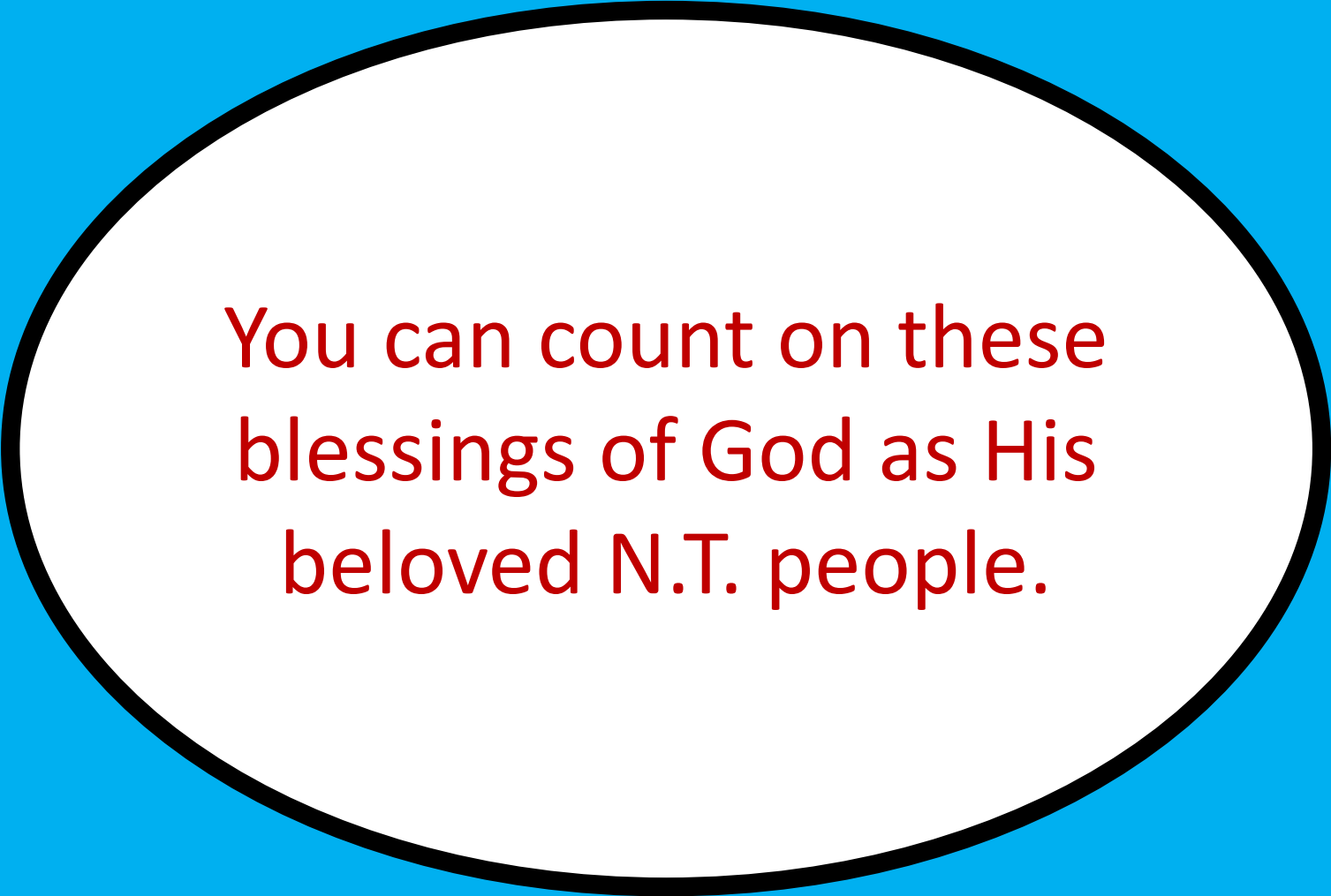
Number 23:8

Balak should have  
stopped Balaam  
then and there!

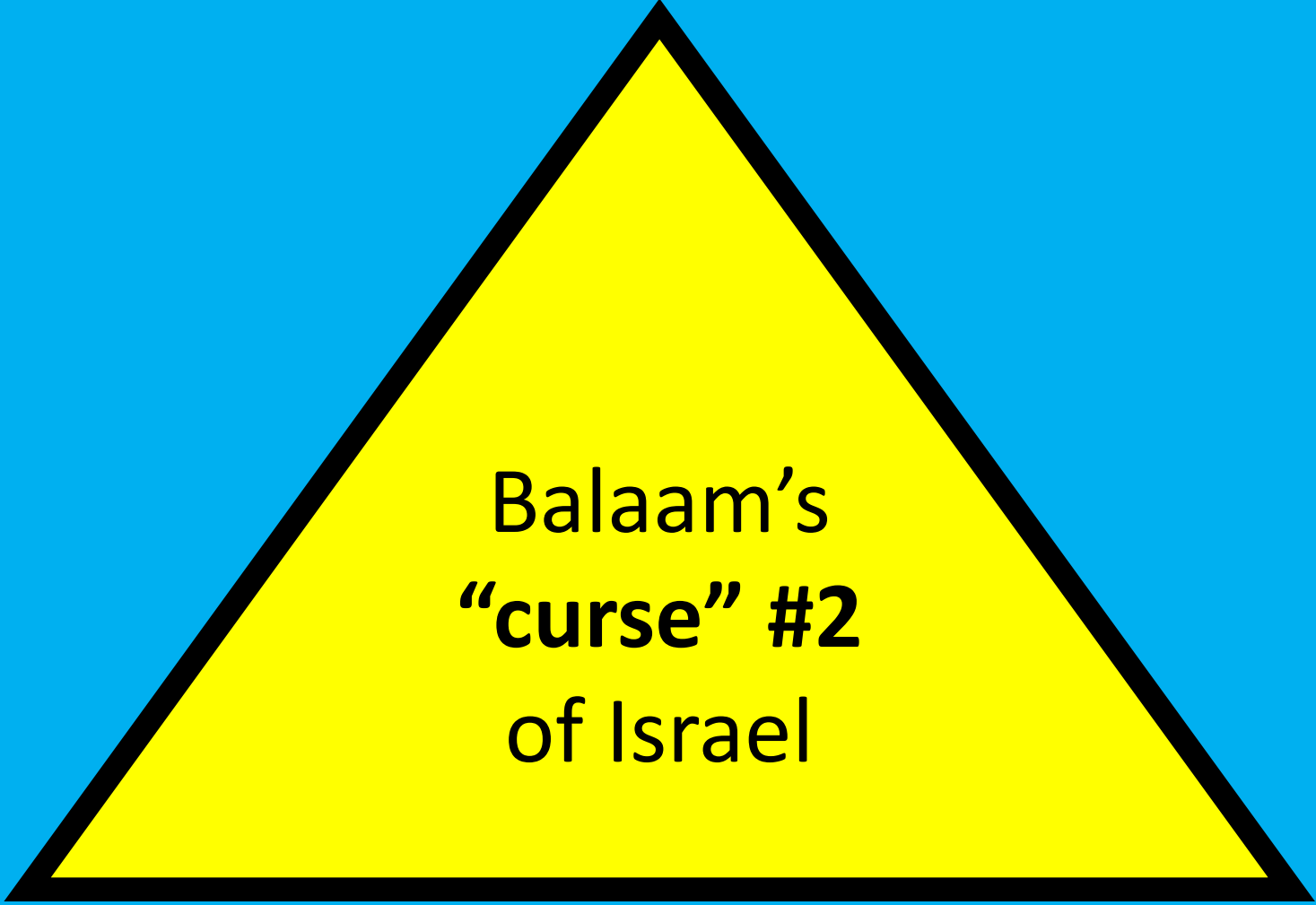
It was only going to get  
worse for the wicked  
king of Moab.

Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

Number 23:10



You can count on these  
blessings of God as His  
beloved N.T. people.



Balaam's  
**"curse" #2**  
of Israel

Behold, I have received commandment to  
bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot  
reverse it.

Number 23:20

He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither  
hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD  
his God is with him, and the shout of a king is  
among them.

Number 23:21



Consider how God  
viewed Israel and us  
in His great mercy.

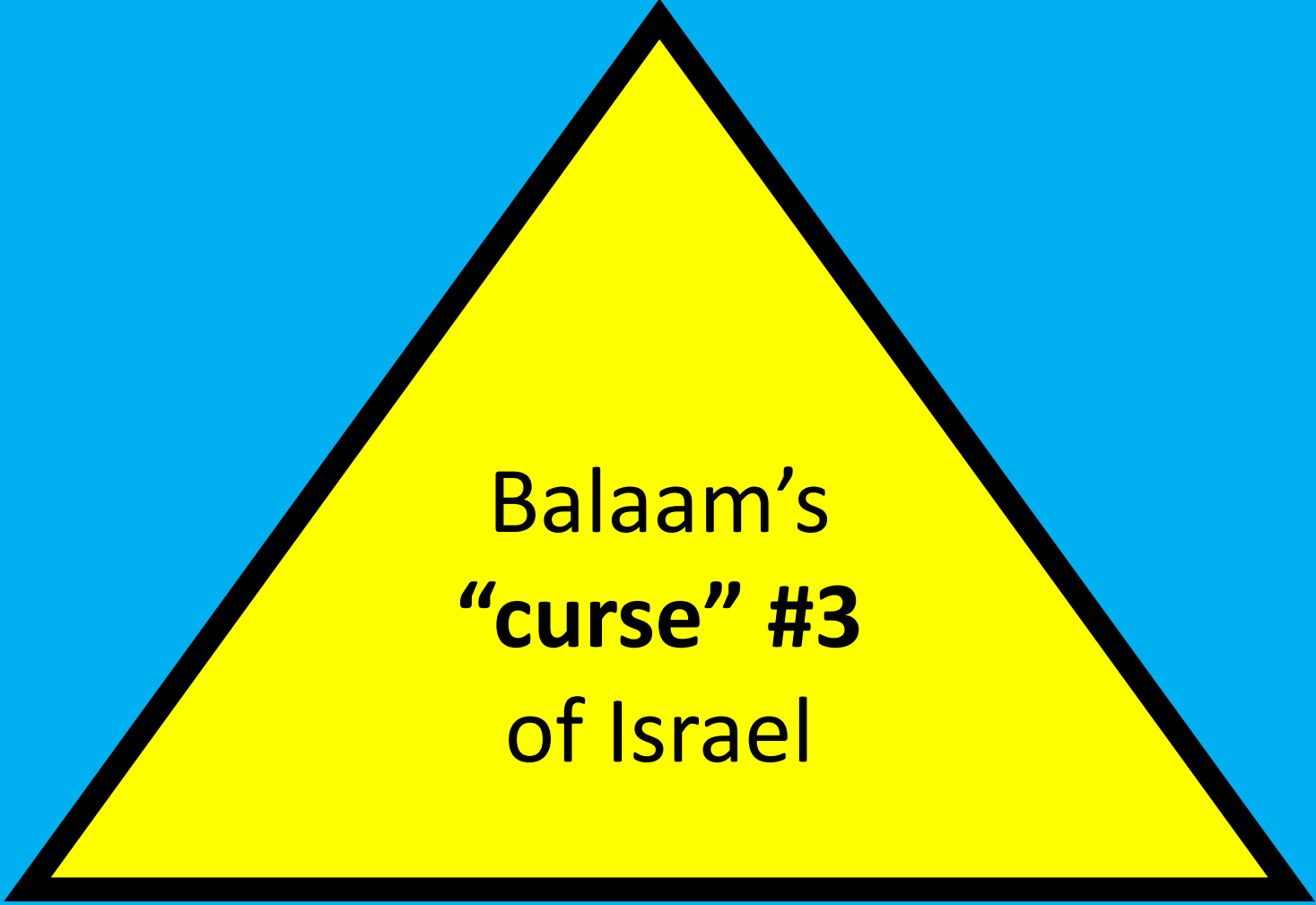
God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it  
were the strength of an unicorn.

Number 23:22

Egypt was far greater  
than Moab, but God  
saved Israel anyway.

Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.

Number 23:24



Balaam's  
**"curse" #3**  
of Israel

How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy  
tabernacles, O Israel!

Number 24:5

God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

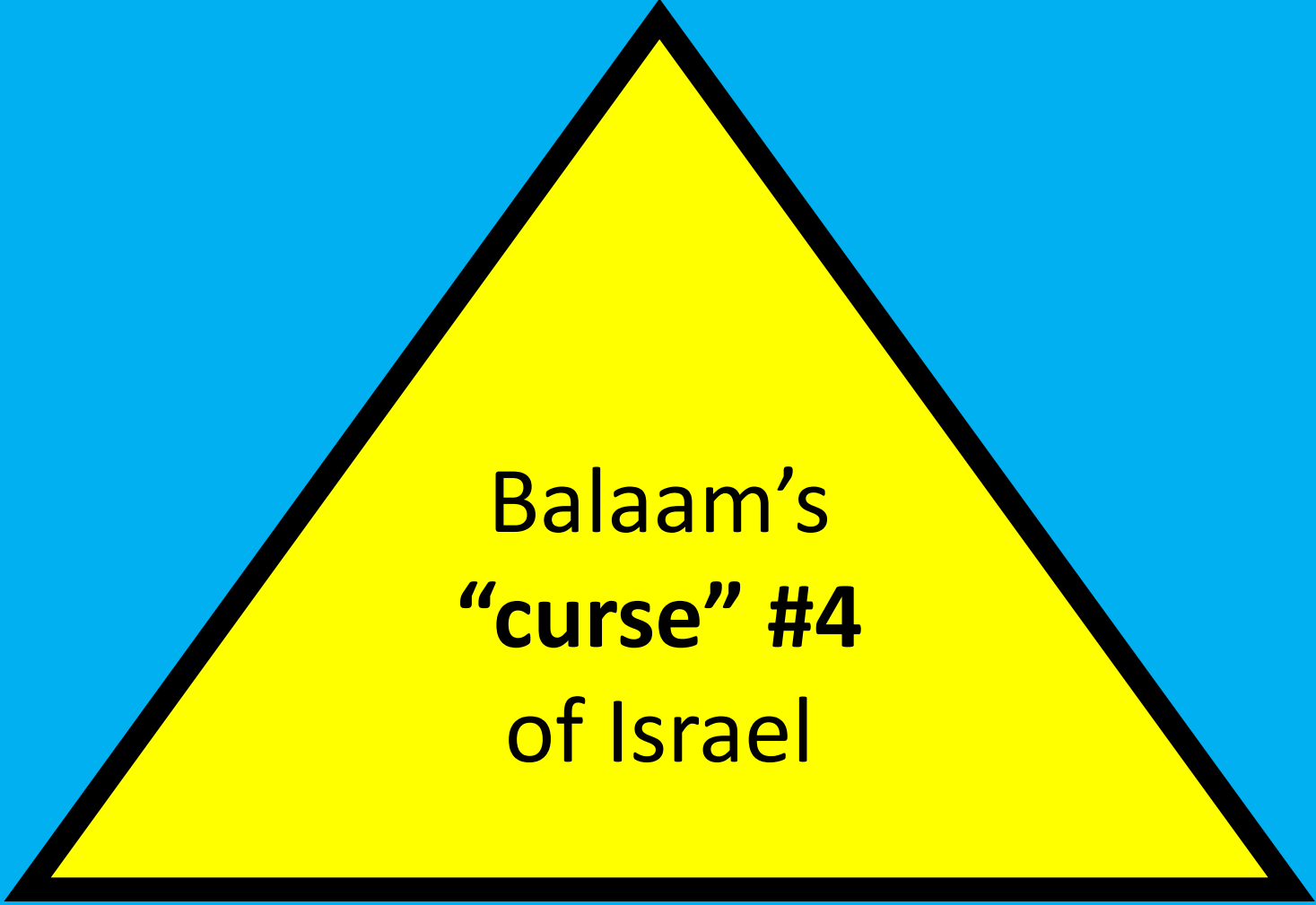
Number 24:8

He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.

Number 24:9



Not only was Israel  
now blessed ... but  
Moab was cursed!



Balaam's  
**"curse" #4**  
of Israel

I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

Number 24:17

This glorious prophecy  
is not far behind Job's  
redeemer, is it?

Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have  
dominion, and shall destroy him that  
remaineth of the city.

Number 24:19

And he took up his parable, and said, Alas,  
who shall live when God doeth this!

Number 24:23

This powerful warning  
applies to prophecies  
of world history.



And ships shall come from the coast of  
Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall  
afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever.

Number 24:24

This prophecy extends  
to the destruction of  
Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

And beyond 70 A.D. to  
the destruction of  
Rome in 476 A.D.

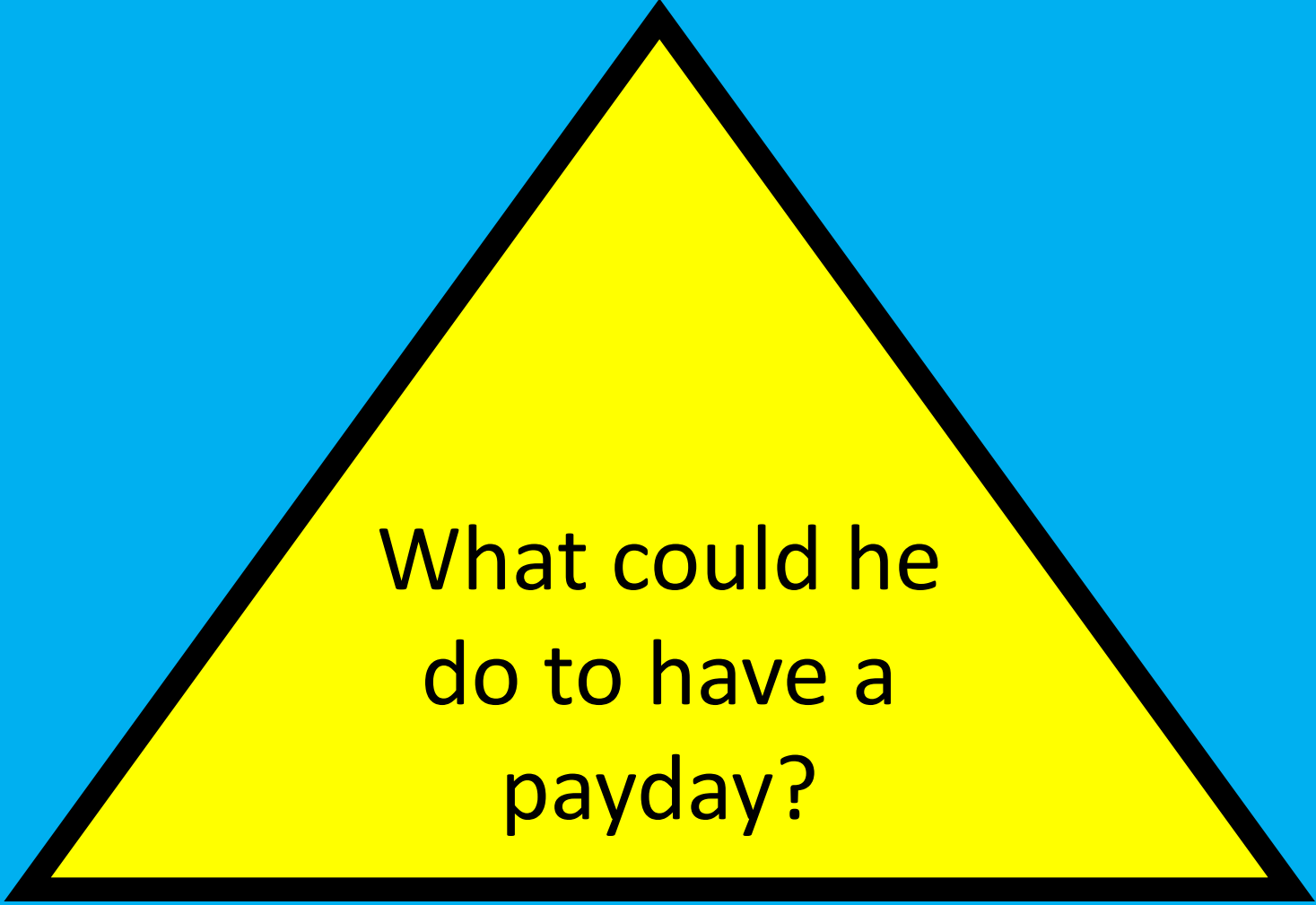
The Star of Jacob  
and Scepter of Israel  
overthrew all these  
nations for His  
kingdom!



Glory to God!



Balaam could  
not curse  
Israel!

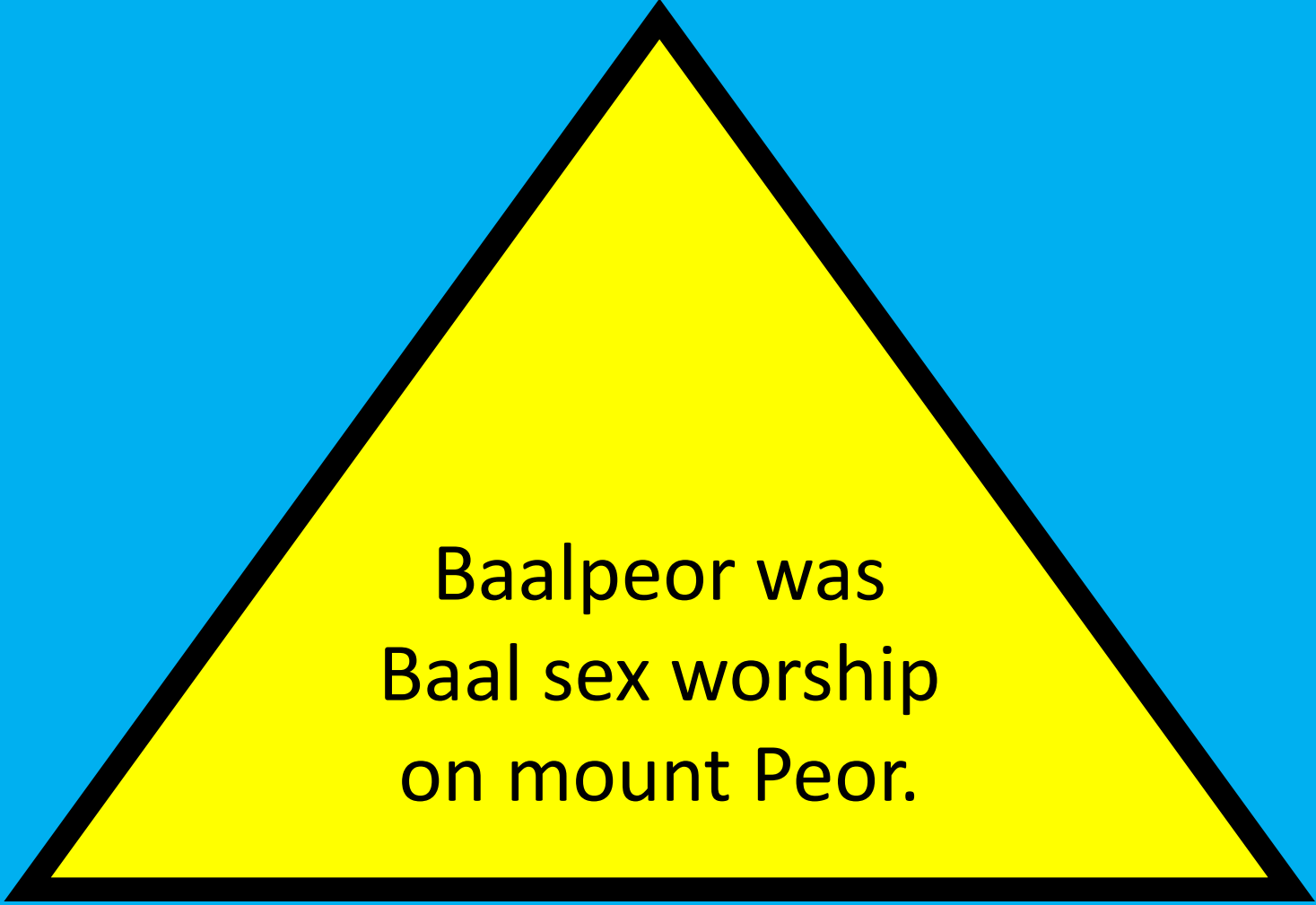


What could he  
do to have a  
payday?

Balaam could not curse  
Israel to get money  
from Balak, so he came  
up with another idea.

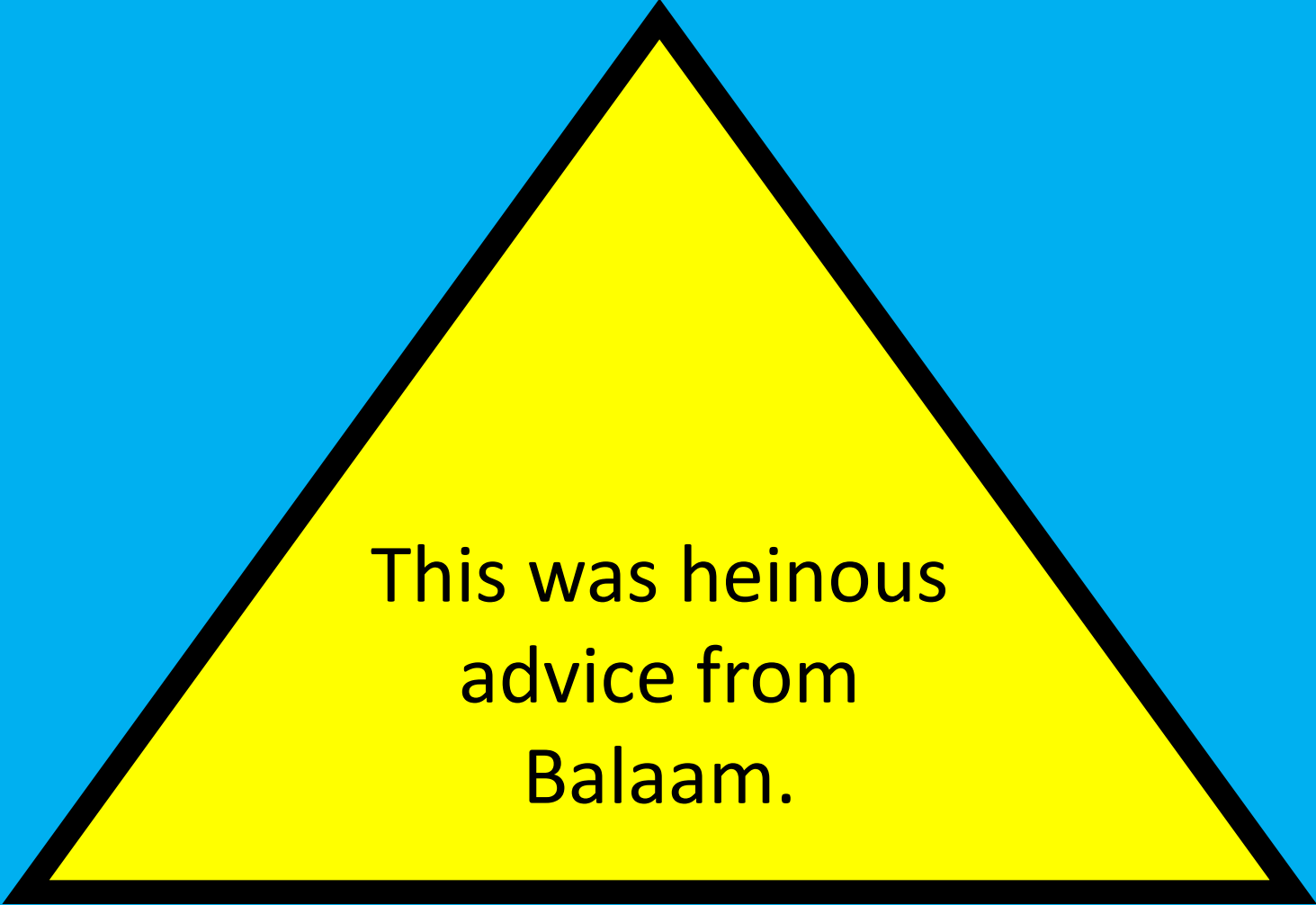


Balaam told Balak for  
Moab's women to have  
sex with Israel's men ...  
then God would  
curse Israel.



Baalpeor was  
Baal sex worship  
on mount Peor.

There should be no  
question about the  
character of Balaam.



This was heinous  
advice from  
Balaam.

Balaam's history is in  
Numbers 22-24.

Who's history is in  
Numbers 25?

1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Number 25:1,3

7 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.

Number 25:7-8



15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?

16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him.

Number 31:15-17

Your eyes have seen what the LORD did  
because of Baalpeor: for all the men that  
followed Baalpeor, the LORD thy God hath  
destroyed them from among you.

Deuteronomy 4:3

I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first time: but they went to Baalpeor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.

Hosea 9:10

Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

I Corinthians 10:8

But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Revelation 2:14

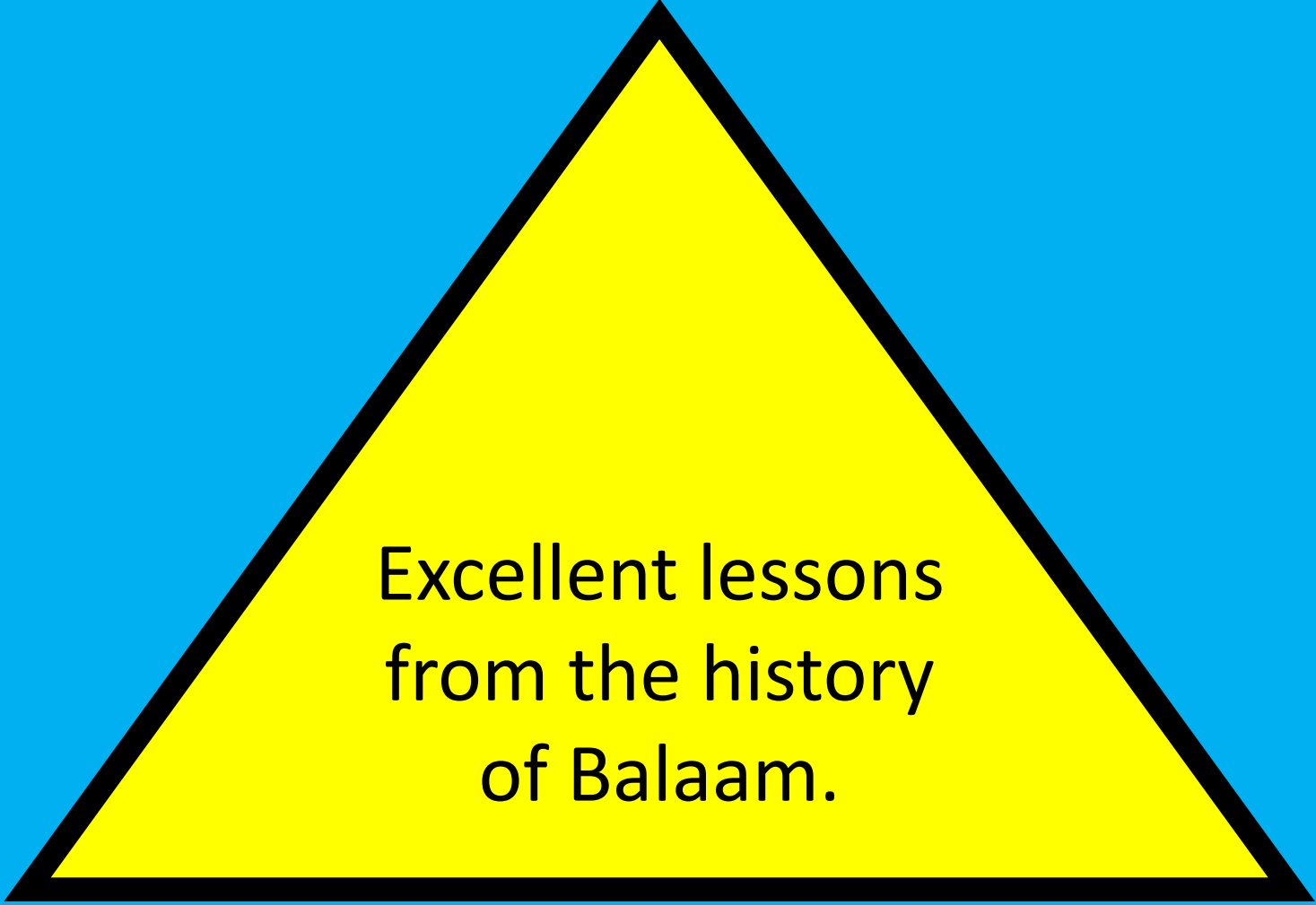
What happened  
to Balaam?

God killed him in  
battle with Israel.

And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.

Numbers 31:8





Excellent lessons  
from the history  
of Balaam.

## **Lesson #1:**

Confederacy or  
conspiracy cannot  
work against God.

9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.

Isaiah 8:9-10

## **Lesson #2:**

**Your God can alter the  
mind, eyes, or mouth  
of man and beast.**

### **Lesson #3:**

Kings in conspiracy  
with devilish men  
cannot hurt us.

## **Lesson #4:**

Regardless of enemies,  
God's great love for His  
people wins the day.

4 Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.

5 Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

Deuteronomy 23:4-5

## **Lesson #5:**

God may allow you to  
do something sinful to  
ruin your own life.



13 They soon forgot his works; they waited  
not for his counsel:

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,  
and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request; but sent  
leanness into their soul.

Psalm 106:13-15

## **Lesson #6:**

**When you know a  
thing is right,  
follow it,  
now!**

## **Lesson #7:**

The love of money is  
the root of all evil, as  
Balaam proved.

For the love of money is the root of all evil:  
which while some coveted after, they have  
erred from the faith, and pierced themselves  
through with many sorrows.

I Timothy 6:10

## **Lesson #8:**

Ministers must be  
found and ordained  
that are not greedy  
of filthy lucre.

3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous ...

8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

I Timothy 3:3-8

## Lesson #9:

World history is ...  
*Alas, Who shall live  
when God doeth this!*

## **Lesson #10:**

When you obey God,  
mark your calendar ...

*What hath God  
wrought!*



## **Lesson #11:**

God can protect you  
from enemies beyond  
your power to resist,  
like Balaam.

## **Lesson #12:**

When overt witchcraft  
will not work by God's  
protection ... sexual  
sins will destroy.

## **Lesson #13:**

God, Phinehas, and  
Moses show the godly  
response to sexual sins  
like fornication.

## **Lesson #14:**

Carnal Christianity is a  
greater threat than  
Ouija boards or  
idolatry.

## **Lesson #15:**

The righteous die  
better with a more  
glorious end than the  
world can imagine.


## **Lesson #16:**

Jesus is King of kings ...

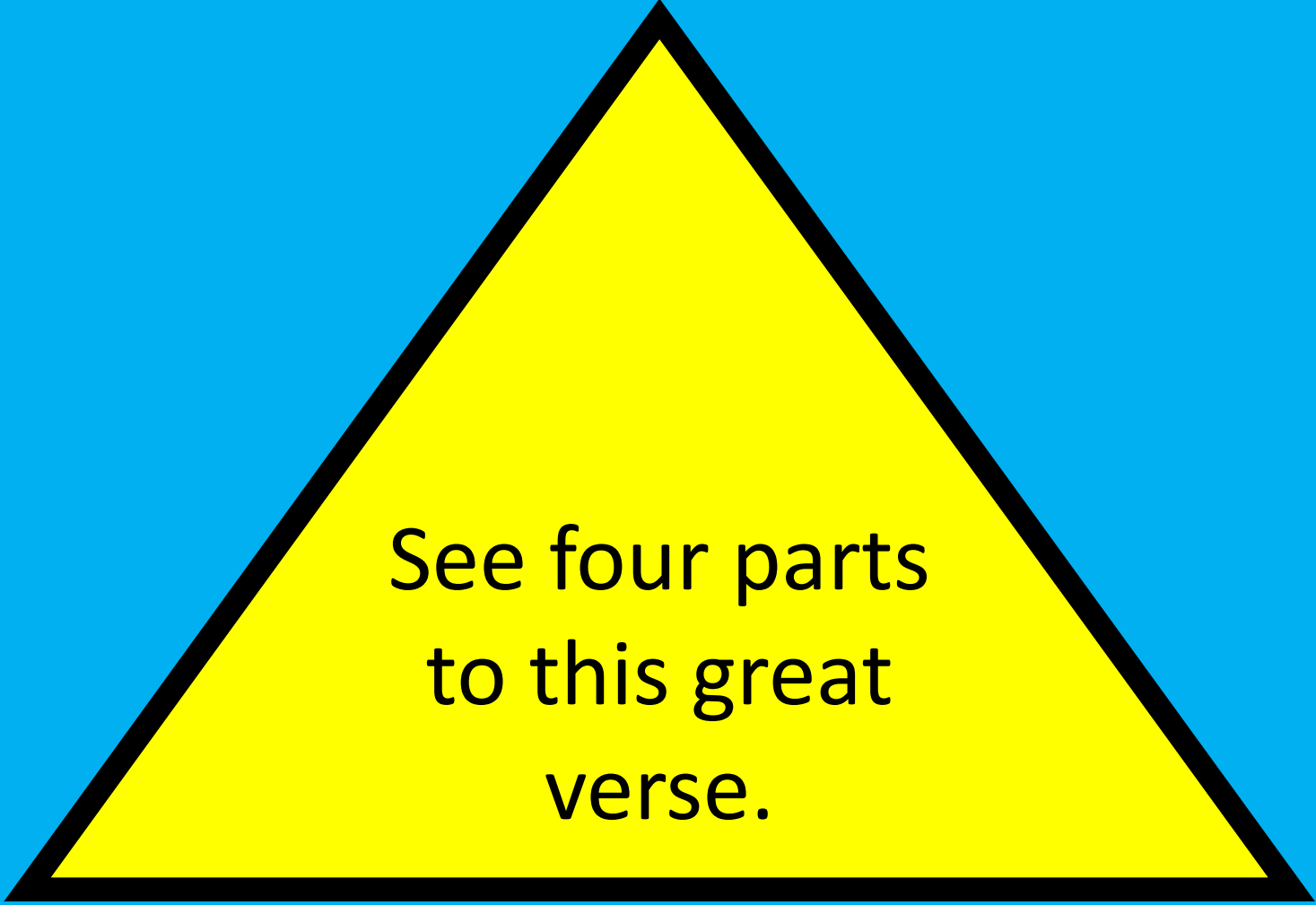
King of nations ...

King of Satan ...

Lord of your body!



A prophecy of  
Balaam is very  
special to us.



See four parts  
to this great  
verse.



Surely there is no enchantment against  
Jacob, neither is there any divination against  
Israel: according to this time it shall be said of  
Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

Numbers 23:23

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Numbers 23:23

*What hath  
God wrought!*

*These four wonderful  
words describe God's  
marvelous grace and  
providence in our lives.*

# For Further Study

**Balaam and His Prophecies ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/balaam-and-his-prophecies.pdf>.

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