

PRAYER MEETING

1 August 2016

Text: **Numbers 22**

ISRAEL'S LOCATION

1. Camped in the plains of Moab
2. On the side of Jordan
3. Across Jericho (Numbers 22:1)

BALAK AND MOAB

1. King Balak had learned about the defeat of the Amorites at the hand of Israel
2. Moab's reaction
 - a) Afraid
 - b) Sick with dread
 - c) Feared the huge numbers of Israel (Numbers 22:2)

STRATEGY OF BALAK

1. He sent messengers to Balaam
2. Balaam lived near the River Euphrates
3. Message to Balaam (Numbers 22:3-6)
 - a) A people from Egypt
 - b) Settling next to me
 - c) They are too mighty for me
 - d) Curse the people for me
 - e) Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land
 - f) I know that he whom you bless is blessed and he who is cursed is cursed

4. Messengers

- a) From Moab
- b) From Midian
- c) They brought a diviner's fee for Balaam (Numbers 22:7)
- d) Princes of Moab (Numbers 22:9)

5. Balaam's word to the messengers of Balak

- a) Lodge here tonight
- b) I will bring back word to you
- c) As the LORD speaks to me (Numbers 22:8)

6. God's word to Balaam

God's query
"Who are these men with you?" Numbers 22:9

7. Balaam's reply

He was asked by the messengers of Balak to curse the people who had come out of Egypt (Numbers 22:10-11)

8. God's further word to Balaam

- a) You shall not go with them
- b) You shall not curse the people
- c) For they are blessed (Numbers 22:12)

9. Balaam's word to the messengers of Balak

- a) Go back to your land
- b) For the LORD has refused to give me permission to go with you (Numbers 22:13)