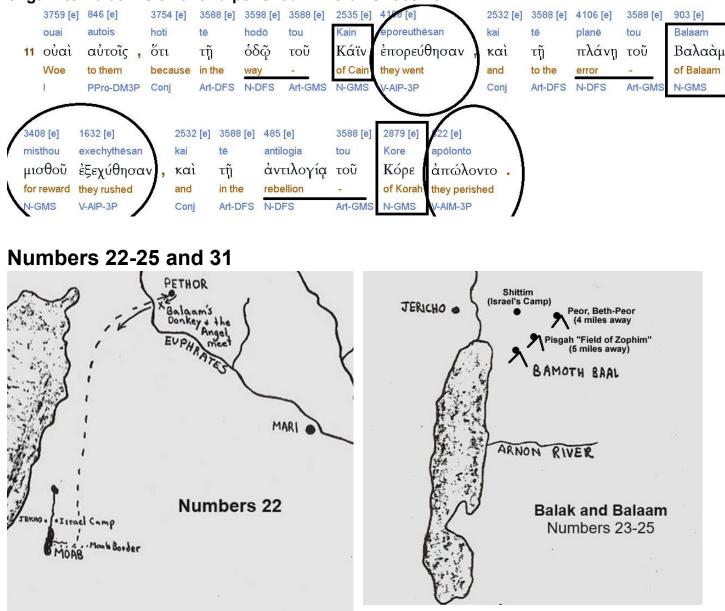
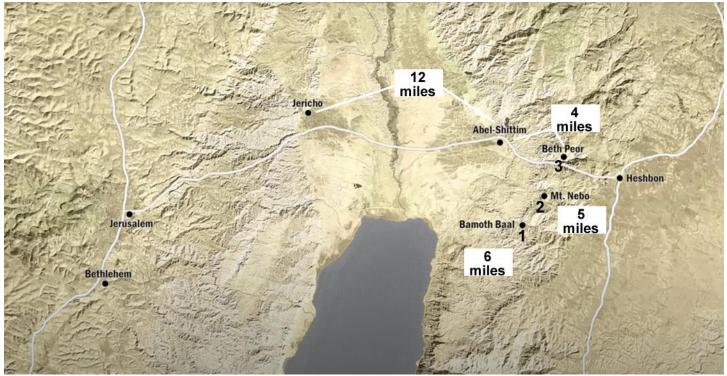
## Jude 11 – Balaam's Error

11 – "Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.

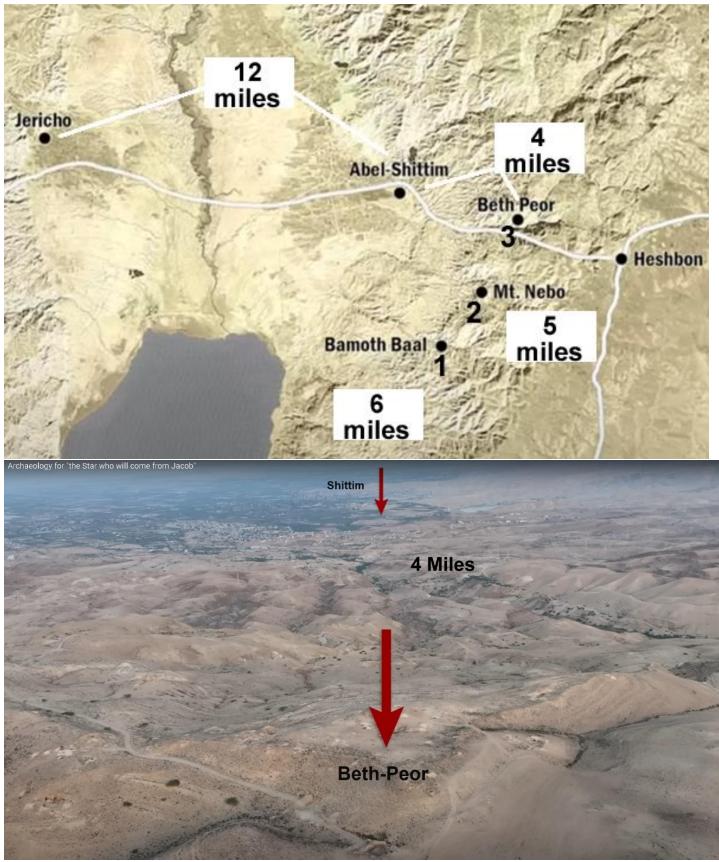


420 miles away Take 22-25 days of travel one way Back and forth twice took four months 4-12 miles away (Peor 4 miles; Jericho 12 miles)



## Patterns

- 1. First Oracle blessed Israel
- 2. Secon Oracle blessed Israel
- 3. Third Oracle blessed Israel
- 4. Fourth Oracle curse Moab and Edom
- 5. Fifth Oracle curse Amelekites
- 6. Sixth Oracle curse Kenites
- 7. Seventh Oracle curse Assyrians



Fourth Oracle – Numbers 24:14-19

- 1. No journey to a new observation point
- 2. No sacrifice prepared

- 3. No standing by the sacrificial altars
- 4. No going away by Balaam to perform special rituals of divination
- 5. Balaam claims to:
  - a. See
  - b. Hear
  - c. and, have knowledge
- 6. Star is *kokab* in Hebrew
  - a. King of Babylon in Isaiah 14:12-14
  - b. Jesus the Bright Morning Star in Rev. 22:16
  - c. At birth of Christ
  - d. Qumran saw this as referring to Messiah
  - e. 100 BC Hasmonean king Alexander Janneus imprinted star on his royal coins
  - f. Rabbi Akiba declared Simon bar Kosiba to be "Bar Kochba ("Son of the Star"
- 7. Scepter

Three more oracles – Numbers 24:20-25 5

- 1. All begin by addressing a nation
- 2. All end with ""he will come to ruin" referring to the addressed nation

Baal of Peor – Numbers 25:1-5

- 1. 25:4 Chiefs of Israel are to be arrested and executed
  - a. The word "execute means " hanging", "impalement", at times, "tossed off a cliff."
  - b. Carried out publicly literally is "over against the sun"
  - c. Most likely refers to impaling.
  - d. The chiefs or government officials were held responsible for the people's actions
- 2. 25:6-18
  - a. 25:6 Women weeping was part of the pagan fertility cult practice of weeping for the god Tammuz (also Ezekiel 8:14)
  - b. Phinehas's action ended the plague
    - i. Phinehas was grandson of Aaron
- 3. Three executions:
  - a. The chiefs in 25:4
  - b. The guilty parties 25:5
  - c. Zimri and Cozbi 25:8

Balaam responsible for giving Balaak wicked advice in:

- 1. Numbers 31:8 "
- 2. Numbers 31:6 "
- 3. Joshua 13:22 "