

- e. When he refuses to let the Israelites go through the land, the Lord says, "Now this is part of the land that I have promised you. Now you go and take it. You know that the Am~~or~~ites are extremely strong."
 - 1) While the Lord wouldn't let them fight against the Edomites or the Moabites, he is going to let them fight against Sihon, the king of the *Amorites* ~~Amorites~~, because that is part of the land that the Lord has promised to them.
 - 2) So he goes to battle with Sihon and defeats them.
 - 3) The whole territory from Arnon up till Jabbok is taken and the Israelites take charge of all that land.
 - 4) Now they are starting to get the land that has been promised to them.
- viii. The Israelites continue to move up and they come to Bashan.
 - a. Og is the king of Bashan.
 - b. They go to Edrei.
 - c. The Lord says, "You go up and take Bashan because I am going to do for you in your battle against Og and the Bashanites exactly what I did in your battle against Sihon and the ~~Amorites~~." *Amorites*
 - d. Og is defeated and all of his territory is taken.
- ix. Israel has wiped two powerful kings and taken the land belonging to them.
- x. They are now right on the plain of Moab.

C. The Moabite Experience (22-36)

- 1. Balaam (22-24)
 - i. They encounter Balak, king of Moab.
 - ii. Balak looked at what Israel has done to the two kings and he begins to think, "You know Israel is just taking land like oxen eat up grass in the field. I'll probably be next."
 - iii. So he decides that he is going to get Israel cursed through Balaam, living near the Euphrates river.
 - iv. Balak and the five kings of Midian were allies.
 - a. They get together and they decide to send a delegation to come and curse Israel.
 - b. They think, "That will weaken Israel and we'll be able to drive Israel out."
 - v. The delegation speaks to Balaam and say, "We want you to come and curse these people who have taken all this land around."
 - vi. Balaam says, "Let me inquire of the Lord."
 - vii. The Lord says, "No. Don't go."