

- viii. So they go back and tell Balak and the kings of Midian and they say, "Oh well. There is a way to take care of this. We'll send more distinguished delegates and more of them and we'll make the offer a little better so that he just can't turn us down. Tell Balaam that whatever he wants we'll give them if he'll just come and curse these people."
- ix. The delegation goes to Balaam and makes the message to him known."
- x. Balaam goes and he inquires of the Lord and the Lord says "Alright you can go, but when you go there is one condition. You only speak what I say and don't speak anything else."
- a. The Lord is permitting him to go.
 - b. The Lord had told him at first not to go.
- xi. They start their long trip back.
- xii. Something interesting happens ~~on~~ the way back.
- a. Balaam is riding his donkey.
 - b. The donkey sees an~~y~~ angel of the Lord with the sword drawn (Balaam didn't see it) and the donkey runs off into the field.
 - c. Balaam ~~beat~~^{beats} the donkey and says, "Get back on the road."
 - d. They go a little farther and they come to a place where there is two vineyards and two walls and the angel of the Lord with the sword drawn appears again and so the donkey moves and crushes Balaam's foot against the wall.
 - e. Balaam beats the donkey again and they get back on the track.
 - f. Then they come to a place where they can't turn right or left and the angel of the Lord is there with the sword drawn and the donkey kneels down and Balaam beats the donkey again.
 - g. Then the donkey speaks and says, "Why are you beating me? Haven't I always done what you've said?"
 - h. And then the Lord opens his eyes and Balaam saw what the donkey saw - the angel of the Lord with the drawn sword.
 - i. The angel of the Lord said, "It is a good thing that donkey turned out of the way because you'd be dead by now."
 - j. So Balaam said, "What do you want, me to do, go back?" He says, "No. you go, but only speak what I tell you."
- xiii. So then Balaam comes to Balak.
- xiv. Balak tries to get the people cursed once, but fails.
- a. The next day, Balak takes him up to a mountain where he can see some of the people of Israel and says, "Look you can see those people. They are the ones that I want you to curse."
 - b. The seven altars are built and the seven sacrifices are offered.
 - c. Balaam inquires of the Lord and Balaam blesses Israel.