

- d. Balak says, "No! No! I didn't tell you to do that. You are supposed to curse them, not bless them."
- xv. Balak tries to get the people cursed a 2nd time, but fails.
- a. Balak says, "Let's go to another mountain."
  - b. They go up to Pisgah and he says, "You can get a nice view of some of those Israelites. Now we'll build the altar and you curse them this time."
  - c. So they offer the sacrifices, Balaam inquires of the Lord and he comes back and blesses them again.
  - d. Balak says, "If you are not going to curse them, then don't do anything. Don't bless them."
  - e. So he says, "Let's try another mountain."
- xvi. Balak tries to get the people cursed a 3rd time, but fails.
- a. They go up to Peor.
  - b. When they get up there, Balak says, "See those people over there. Now that is only part of them. I want you to curse all of them."
  - c. They offer sacrifices and Balaam again blesses the people.
- xvii. Balak is really upset.
- a. 24:10-17
  - b. Balaam said, "I told you that even if you gave me all the gold and silver in Balak's house that I couldn't go beyond what the word of the Lord told me to do."
  - c. Balaam says, "Now I am going back ~~to~~<sup>to</sup> my people, but before I go, let me warn you what the Israelites will do to your people. The Israelites will destroy your people in the days to come."
- xviii. This plan was absolutely frustrated by the Lord.
- a. The Lord watches over His people.
  - b. The Lord has control of Balaam and he wasn't going to let Balaam curse his people.
- xix. Look at 24:25.
- a. "Then Balaam got up and returned home and Balak went on his way."
  - b. When it says "returned home" that is kind of unfortunate because it doesn't mean that he returned back to Pethor (22:5) which is near the Euphrates river.
  - c. It means that he set out toward going home.