# BALAAM'S DONKEY is Speaking

#### **NUMBERS 22:3**

And Moab was exceedingly afraid of the people (Israel) because they were many, and Moab was sick with dread because of the children of Israel.

#### **EXODUS 1:7,12B**

But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them... <sup>12b</sup> And they (Egyptians) were in dread of the children of Israel.



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#### GOD'S 1ST ANSWER TO BALAAM - NO

NUMBERS 22:12 And God said to Balaam, "You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed."

#### GOD'S 2ND ANSWER TO BALAAM - YES

NUMBERS 22:20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men come to call you, rise and go with them; but only the word which I speak to you – that you shall do."

## GOD'S 3RD ANSWER TO BALAAM - NO

NUMBERS 22:22 God's anger was because he (Balaam) went.



**NUMBERS 22:12** 

## "DO NOT GO WITH THEM"

*'imahem'* — with them mentally & physically

**NUMBERS 22:20** 

"GO WITH THEM"

*'itam'* —with them physically but not mentally



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The Lesson of "NO"



## The hardest word to hear in any language is the answer





#### **PSALM 106:15**

And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their souls.

#### **HEBREWS 11:15**

For truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return.



#### THE IRONY OF THE ACCOUNT:

- → A stubborn animal is used to speak to a stubborn nature.
- → The seer becomes blind, and the blind instead sees.
- → The dumb reasons, but the intelligent acts in unreasoning anger.
- → An animal excels over the prophet of renown.
- → A humble beast of burden beholds glory, while a self-important prophet misses out.



## A FALSE PROPHET (Balaam) vs A TRUE PROPHET (Moses)

- → The false prophet speaks, but the true prophet listens.
- → The false prophet tells the people what they want to hear, but a true prophet tells them what they need to hear.
- → The false prophet believes in his own power, but the true prophet knows that he has none.
- → The false prophet speaks in his own voice, but the true prophet speaks in a voice not his own.

