

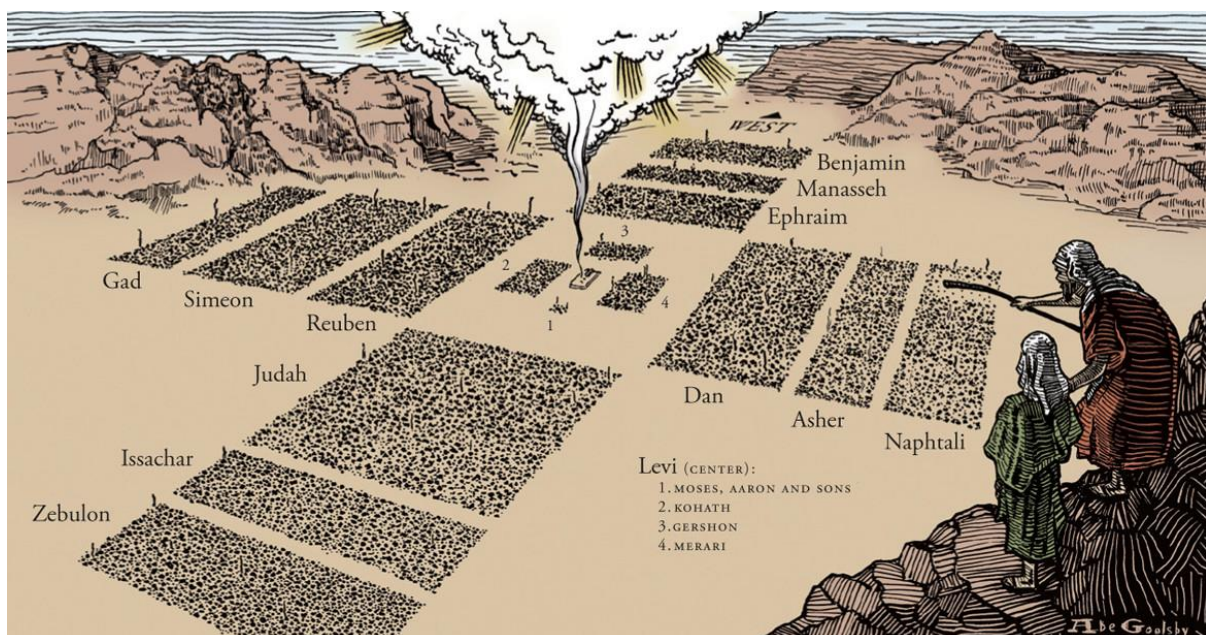
"I shall See Him"

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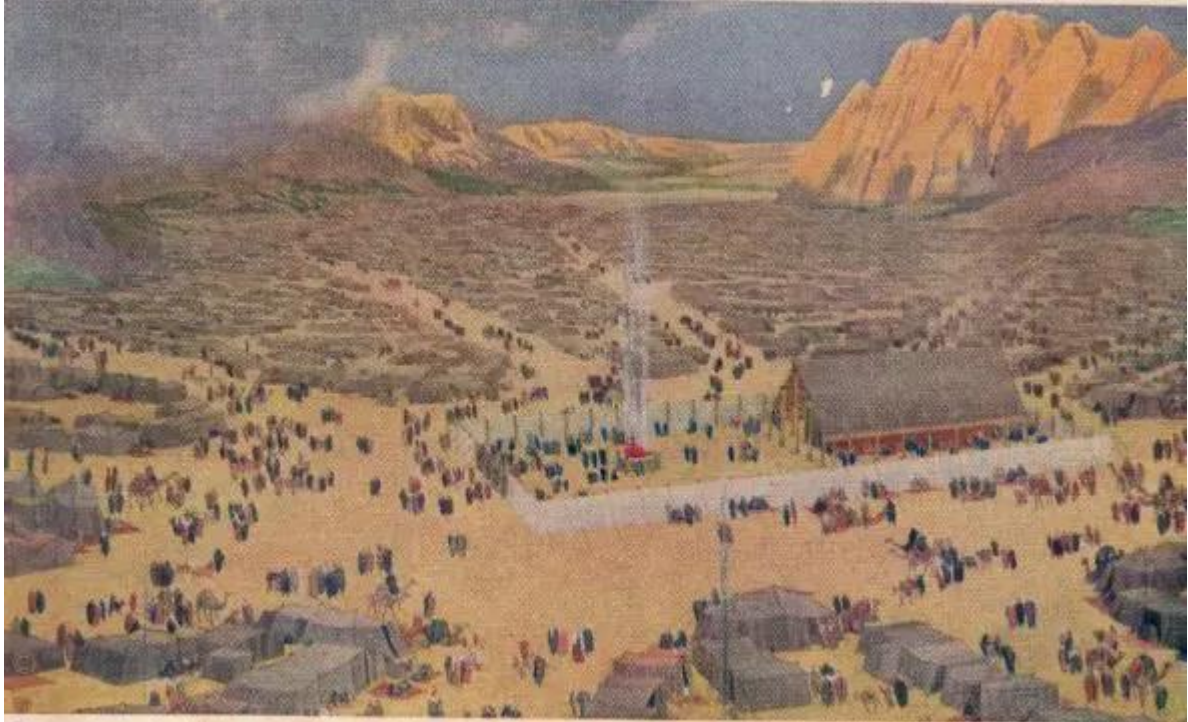
Twice previously, Balaam the soothsayer, professional diviner false prophet and fraudster had gone through the elaborate and deceitful drama of demanding seven altars be built with the sacrifice of seven bullocks and seven rams be offered thereon.

Twice previously he had huddled himself away pretending to talk to the gods, but when called to curse Isarel, his mouth was taken over by the Divine power of Yahweh, the God of Israel, and instead of cursing gave blessings instead. Balak the king of Moab, and the envoys of Midian were very much discouraged by this, and determined that this eminent prophet in their midst must curse their enemy that they were so scared of, camped on their border, they took him to a third location - *top of Peor, that looketh toward jeshimon*. Jeshimon is not a place, but means desert in Hebrew, so it was a hilltop opposite the desert, overlooking the valley where the encampment of Isarel was spread out.

The camp of Isarel would have been set out in established quadrants, as described in Numbers 2 with the tabernacle in the midst surrounded by the tents of the Levites all in order, maybe something like this:



Or maybe more like this:



Either way it would have been an enormously impressive sight. We recall that Numbers 2:32 states that *all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty*. 603,550. This was the number of men aged 20 upwards.

If this figure is doubled to allow for an equivalent number of women: =1,207,100. If this is then increased to allow for an equivalent number of those under 20, (divide by 5 and then x 7) = 1,689,940 as a conservative population total. It would have been more as it was a young population with many children. So the likely number would possibly have been around 2.5 million people.

Manchester in UK has a population of approximately 2.5 million, and occupies a land area of 5 km x 15 km. This includes parks, roads, schools, and urban infrastructure such as shops etc.

Bear this in mind.

Balaam was taken to this third location to peer down at the nation of Israel below. We can read how impressed he was: *And Balaam lifted*

*up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.*

Let us spend a little time thinking about what he saw.

From the three locations given we can establish a rough position of where the encampment was. Deuteronomy 3:29 specifically says they camped in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

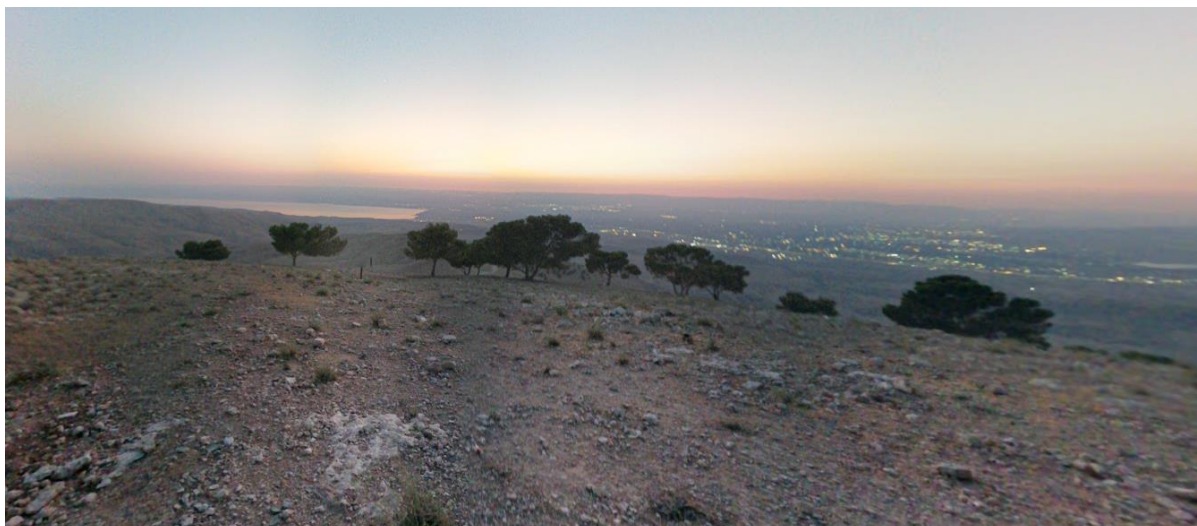
First Balaam was taken to Kirjath Huzoth, which means “city of streets” in chapter 22, near to the city of Moab where he had met Balak. This can be identified as being near Pisgah, but not far from Ataroth.

Secondly Balaam was taken to the field of Zophim – which means “field of watchers” in chapter 23:14, to the top of Pisgah. Again, Pisgah means “elevation or lookout point.” Deuteronomy 34:1-4 identifies this as the same location as Mount Nebo.

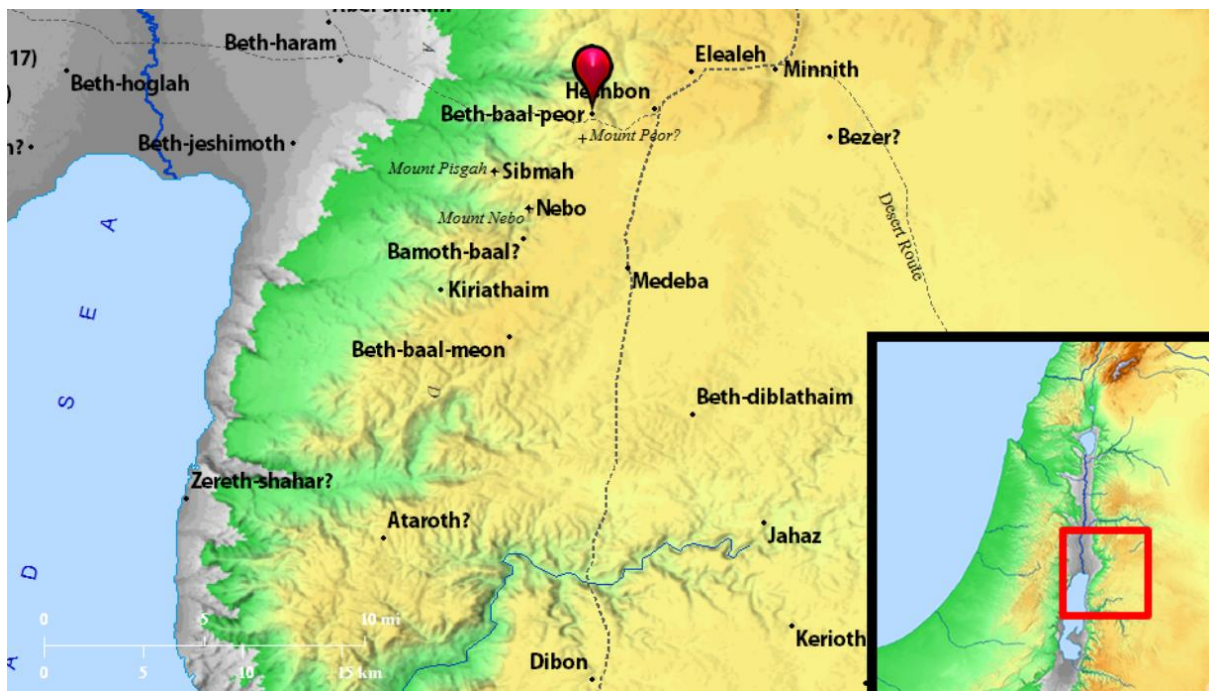
Lastly Balaam was taken to the top of Peor, that looks toward, or opposite *jeshimon* or the desert.

Taking these three locations and comparing to modern maps, and the topographical clues, it is not difficult to locate the only large suitable valley in the area

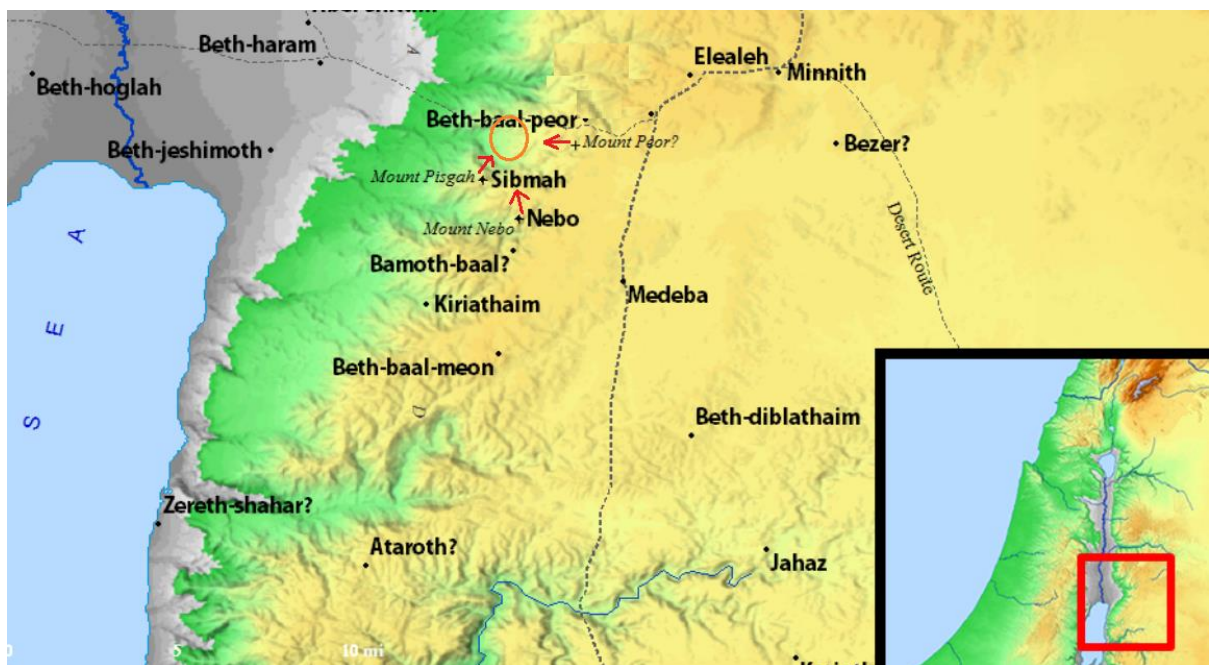
Below is Mount Nebo to which Moses was taken so he could see the promised land before him.



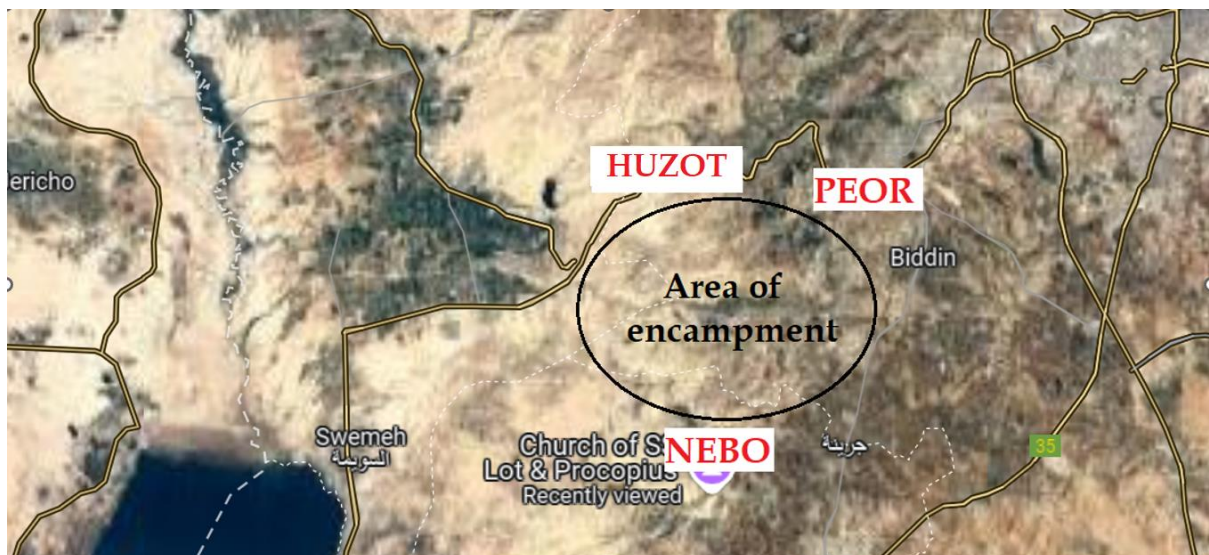
Below is a Bible study map showing some of the locations mentioned.



Below , we have superimposed the three locations of the viewing points, and the valley in question



View from Mount Peor looking down into valley beyond



View from Nebo looking over the plain in front with Huzot to the left, and Peor to the right



This area is approximately 5km x 5km sufficient for a compact encampment for 1.5-2 million people

This Bible class is entitled “ I shall see him”

What we have endeavoured to demonstrate is that Balaam

Saw THEM! It was an incredible sight, now we have familiarised ourselves with the landscape, topography and sheer size of the camp, which meant that Balaam had to triangulate to three different locations to get a total view, it was enough to make any other nation in the area to shake with fear.

The United Kingdom is in uproar over uncontrolled immigration of 100,000 per year – this King Balak had 2.5 million on his doorstep.

Israel in their magnificence lined up in the tents were GOD MANIFESTATION.

They declared the glory of God, seen in the order, quiet efficiency, the pillar of fire, the cloud, the close interaction of all the tribes. Harmony and Unity.

Still. It did not stop Balaam from pointlessly having the bullocks and sheep offered. Rather than wander off to seek his enchantments like before, to create an impression, he by now had realised that God was using him as a mouthpiece. As he began to speak, he still liked to make himself look good, as he tried to enhance himself as being the great Oracle – three times he uses the word: :

*The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eyes are open, the oracle of the one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the Almighty, although falling flat on the ground with eyes open: [NET]*

Now we get to the meaty part:

*5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!*

Two words used for dwellings. Tent is *ohel* in Hebrew meaning clear or obvious, that is prominent. Yes, the encampment was a sight to behold. Tabernacle is *mishkan* in Hebrew meaning residence, from Hebrew word *shakan* meaning to permanently stay.

Balaam was seeing the here and now, compared to the future. The temporary camp of Jacob to become a permanent residence of Israel.

Balaam is given a vision whereby he sees the nation in the future, in an Edenic paradise. Not a barren landscape as you can see in the above pictures but a lush verdant land, but literal as it will be, the vision was referring to the spiritual growth of the nation. *As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. Trees of lign aloes* refer to aloe vera, the succulents who hang onto water, even when all around is dry – just



like those who have the Word of God in the minds, when in a barren land. Some growing in my greenhouse, they are remarkably easy to grow. Although cedar trees do not grow by water, the prophecy is comparing the chosen nation of Israel as being saturated in the Water of Life. [Incidentally at the head of the valley where Israel encamped there is an ancient

spring, still called Moses' Spring to this day, water would have been very much on the mind of Balak!]

Israel was to be planted in the promised land, tended and cared for to become a type of the Wood of Life mentioned in Revelation 22:1-2.



*He will pour the water out of his buckets* uttered Balaam, like the Rock which followed Israel which was Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:4) ever available enough to quench the thirst of the nations... the Septuagint version of verse 7 is interesting as it reads: *There shall come a man out of his seed and he shall rule over many nations...* confirming to our mind, that the LORD

Almighty was predicting the Promised King of Israel who said this in John 4: 13,14: *Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

Balaam continued...*his king shall be higher than Agag*, Oh yes, Agag a title of the ruler of the mighty Amalekites, who proved to be a thorn in the side of Isarel, arch enemies from the king who Samuel hewed in pieces, to Haman in the book of Esther, from Julius Streicher [see <https://mosaicmagazine.com/picks/history-ideas/2023/03/why-a-leading-nazi-invoked-purim-with-his-dying-breaths/>] to Gog from the land of Magog.

Balaam continues describing the nation before him

*...as having the strength of a unicorn* [possibly a rhinoceros] likely to refer to a wild ox, as Ephraim is described in Deuteronomy 33:17 but tamed under the guiding hand of the Master,

*...as a as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up?* Very similar words echoed from his previous prophecy in chapter 23:24. The first lion is masculine, the second is feminine as pointed out in the NET which reflect the hunting habits of lions, where the females work as a Pride together to catch the prey, but the males defend the territory, a supreme technique for the survival of the species. Such cooperation and teamwork, with ferocity and intensity is to be seen in those who follow after the Lion of the Tribe of Judah see Revelation 5:5, conquering all before Him, devouring his enemies and retaining the Kingdom.

Balaam continued *...Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee.* Yes, this man who came from very near to Haran where Abraham's family lived would have known all about this Promise: Genesis 12:3. That promise has never failed.

The King of Moab, Balak was full of rage, and angrily tried to stop Balaam in his full flow... but there was no way the Word of God can be silenced. The truth must, and will be told.

Balaam, still overcome by the Will of God, announced what *this people shall do to thy people in the latter days*. (verse 14)

17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh:

OH yes! I shall see him announced Balaam. Yes. He knew the Truth. He grew up with the knowledge of the family of the Hebrews he knew all about them. Yet he chose to pervert the Gospel to give himself a name and reputation to make money. Just like Simon the Sorcerer in the Acts of the Apostles. Those who know the Truth will be responsible to Judgement by the Son of God. Balaam was slain by the sword in Joshua 13:22 by the soldiers of Joshua. But he will rise again to receive his just rewards, and die again in shame and everlasting contempt.

By contrast with this False Prophet...

there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

The star of Jacob, The Star in the East, followed by the faithful (Matthew 2:2-9) The Light of the World (Matthew 4:16,17) the Holder of the Seven Stars (Revelation 1) the Daystar (1 Peter 2:19) the Bright and Morning Star (Revelation 22:14) passages which leave us in doubt at all, as to whom God was referring,

The Sceptre the symbol of the monarch and absolute power is described by the Apostle: Hebrews 1:8 *But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

The Light of Truth will expose the lies of all those who seek to destroy the Word of God – as today. Today truth has been all but surrendered. Justice has fallen in the street. We live in a desperately

sad world, where might is right, and the woke social manipulators such as big business, commerce and sodomite atheists, modern day Amalekites, as well as the symbolic and literal Moabite and Edomite, the arch enemies of Israel – the Islamists who seek to impose their corrupt fanaticism and the antisemite Jew haters the world over – all together are God haters.

Balaam turned to each and every one – Edom – to be possessed, Mount Seir also – they have never been a possession as God instructed that they should not be. Amalek – still not yet subdued will perish for ever, as the (Psalm 68:21) Agags of Rome, Moscow, (I think referred to in the phrase the ships of Chittim) Iran and Turkey need to be decapitated.

*And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.*

Balaam was unrepentant, and had reserved his bitterness in losing the opportunity to make money, for another day.

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