

Numbers 22:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

Analysis

Balak 'saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites,' prompting fear that led to hiring Balaam. When military options fail, enemies resort to spiritual weapons. Balak's attempt to curse Israel demonstrated recognition that Israel's power was supernatural, not merely military. This acknowledges (though perverts) the truth that spiritual realities determine material outcomes.

Historical Context

Israel's victories over Sihon and Og, the Amorite kings (21:21-35), demonstrated God's power and struck fear into neighboring nations. Balak's resort to hiring a diviner showed both recognition of Israel's divine favor and attempt to counter it through spiritual means.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do your spiritual victories provoke enemy attempts at spiritual counterattack?

2. What does enemy resort to spiritual warfare reveal about your effectiveness for God's kingdom?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּרָא	בַּלָּק	בֶּן	צִפּוֹר	אֶת	כָּל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה
saw	And Balak	the son	of Zippor	H853	H3605	H834	had done
H7200	H1111	H1121	H6834				H6213

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all that Israel	to the Amorites
H3478	H567

Additional Cross-References

Judges 11:25 (References Israel): And now art thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them,