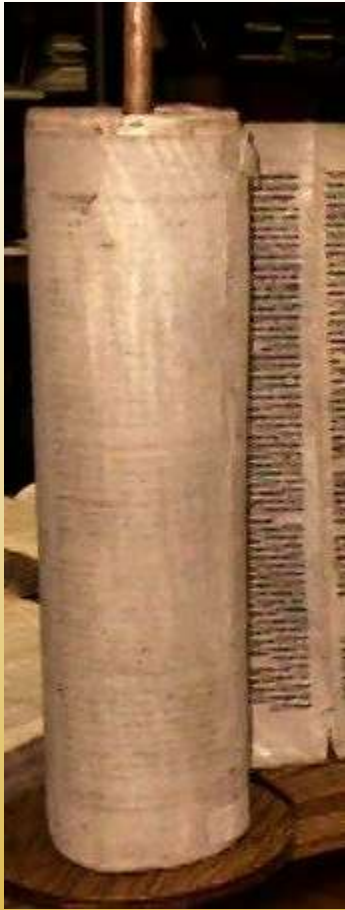




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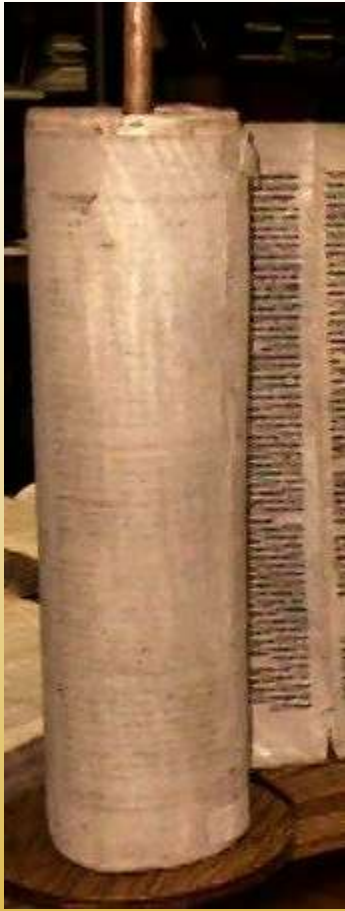
**Wandering
in the Desert**



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Aaron and sons begin priesthood

- Ceremony Leviticus 8
- Begin priesthood Leviticus 9
- Nadab and Abihu put to death Lev 10



Old Testament Survey

Blasphemer Lev 24:10-23

- Placed in custody of Moses
- Inquired of the LORD
- Witnesses to place hands on his head
- Entire assembly to stone him
- Stoned him in obedience to God

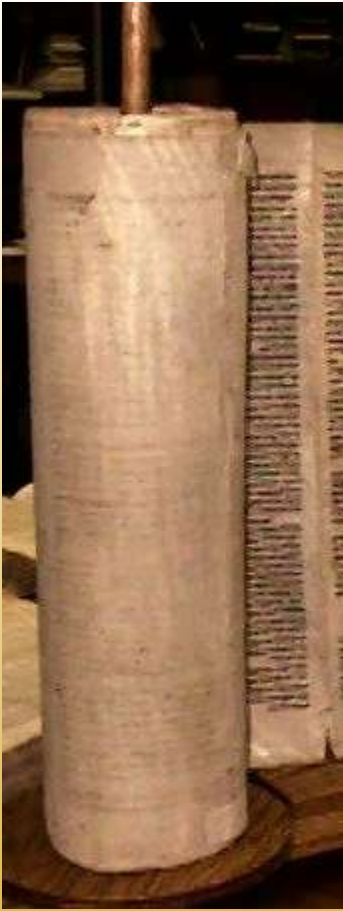


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Cloud over the tabernacle

Num 9:15-23

- Cloud over tabernacle: stay
- Cloud lifts: move on
- God's signal to the Israelites



Old Testament Survey

More grumbling (Numbers 11)

- Fire from the lord
- Grumbling about manna
- Quail “until it comes out of your nostrils”
- Struck them with a plague



Old Testament Survey

Miriam and Aaron grumble

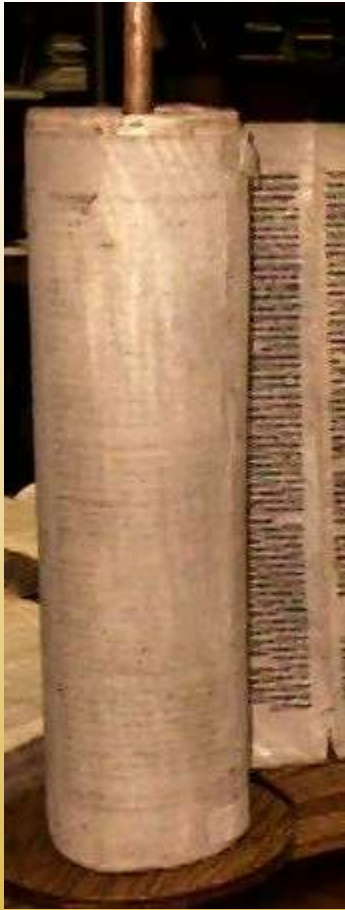
- God gives Miriam leprosy
- Moses prays for Miriam
- Seven days later she is healed



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Spies go to Canaan (Num 13)

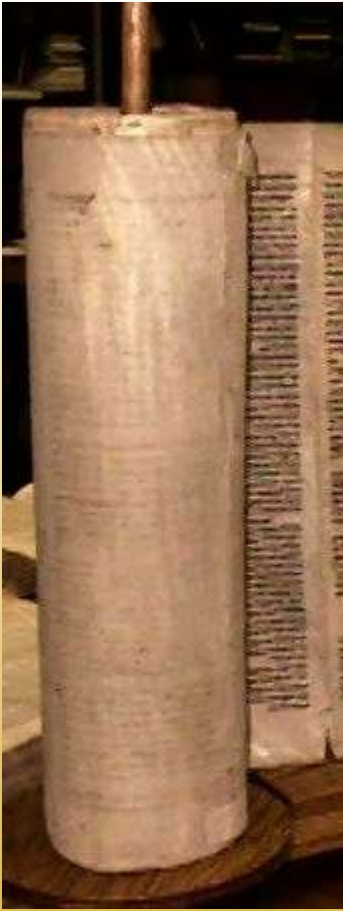
- One from each of 12 tribes
- All reported land was very good
- Ten opposed to going in
- Joshua and Caleb had faith



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Israel rebels (Num 14)

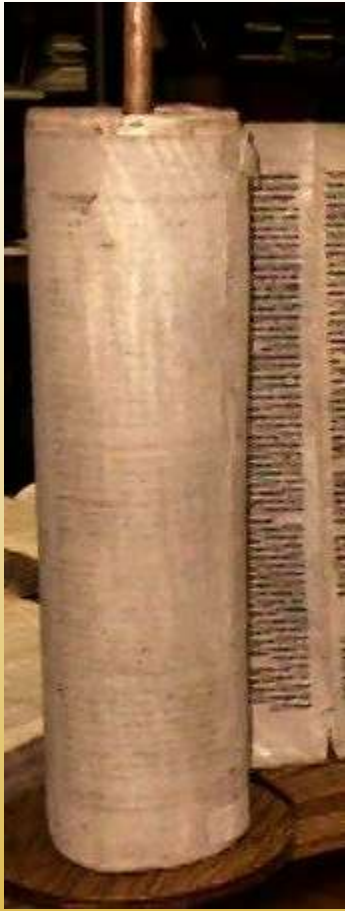
- Fear of Canaanites
- Wanted to go back to Egypt
- Talked of stoning Joshua and Caleb



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God's wrath

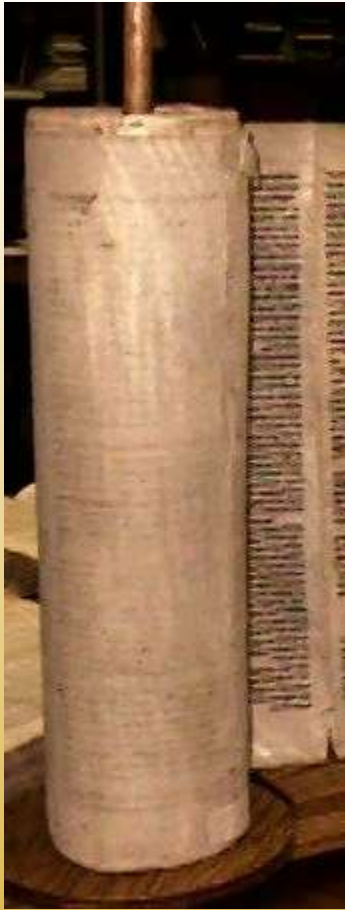
- Planned to wipe them out
- Would start over with Moses
- Moses pleads for Israel



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God's Judgment (Num 14:28-30)

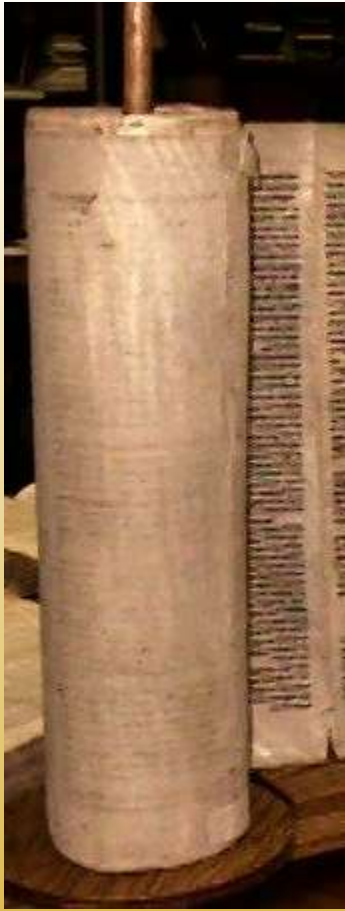
As surely as I live, declares the LORD, I will do to you the very things I heard you say: In this desert your bodies will fall—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census and who has grumbled against me. Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun.



Old Testament Survey

Korah's Rebellion (Num 16)

- Challenged Moses' right to lead
- Moses: “The LORD will show who...”
- The earth swallowed them up
- Fire consumed followers
- Plague killed 14,700 more
- Moses and Aaron interceded

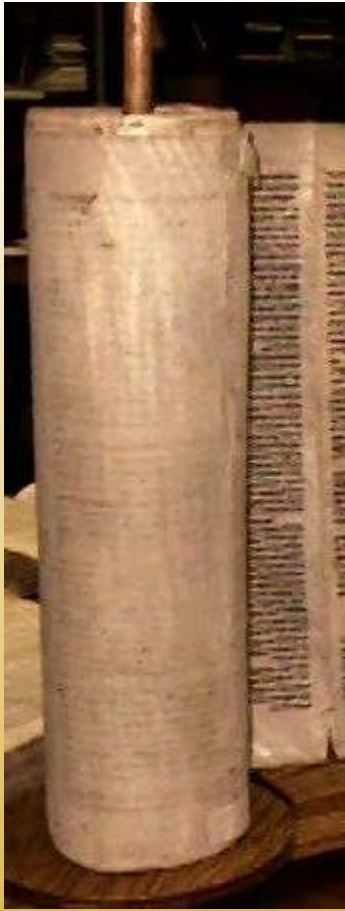


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God shows who he has chosen

Numbers 17

- A staff for each tribe
- Chosen tribe's staff would bud
- Levite staff (Moses and Aaron)
- Levite staff buds, blossoms, almonds
- Placed in front of Testimony (ie, tablets of stone, Ex 25:16) as reminder

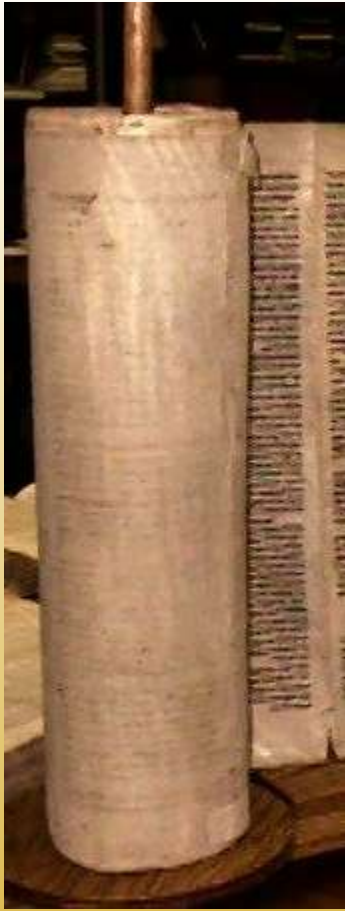


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Moses disqualifies himself

Numbers 20:1-13

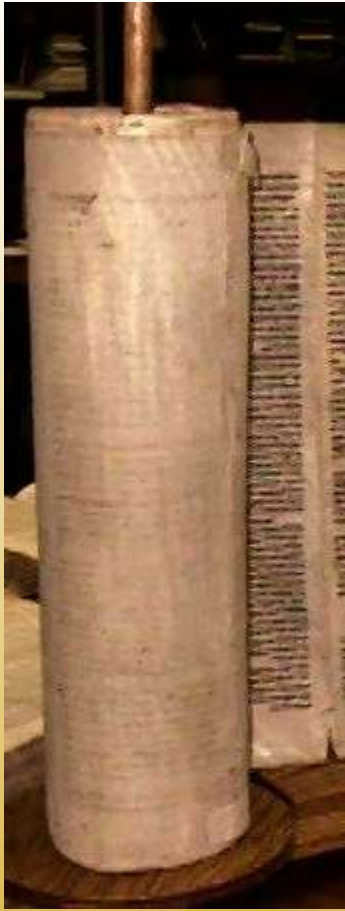
- “Speak to that rock...”
- Moses strikes rock instead
- *"Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."*



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More grumbling (Num 21:4-9)

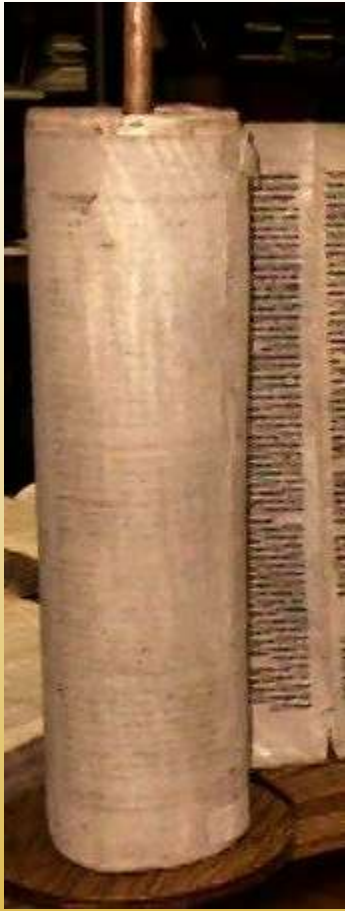
- complained about food and water
- venomous snakes killed many
- bronze snake on pole
- bitten people looked at bronze snake, and lived
- 2 Kings 18:4
- John 3:14-15



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Balak and Balaam (Num 22-24)

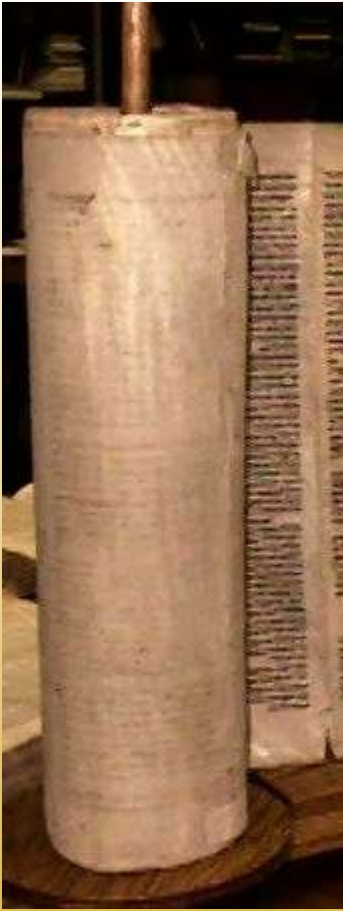
- Balak king of Moabites
- Moabites descended from Lot (Gen 19:37)
- Moabites feared Israelites
- Balaam known as a prophet
- Balak asks Balaam to curse Israelites



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God speaks to Balaam

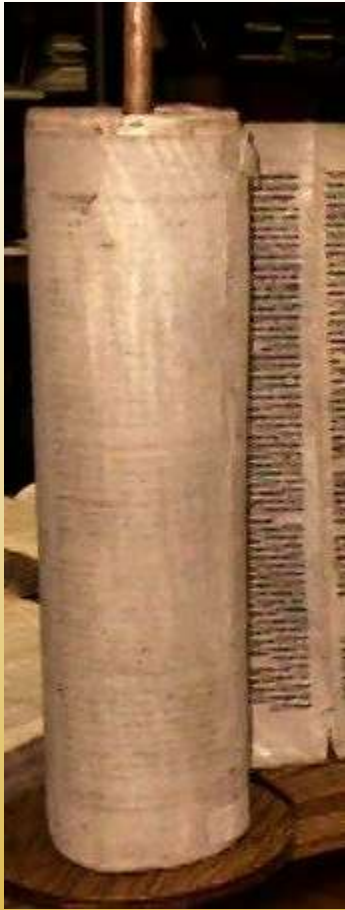
- *“You must not put a curse on them, because they are blessed.”*
- At first, *“Do not go with them.”*
- Later, *“Go with them, but do only what I tell you.”*



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Balaam's donkey

- Balaam sets out for Moab
- Angel opposes him
- Three times, donkey refuses
- Three times, Balaam beats donkey
- The donkey speaks

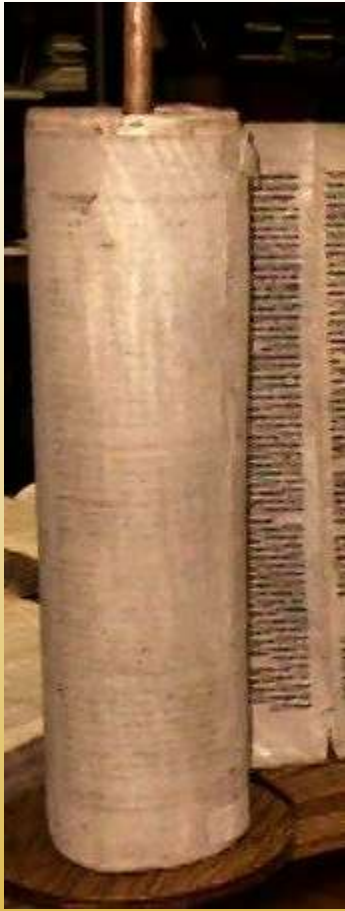


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The angel speaks to Balaam

Num 22:32-35

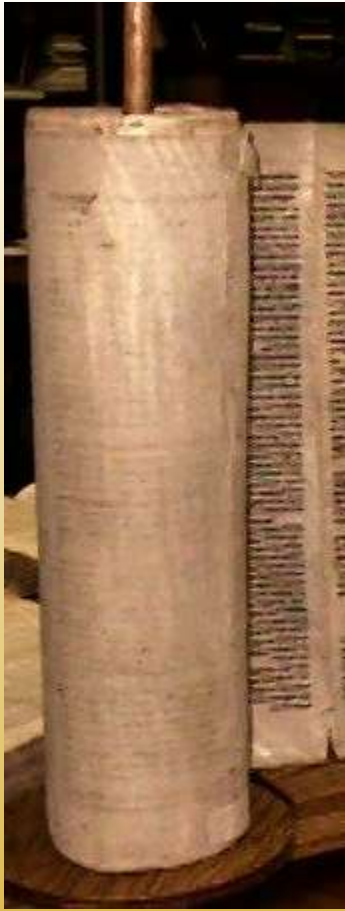
Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me.



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Why was God angry?

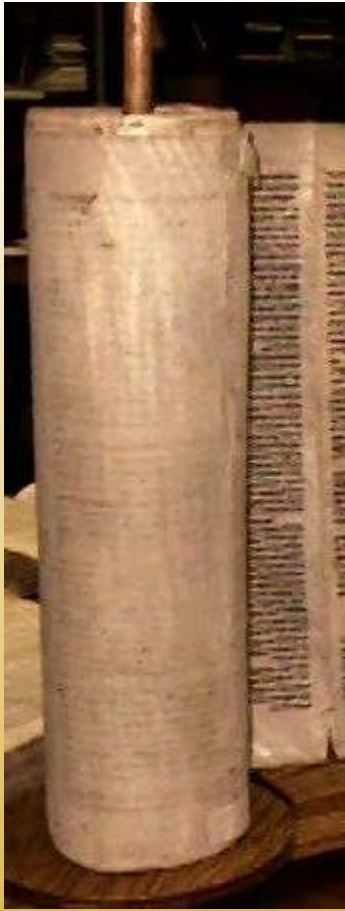
- God had authorized trip (Num 22:20)
- *"Your path is a reckless one."*
- Apparently Balaam would have considered cursing Israel
- *"I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."*



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Balaam's oracles

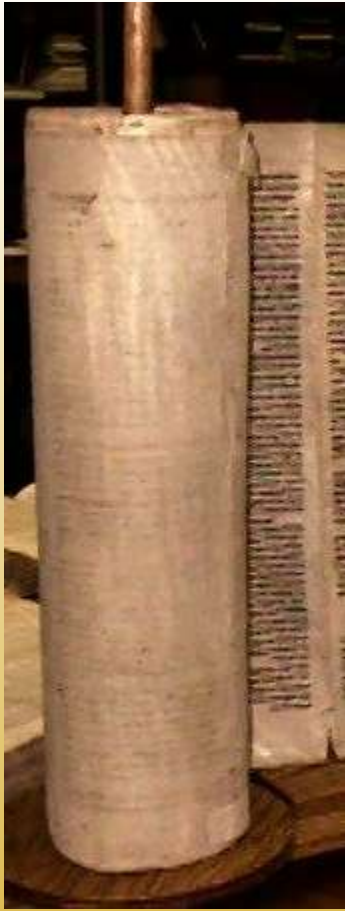
- Blesses Israel 3 times
- Curses Moab
- Also curses Amalekites, others
- Joshua 24:9-10
- Neh 13:2



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Moabites seduce Israel (Num 25)

- Baal worship
- Israelite brought Midianite woman
- Phinehas kills them with a spear
- Plague stops after 24,000 die



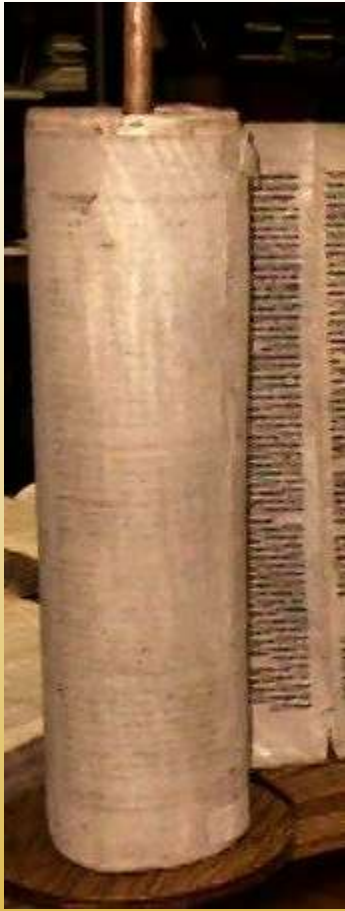
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God's judgment on Midianites

Num 25:17 Treat the Midianites as enemies and kill them, because they treated you as enemies when they deceived you.

Ex 2:16-21

- Moses wife a Midianite
- Jethro was a priest of Midian

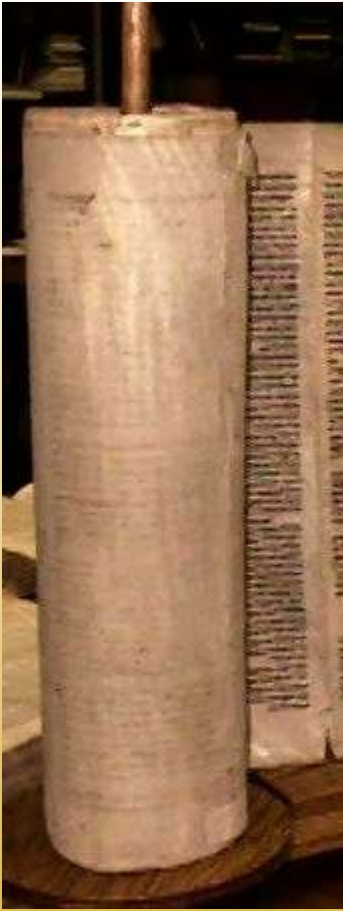


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Joshua to succeed Moses

Num 27:15-23

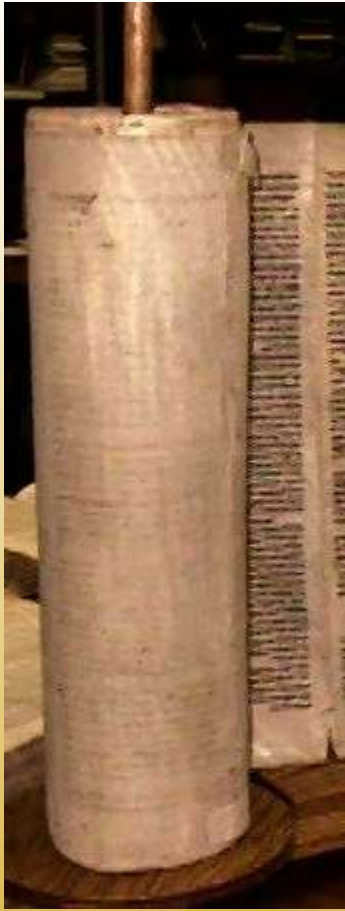
- Moses asks for a successor
- God chooses Joshua
- Only some of Moses' authority
- God spoke to Moses face-to-face
- But to Joshua only through high priest



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Destruction of Midian (Num 31)

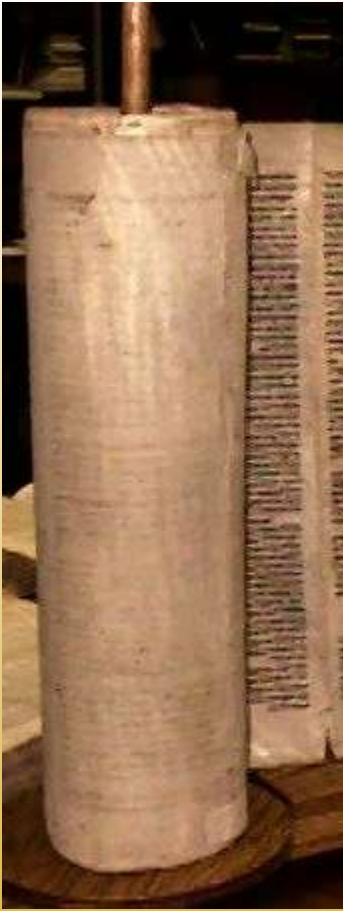
- Killed men, boys, women
- Killed Balaam



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Israelites kill Balaam

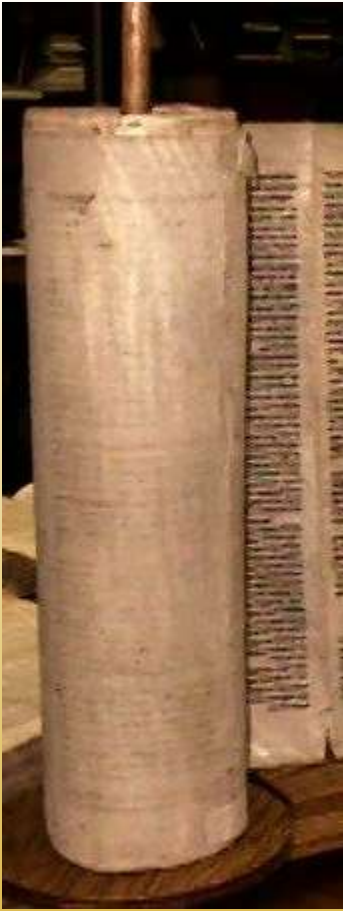
- Balaam was among Midianites
- Implicated in Baal worship Num 31:16
- Practiced divination Joshua 13:22
- Hired to curse Israel Neh 13:2
- 2 Pet 2:15-16
- Jude 1:11
- Rev 2:14



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Death of Moses (Deut 34)

- God explains Deut 32:48-52
- Moses climbs Mount Nebo
- God shows Moses the promised land
- 120 years old
- No prophet like him

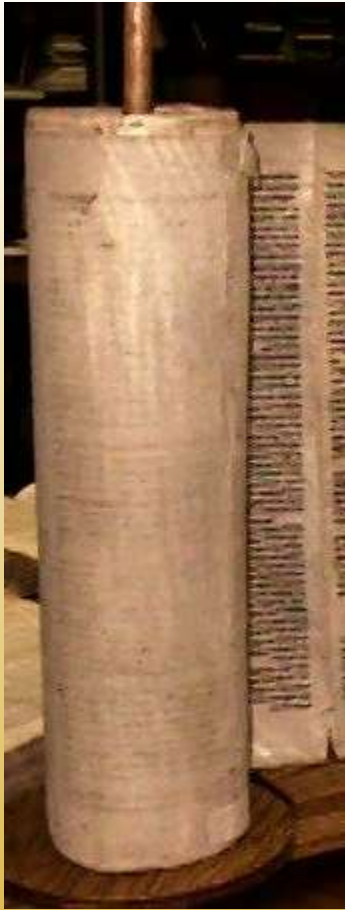


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Warnings from the desert

1 Cor 10:1-13

- Do not be idolaters
- Do not commit immorality
- Do not test the LORD
- Do not grumble
- Be careful that you do not fall!



Old Testament Survey

End of week 8

Next week: Joshua

Entering the Promised Land