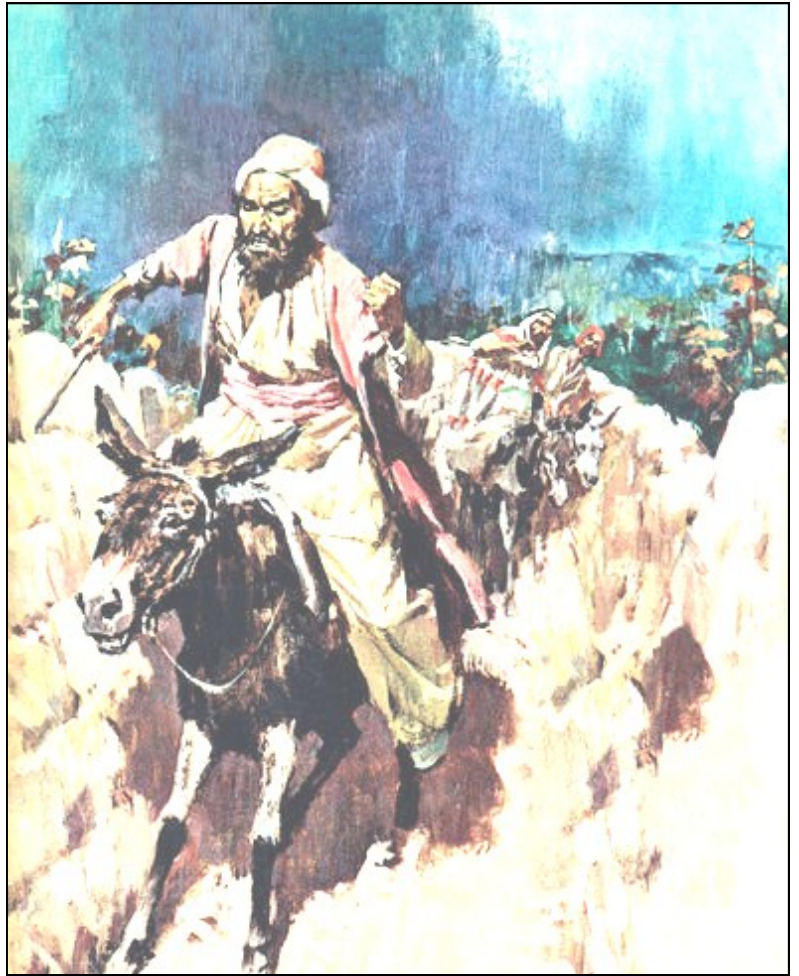


# 'THE ASS THAT SPOKE'

1. The ass is often mentioned in the B\_\_\_\_. Today we call asses 'd\_\_\_\_\_'. The name 'donkey' was only first used in the middle of the 18th Century.
2. In ancient times, asses were regarded as very c\_\_\_\_\_ creatures. Today they are sometimes regarded as st\_\_\_\_\_ creatures.
3. Balaam's ass saw what Balaam himself could not see.....the angel. Balaam boasted that he was a man who saw v\_\_\_\_\_ of God (ch 24 v 3-4). However, the ass saw more than he did. We must beware of pr\_\_\_\_\_ and b\_\_\_\_\_ing.
4. Balaam's ass saw d\_\_\_\_\_ ahead, but Balaam himself could not see it.
5. Balaam's ass spoke and said *'what have I done unto thee, that thou hast smote me these th\_\_\_\_\_ times?'* (v28)
6. The ass meant 'I have always served you well, I have always d\_\_\_\_\_ as you said...why are you striking me?' The ass had s\_\_\_\_\_ its master Balaam well, but Balaam was not serving his Master - God, well at all.
7. Balaam boasted that he could speak well, but his ass spoke better than him.
8. Balaam thought he was so clever, that he could ar\_\_\_\_\_ with God, and go against God, but here he is seen arguing with his d\_\_\_\_\_, and losing the argument.
9. **All those who think their way is better than God's way, will in the end prove to be fools.**



'And the Lord  
opened the  
mouth of  
the ass'

Num 22 v 28