**Balak, Balaam and the blessing of God (Numbers 22-24)**

Total solar eclipse

*When he seemingly disappears from view, what is God up to? Is he up to anything at all when I don’t see him?*

On the road with Israel so far

Taken into the enemy camp

**Scene 1: The powerful gather (22:1-7)**

Balak – a worried man

A powerful man…with powerful networks!

Balaam: not just anyone

Setting themselves against God (v.6, cf. Gen. 12:1-3)

The way of worldly powers (eg. Psalm 2:2-3)

**Scene 2: The greedy witchdoctor (22:8-20)**

A man of God?

The testimony of the NT: 2 Peter 2:15, Jude 11, Rev. 2:14

Playing the negotiation game

Manipulative motives

**Scene 3: The perceptive donkey (22:21-41)**

Seeing what the great seer cannot see

A picture of what will happen to Balaam

**Scene 4: when curse turns to blessing (chps 23-24)**

The Big, Overarching Take-Home Message:

2 more truths to see:

i. see the certainty of God’s promises

ii. see the coming of God’s King