

Balaam & Balak: Conspiring to curse Israel

King Balak was terrified of what would come to his kingdom once the Israelites arrived. Israel had just decimated the Amorites, so this king had reason to be concerned. Balak's fear rubbed off on his people. Numbers 22:3 says "Moab was filled with dread because of B'nei Y'Israel [the children of Israel]" (Numbers 22:3). The Moabites knew Israel was strong, both in number and in power.