

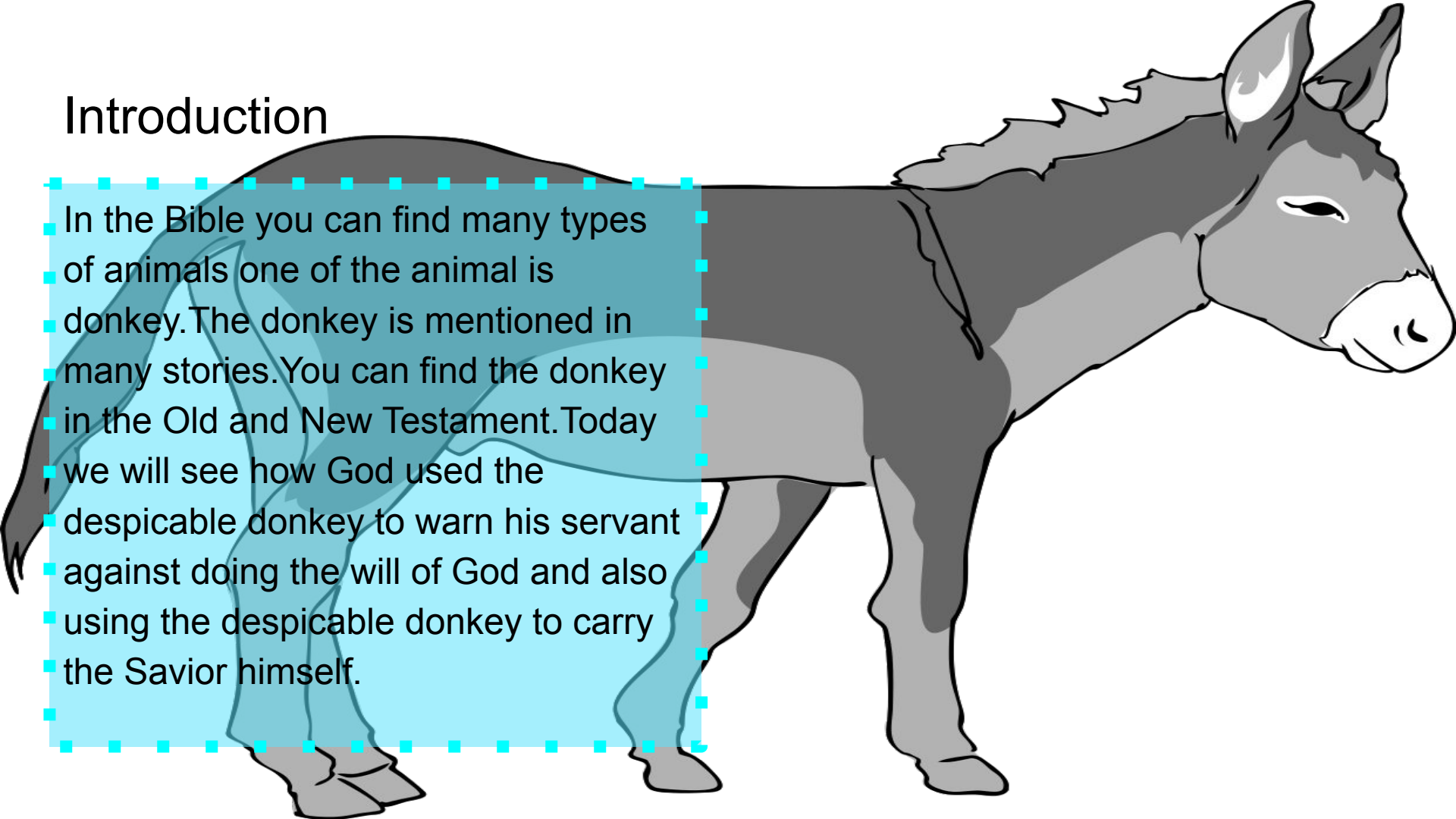


The donkey

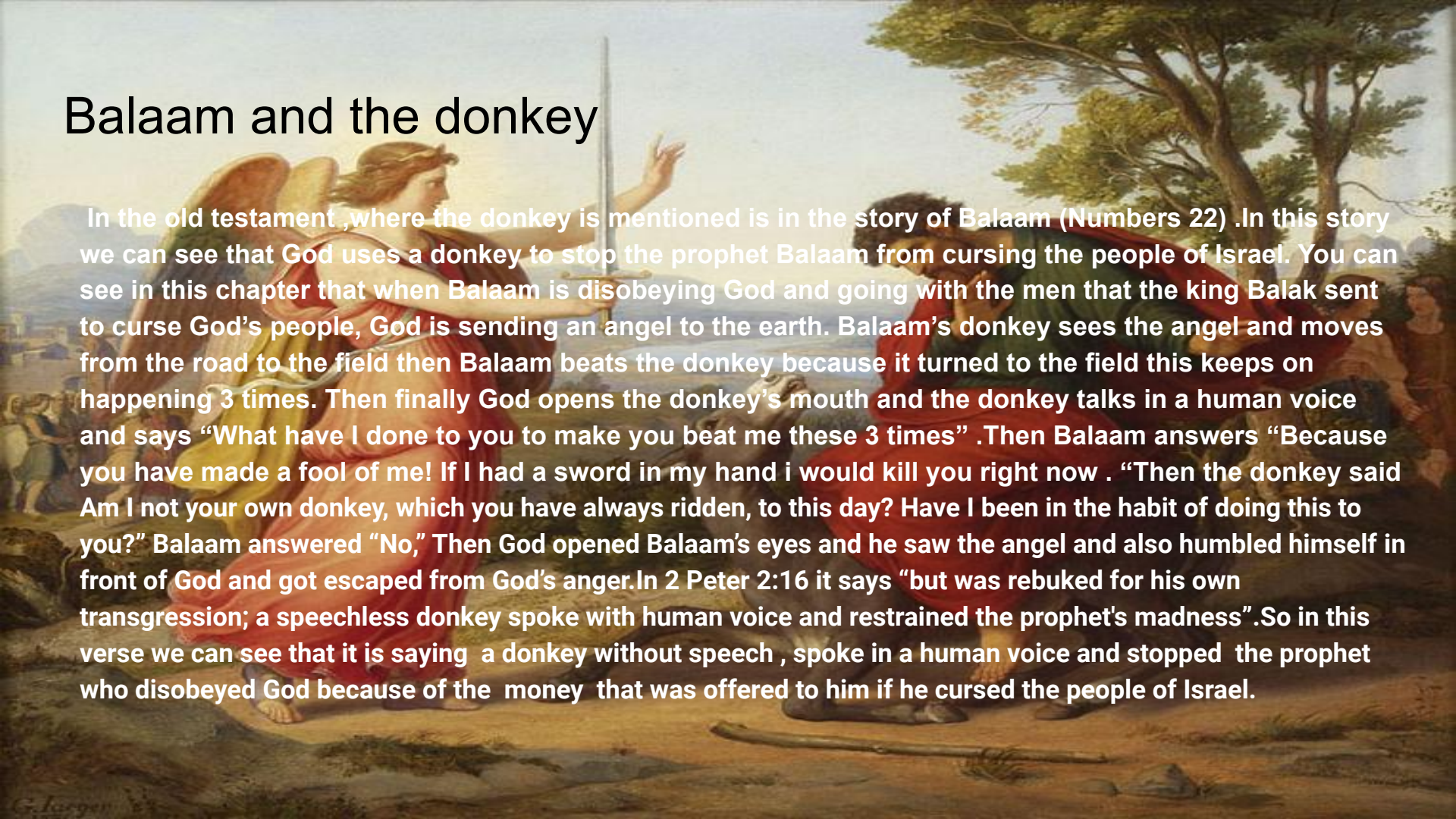
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Introduction

- In the Bible you can find many types of animals one of the animal is donkey.
- The donkey is mentioned in many stories.
- You can find the donkey in the Old and New Testament.
- Today we will see how God used the despicable donkey to warn his servant against doing the will of God and also using the despicable donkey to carry the Savior himself.



Balaam and the donkey



In the old testament ,where the donkey is mentioned is in the story of Balaam (Numbers 22) .In this story we can see that God uses a donkey to stop the prophet Balaam from cursing the people of Israel. You can see in this chapter that when Balaam is disobeying God and going with the men that the king Balak sent to curse God's people, God is sending an angel to the earth. Balaam's donkey sees the angel and moves from the road to the field then Balaam beats the donkey because it turned to the field this keeps on happening 3 times. Then finally God opens the donkey's mouth and the donkey talks in a human voice and says "What have I done to you to make you beat me these 3 times" .Then Balaam answers "Because you have made a fool of me! If I had a sword in my hand i would kill you right now . "Then the donkey said Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?" Balaam answered "No," Then God opened Balaam's eyes and he saw the angel and also humbled himself in front of God and got escaped from God's anger.In 2 Peter 2:16 it says "but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness".So in this verse we can see that it is saying a donkey without speech , spoke in a human voice and stopped the prophet who disobeyed God because of the money that was offered to him if he cursed the people of Israel.



Jesus riding a donkey to Jerusalem

In the New Testament we can see Jesus as a king riding a donkey into the city of Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-11) . Usually Kings ride on big horses but instead Jesus rides the donkey to show his humbleness .Also usually a donkey is used to carry all the loads of the master but here we can see Jesus is riding on the donkey.If we go to the old testament to the book of Zechariah 9:9 it say, “Rejoice greatly, oh daughter of Zion! Shout aloud , oh daughter of Jerusalem!Behold ,your king is coming to you ; righteous and having salvation is he, humbled and mounted on a donkey, on a colt,the foal of a donkey”. So in this verse the event of Jesus entering the city on a donkey is already prophesied by a prophet named Zechariah and it say righteous and having salvation is he humble and mounted on a donkey so here we can see again that it say Jesus is humble because he is riding a donkey.Another reason Jesus is riding on a donkey is to fulfill what the prophet Zechariah prophesied saying a great king is coming to you on a donkey.

How we can add the donkey in our life

- In the first story we can see the donkey showed a obedient nature to the master and same way we should be obedient to our creator our master Lord ,and also this incident depicts that God can use anyone like a donkey to fulfil his will.
- In the second story we can see that God chose a despicable animal the donkey to carry the savior and King himself, so when we also humble our self and obey God we to will be carrier of God's presence and others can witness Christ from our life.





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