

~PETHOR (31) (Pe'thor)

- The home of Balaam, the prophet who attempted to curse Israel. **Pethor** was situated by the River, apparently the Euphrates, in Aram-naharaim, [Masoretic text] or Mesopotamia, LXX.
- He now sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at **Pethor**, which is by the River of the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying; Look! A people has come out of Egypt. Look! They have covered the earth as far as one can see, and they are dwelling right in front of me. (**Numbers 22:5**)
- Then he took up his proverbial utterance and said; From Aram Balak the king of Moab tried to conduct me, from the mountains of the east. Do come, do curse Jacob for me. Yes, do come, do denounce Israel. (**Numbers 23:7**)
- For the reason that they did not come to your aid with bread and water in the way when you were going out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from **Pethor** of Mesopotamia to call down evil upon you. (**Deuteronomy 23:4**)
Footnote
- It is generally identified with the *Pitru* of Assyrian inscriptions. **Pitru** lay on the Sajur River, a western tributary of the Euphrates to the South of Carchemish. However, only if the region designated Aram-naharaim, or Mesopotamia extended West of the Euphrates in this area would such location on the Sajur fit the Biblical description.