

Text: **Numbers 21:4**

DISCOURAGEMENT OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

1. The children of Israel were instructed to bypass Edom (Numbers 20:14-21)
2. Deep discouragement sent in (Numbers 21:4)
3. Speaking against God and Moses (once again) (Numbers 21:4)
4. Complaint noted:- (Numbers 21:5)
 - a) Why have you brought us up out of Egypt
 - b) To die in the wilderness
 - c) There is no food or water
 - d) And our soul loathes this worthless bread

RESPONSE FROM THE LORD

1. He sent fiery serpents among the people (Numbers 21:6)
2. They bit the people
3. Many of the people of Israel died (Numbers 21:6)

TURNING TO MOSES IN DESPERATION

1. Confession of sin (Numbers 21:7)
 - a) We have sinned
 - b) For we have spoken against the LORD
 - c) And against you

2. Pleading with Moses (Numbers 21:7)

- a) Pray to the LORD
- b) That He take away the serpents from us

3. Moses did pray to the Lord (Numbers 21:7)

THE LORD'S WORD TO MOSES

1. Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole (Numbers 21:8)

2. Everyone who is bitten, when he looks upon it, shall live (Numbers 21:8)

THE BRONZE SERPENT

1. Moses had a bronze serpent made (Numbers 21:9)

2. Those who looked on the bronze serpent lived (Numbers 21:9)

REFERENCE TO THE BRONZE SERPENT

1. The Lord Jesus made a reference to the bronze serpent (John 3:14)

2. He was not that bronze serpent!

3. The analogy

- a) As the bronze serpent must be lifted up
- b) So Jesus must be lifted up
- c) And those who looked upon Him will be saved