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October 5, 2025

Numbers 21:6

Then the Lord sent
VENOMOUS SNAKES ...
they bit the people &
many Israelites died.



Moses, 1513-15
by Michelangelo
Church of San Pietro
in Vincoli, Rome

View of Mt. Nebo
east of Dead Sea



Tabernacle
in
Wilderness

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AFTER Numbers 21:4-9 on the SNAKES

21:10 Israelites moved ... camped at Oboth.

11 Then they set out from Oboth and camped in Iye Abarim,
in the wilderness that faces Moab toward the sunrise.

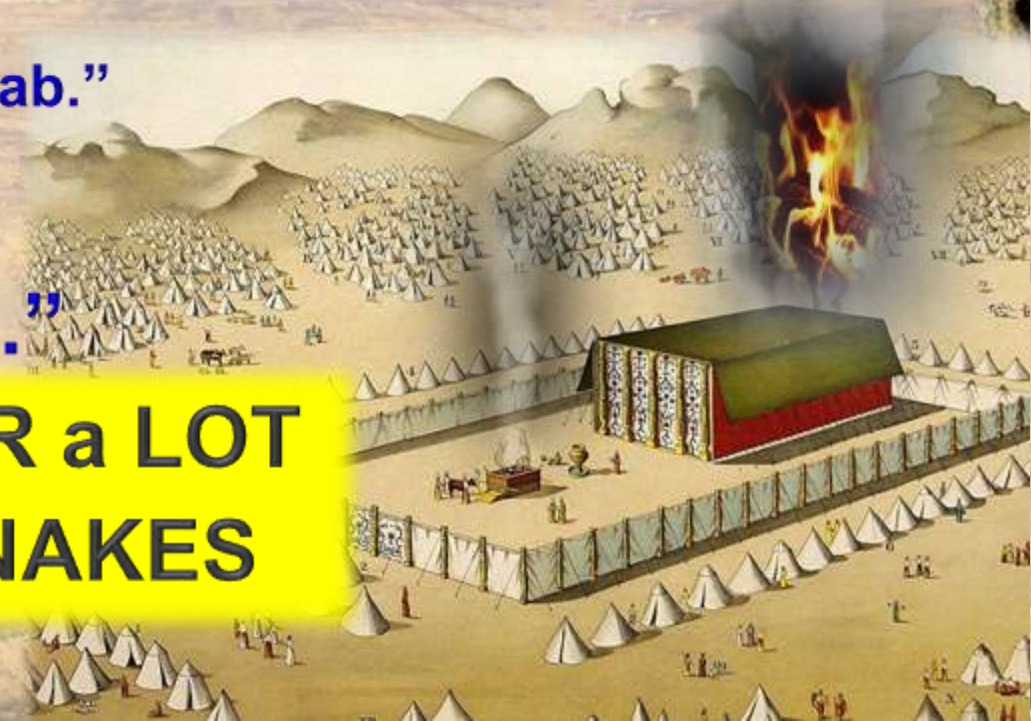
12-13 ... camped in the Zered Valley.... then alongside the Arnon River
... in the wilderness extending into Amorite territory.

14-15 That is why the Book of the Wars of the LORD says:

“Zahab in Suphah and the ravines,
the Arnon & slopes of the ravines ...
lead to ... Ar ... along the border of Moab.”

16 ... to Beer, the well where the LORD said
to Moses, “Gather the people together
and I will give them **WATER.**”

KNOW THIS: Israelites **WANDER** a LOT
This takes place right **AFTER SNAKES**



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IV. Israel in the Wilderness of Paran

Numbers

13:1–19:22

13:1–15:41

13:1–24

13:25–33

A. Twelve Spies

1. Spies Explore Canaan

2. Report of the Spies

3. Israel's Rebellion

14:1–45

Joshua and Caleb Intercede ~ Moses Intercedes

God's Forgiveness & Judgement ~ Defeat at Hormah

4. God's Call for Offerings on

Entering the Land 15:1–41

Drink Offerings ~ Unintentional Sins

Sabbath-Breakers ~ Tassels

**Today
14-21**

KNOW THIS – there is a LOT of LIVING



IV. Israel in the Wilderness of Paran *continued*

B. Korah's Rebellion

1. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram
2. ***Earth Swallows & Fire Consumes***
3. Aaron Halts the Plague
4. Aaron's Staff Buds – ***He's Chosen***
5. Priests & Levites' Duties

C. Red Heifer & Water Purification

AFTER the great cleansing ritual of the Red Heifer is more cleansing rituals

Numbers

13:1–19:22

16:1–18:32

16:1–37

16:28–40

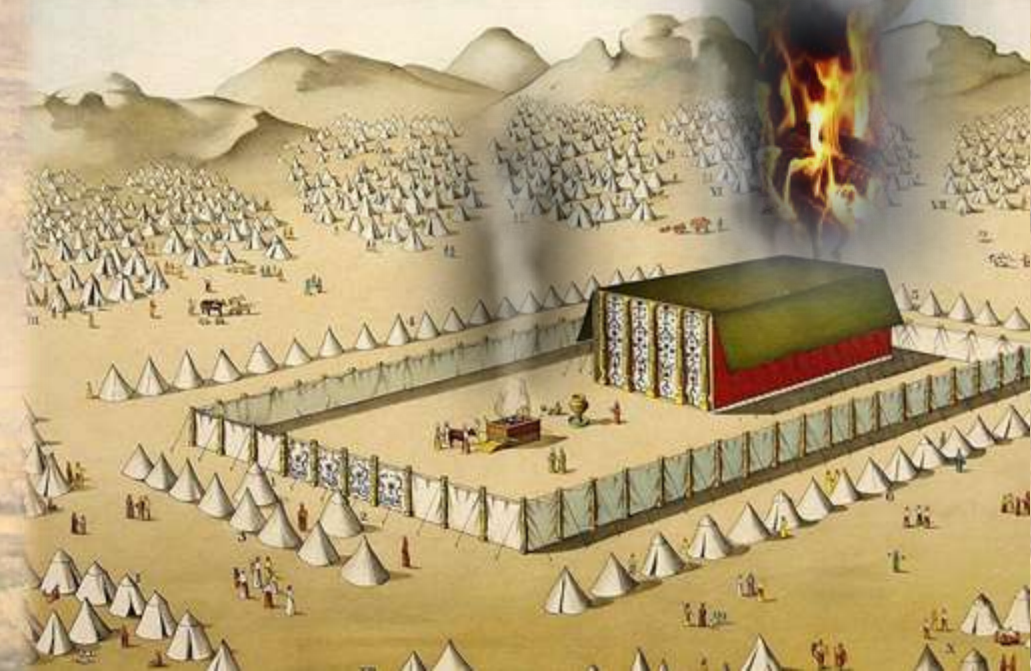
16:41–50

17:1–13

18:1–32

19:1–22

**Today
14-21**



Numbers

V. Journey from Paran to Plains of Moab

20:1–21:35

A. Death of Miriam ~ Sin of Moses

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B. Edom Refuses Passage

20:14–21

C. Death of Aaron & Arad

20:22–21:3

D. Snakes & Bronze Serpent— 21:4–9

Look UP & LIVE

E. Journey to Moab

21:10–20

F. Defeat of Sihon & Defeat of Og

21:21–35

LOT OF GROUND

**Today
14-21**



Numbers 14–21

Rebellion, Judgment, Lack of Trust

SEE YOUR OUTLINE

www.PreciousHeart.net/SS/Numbers-Outline-HANDOUT.pdf

We know these stories ...

Loathe the tedious points of lineage & census

**We can recall OUR lineage & census
with a modicum of nostalgia**

Drama MOVES fast



Numbers 14–21 Rebellion, Judgment, Lack of Trust

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Look UP & LIVE

THIS is, of course, one of the O.T.
stories repeated in N.T.

WHAT a story it is that, that, *that*

Has a GREATER MEANING in N.T.



Numbers 21:4-9 – Bronze Snake on Pole

That's 13 chapters, or less than a chapter every 2 years

Chapters 13-25
38 YEARS

4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way.

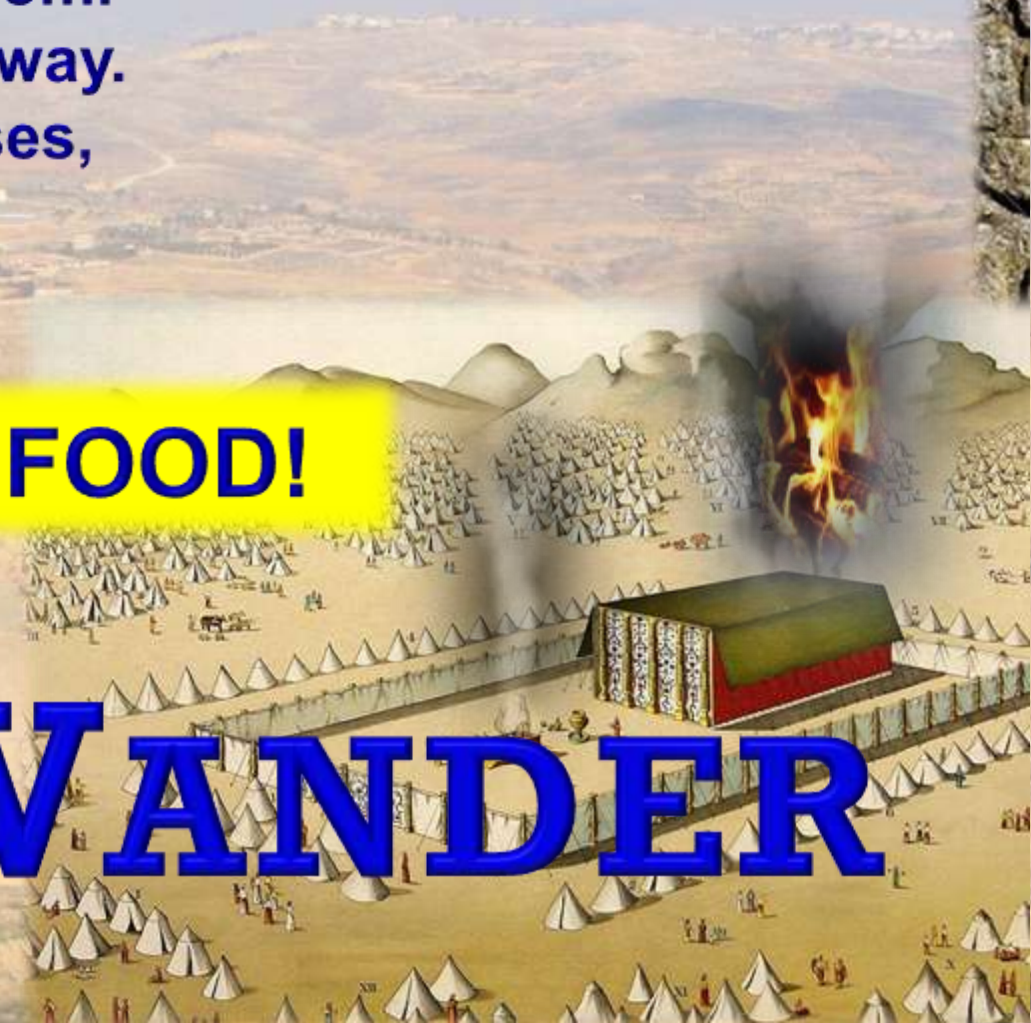
5 They spoke against God & against Moses, saying, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?

There is NO bread! There is NO water!

We detest this miserable FOOD!

Moses does not have time to write a lot as they

WANDER



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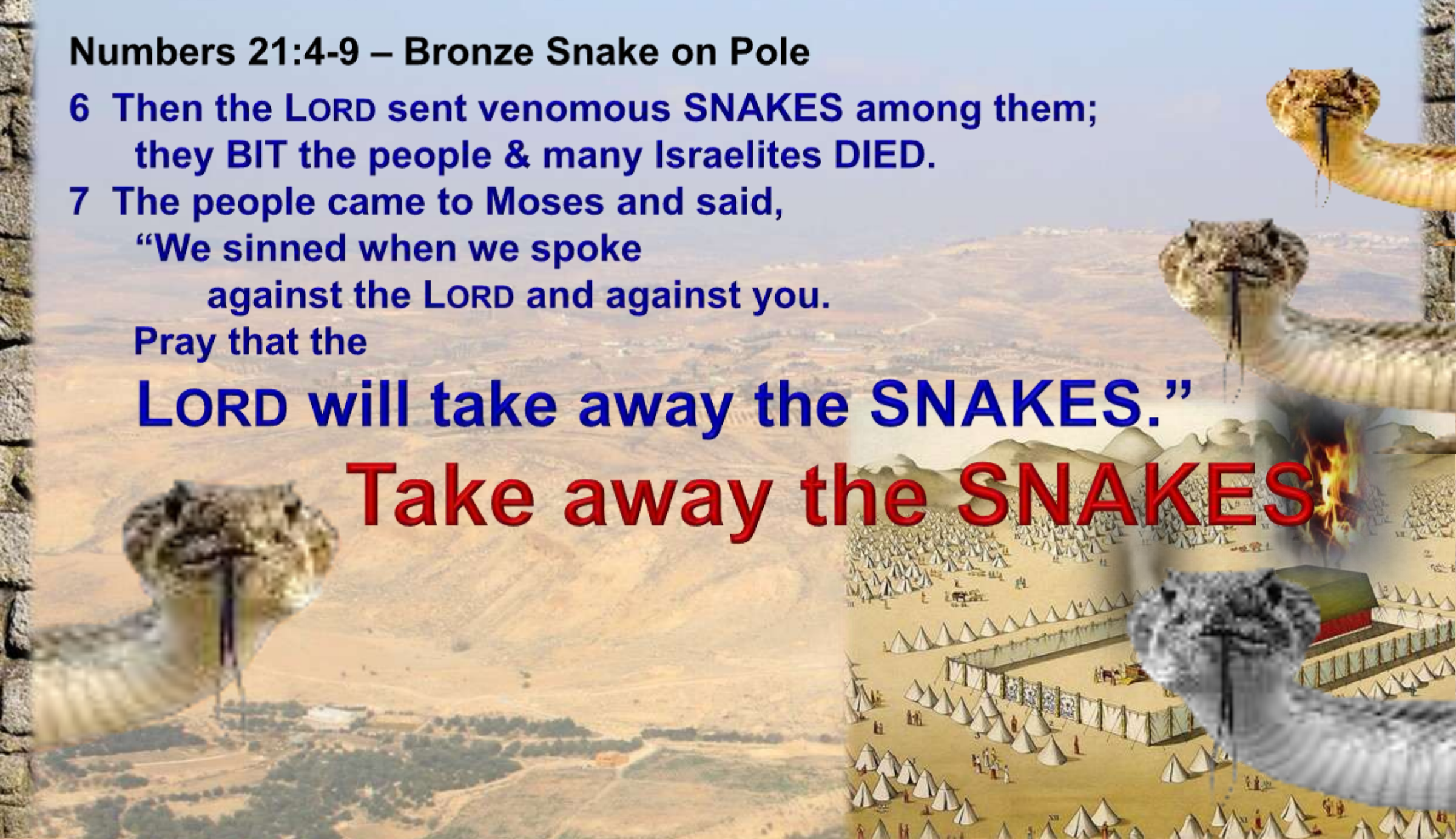
6 Then the LORD sent venomous SNAKES among them;
they BIT the people & many Israelites DIED.

7 The people came to Moses and said,
“We sinned when we spoke
against the LORD and against you.

Pray that the

LORD will take away the SNAKES.”

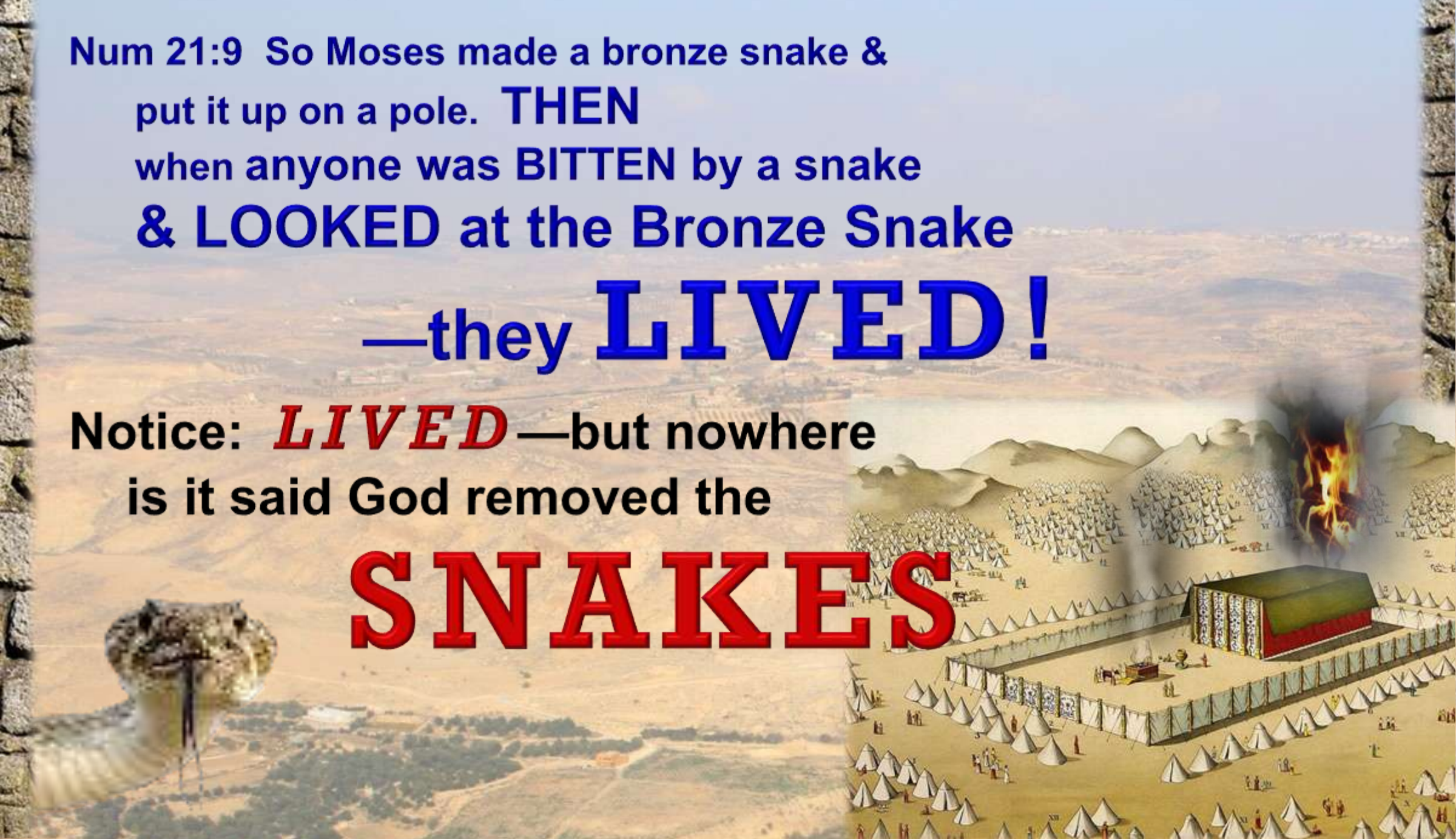
Take away the SNAKES



Num 21:9 So Moses made a bronze snake &
put it up on a pole. **THEN**
when anyone was BITTEN by a snake
& **LOOKED** at the Bronze Snake
—they **LIVED!**

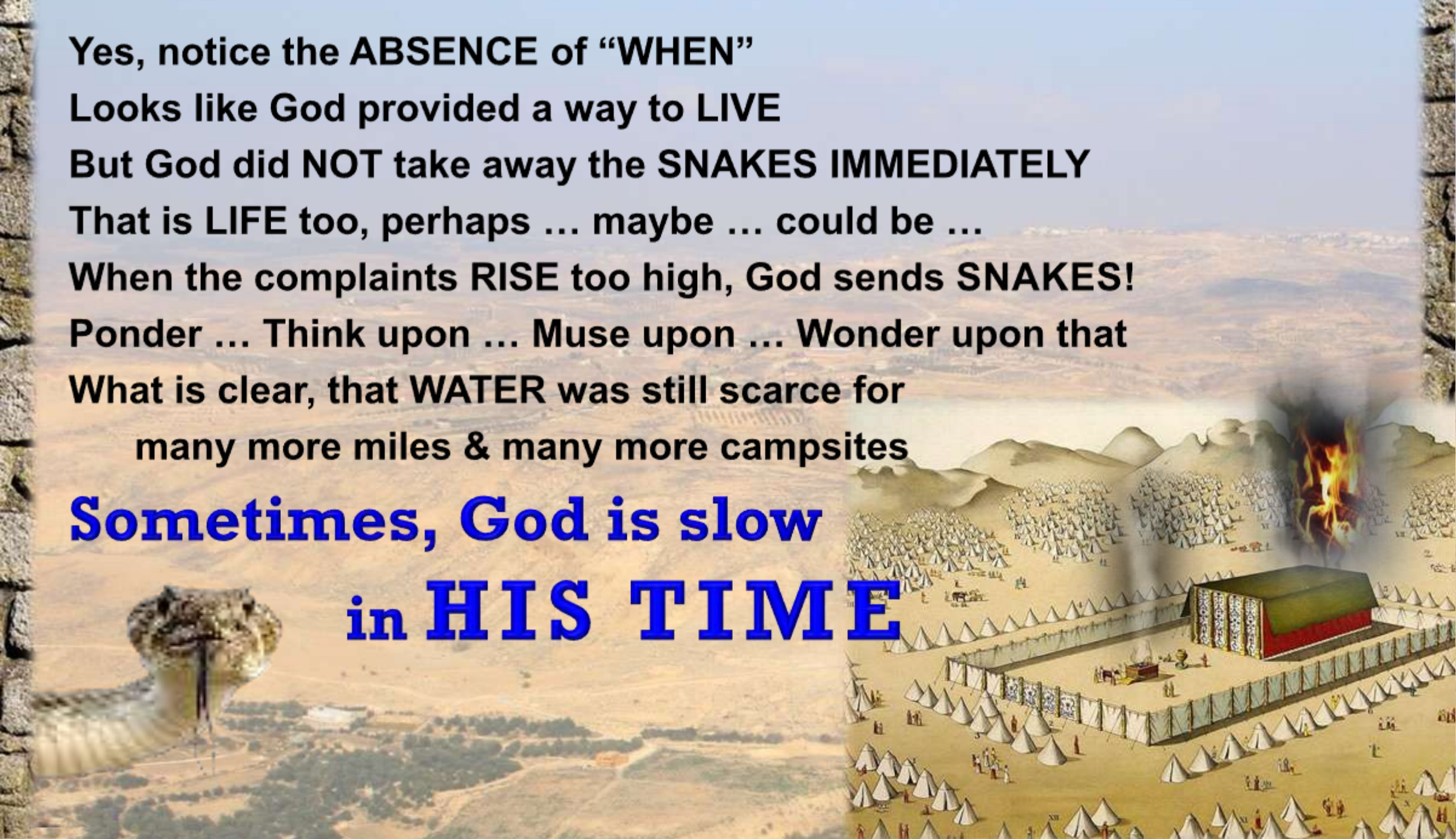
Notice: ***LIVED***—but nowhere
is it said God removed the

SNAKES



Yes, notice the **ABSENCE** of “**WHEN**”
Looks like God provided a way to **LIVE**
But God did **NOT** take away the **SNAKES** **IMMEDIATELY**
That is **LIFE** too, perhaps ... maybe ... could be ...
When the complaints **RISE** too high, God sends **SNAKES!**
Ponder ... Think upon ... Muse upon ... Wonder upon that
What is clear, that **WATER** was still scarce for
many more miles & many more campsites

Sometimes, God is slow
in HIS TIME



HOW then shall we LIVE ... IF we today miss John chapter 3
Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night
Did you notice the words of **John 3:16** are
either Jesus' *or* John's words!

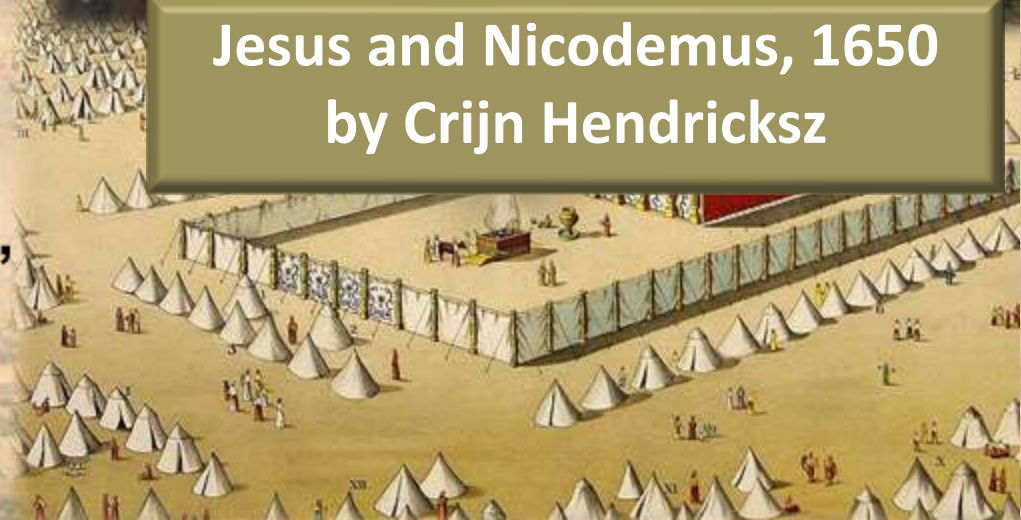
John 3:16 that we know so very well and
that has been translated into nearly
EVERY LANGUAGE ON EARTH

John 3:16 – no quotation marks in original
Red-Letter Bibles reflect 1,900-year-old
debate on whether Jesus or John
was the author of **3:16-21**

If Jesus, then it is 2-fold “in other words”
If John, **3:16-21** is John's “in other words”
& in similar language as his 1 John



Jesus and Nicodemus, 1650
by Crijn Hendricksz



HOW then shall we LIVE ... IF we today miss John chapter 3

JESUS His Divine self said **John 3:12-15**
to Nicodemus in the middle of the night

**12 I have spoken to you of earthly things
and you do not believe;**

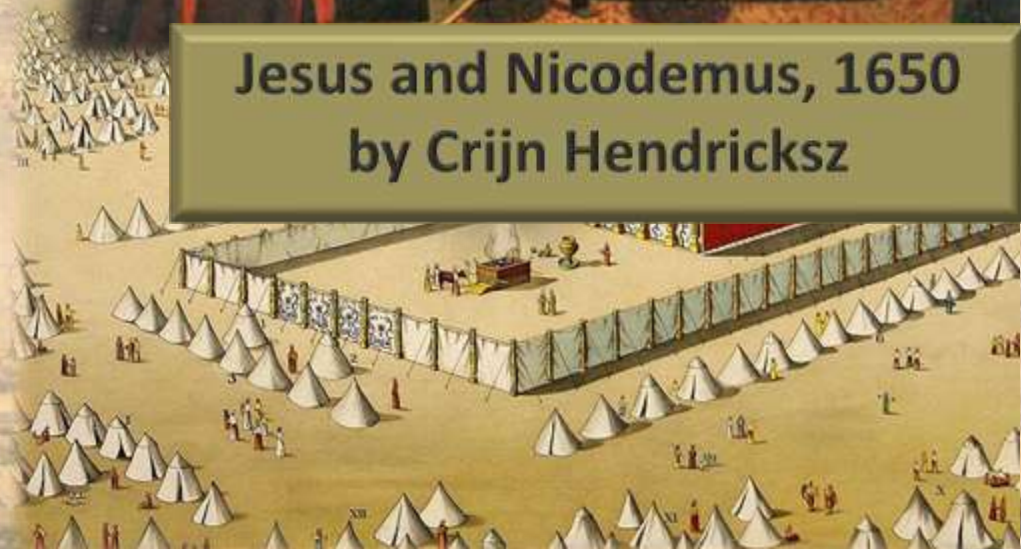
**how then will you believe if
I speak of heavenly things?**

**13 No one has ever gone into heaven
except the one who came from heaven**

—the Son of Man



Jesus and Nicodemus, 1650
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Then Jesus closes His divine message to Nicodemus

14 Just as Moses lifted up the SNAKE in the wilderness,
so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15 that everyone who believes may
have **ETERNAL LIFE** in Him

John or Jesus adds 3:16 –

For God so LOVED

Jesus told us just how easy God
made salvation available

in HIS TIME



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On Sunday, October 19, 1879

Charles H. Spurgeon noted on Num 21:9

**Spurgeon said when this sermon is printed that
it would be his 1,500th one published**

Spurgeon on Moses' Lifting of the Serpent

**Common notion is salvation is for good people!
That salvation is for those who fight temptation,
and salvation is for the spiritually healthy!**

No! How different is God's word!

God's medicine is for the sick, and

His healing is for the diseased.



Spurgeon on Moses' Lifting of the Serpent

The grace of God through the atonement of
our Lord Jesus Christ is for men who are
ACTUALLY and REALLY GUILTY.

We do not preach a sentimental salvation
from fancied guilt,
but real and true

PARDON FOR ACTUAL OFFENSES.

I care nothing for sham sinners:
you who never did anything wrong



Spurgeon on Moses' Lifting of the Serpent

You who are so good in yourselves
that you are all right—I LEAVE YOU!

For I am sent to preach Christ to
those who are FULL OF SIN,
and WORTHY OF ETERNAL WRATH.



The serpent of brass was a remedy for those who

HAD BEEN BITTEN

What an awful thing it is to be bitten by a serpent!

Spurgeon tells a story of keeper of snakes



Spurgeon on Moses' Lifting of the Serpent

Dying thief beheld the brightness of Serpent of Brass
as he saw Jesus hanging at his side,
it saved him. So may you & I look & LIVE, for He is
“Jesus Christ, same yesterday, TODAY, & FOREVER.”

Then a poem:

Faint my head, and sick my heart,
Wounded, bruised, in every part,
Satan's fiery sting I FEEL
Poisoned with the pride of HELL:
But if at the point to DIE,
Upward I direct mine EYE,

**Jesus *lifted* up I SEE,
Live by Him who died for ME**



Charles H. Spurgeon by
Alexander Melville (1834-1892)

