

EPISODE NO. 92

Num. 21:4-9

Snakes

4 The Israelites traveled from Mount Hor and went on the route toward the Red Sea. They did this so that they could go around the country of Edom. However, the mood of the people became impatient along the way. 5 The people complained against God and against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt? Do you want us to die in this desert!? There is no normal food! There is not much water here! And, we hate this worthless bread!”

6 So, the Always-Present One sent poisonous snakes d among the people. They bit some of them, and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Then the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we complained against the Always-Present One and against you. Pray to the Always-Present One, so that He will take away these snakes!”

So, Moses prayed for the people.

8 The Always-Present One said to Moses, “Make a viper-like object out of copper for yourselves. Then put it up on a pole. If anyone has been bitten by a poisonous snake, he must look at the bronze snake and trust Me. Then that person WILL live!”

9 So, Moses made the bronze snake, and he put it up on a pole. Whenever a poisonous snake bit anyone, if he or she looked at that bronze snake and trusted God, that person would live.