

Making Mini-books on
Christ in Numbers and Deuteronomy

Numbers 21:4-9

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“Then [the Israelites] journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way.

“And the people spoke against God and against Moses: ‘Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread.’

“So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

“Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, ‘We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people.

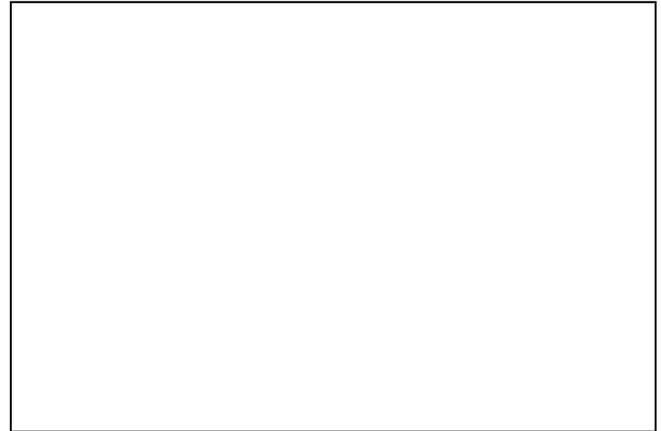
“Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.’

“So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.”

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John 3:14-15

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” NKJV



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Israelites

God offered salvation to those Israelites who were bitten by a poisonous snake. God told them that if they were bitten, they needed to look to the pole with the serpent set upon it, and they would live. By simple faith, believing God for what He said, those who looked were saved from death.

Us, Today

God offers salvation to each of us as we have all been stricken by the poison of sin. God has told us in His Word that we shall live eternally with Him if we look to Jesus (who was set upon a "pole" ~ the cross ~ at His crucifixion). By simple faith, believing God for what He has said, those who look to Jesus are saved from eternal death (which is eternal separation from the presence of God).

(Notes are paraphrased from ***Christ in the Old Testament*** by Wil Pounds at <http://www.heartforchrist.org/biblestudies/topical/Christ%20in%20OT%20-%20Complete.pdf>.)

Mini-Book Activity:

1. Print and cut out the above three "cards."
2. In the top box on the second card, have the child draw a picture of a pole with a serpent on it. In the bottom box on the second card, have the child draw a picture of Jesus hanging on a cross.
3. Make the three cards into a booklet by stapling together the thin rectangles at the top of each card.

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Deuteronomy 18:15-18

Prophecy of Jesus to Come

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“The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’

“And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.’”

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Like Moses, Jesus...

Like Moses, Jesus taught the people how to know the will of God. Moses taught the people judgments and statutes as the Lord commanded him. Jesus taught the people how to walk in the way of God.

Like Moses, Jesus accurately foretold events of the future. Moses told of dire consequences for turning to other gods and serving them. Jesus spoke of dire consequences to the Temple because of the people's apostasy. (Jesus' prophecy was fulfilled in AD 70 when the Temple and city of Jerusalem were destroyed by the Romans.)

Like Moses, Jesus judges. The Israelites were judged by Moses. We shall be judged by Jesus.

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Mini-Book Activity:

1. Print and cut out the above two “cards.”
2. Cut a piece of paper in half the long way (vertically). Fold the half-piece of paper in half so the mini booklet opens up (instead of side-to-side).
3. Glue the two cards on the inside top and bottom sections.
4. On the outside cover, draw a picture of Moses standing next to Jesus.

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