

**"The Pentateuch"**  
**Numbers 21**  
**Wednesday January 12, 2011**

- 1. Numbers 1:1-10:10 – Order and Organization**
- 2. Numbers 10:11-22:1 – Testings and Failures**

**Numbers 19 – A Pure People**

**Numbers 20 – Old And The New**

**Numbers 21 – Victory and Defeat**

Numbers 21: 1-3 – Israel's First Victory: Numbers 21: 1

Numbers 20: 29

"Atharim" – "The way of the spies"

Numbers 21: 2

"made a vow to the Lord," – They are serious

Numbers 21: 3

Numbers 14

Numbers 21: 4-9 – The Bronze Serpent: Numbers 21: 4

"It's easy for us to win the battle but lose the victory!"

"Courage in the battle must be followed by endurance in the race."

Numbers 21: 5

They Call God's Goodness Into Question – "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?"

They Doubt God's Faithfulness – "For there is no food and no water,"

They Disdain God's Provision – "and we loathe this miserable food."

"Bread of Life" John 6: 32-40

1 Tim 6: 6

How Can We Be Content? – Phil 4: 11-13

"If you are not content where you are right now, you will never be content"

Matt 6:33

Numbers 21:6 – God's Punishment: Numbers 21:6

"Fiery" – The word is the translation of the Hebrew word which means "burning"

Numbers 21:7 – Israel's Confession & Plea: Numbers 21:7

Numbers 21:8-9 – Israel's Deliverance

Instead of taking away the serpents like the people wanted, God uses the serpent as the cure.

I wonder how many people doubted that and attempted to find another cure?

John 3:14-17

John 12:31-33

Moses didn't hide the bronze serpent; he lifted it up on a pole and put the pole where everybody could see it!

Rom. 10:13

Each of us have been bitten and infected by the deadly venom of sin – we will die Heb. 9:27

1 Cor 15:56-57

Jesus is the Bronze Serpent – 2 Cor 5:21

Bronze – is the metal of judgment.

Col 2:13-15

Each Person Must Look For Themselves – We Can't Look For Another Person.

Isa 45:21-22

To turn, (To look), means "to exercise faith"

2 Kings 18:4

Numbers 21:10-20 – Israel's Marching

Numbers 21:21-32 – Defeat of Sihon: Numbers 21:21-26

Numbers 21:27-30 – Moses quoted an Amorite "War Song"

Numbers 21:27-32

Numbers 21:33-35 – Defeat of Og

Numbers 21:32-35 – In Israel's conquest of Canaan, Israel followed this pattern.

**Application:**

1. "Courage in the battle must be followed by endurance in the race."
2. The Need For Contentment is Now. Unless we learn this lesson here in the wilderness, we will never learn it in the Promised Land.
3. Jesus is the Bronze Serpent – 2 Cor 5:21
4. Do you want victory? – Trust and obey God