

A New Generation, A Faithful God

Number 20-21

I. Setting (Num. 20:1)

II. The People Complain and Moses Fails (Num. 20:2-13, Ps. 106:32-33)

III. “Take a Hike” – One Final “Defeat” of the Rebellious Remnant (Num. 20:14-21)

IV. Aaron Dies, But There is Still a High Priest (Num. 20:22-29, Heb. 7:21-25)

V. A Taste of Victory (Num. 21:1-3)

VI. The Bronze Serpent (Num. 21:4-9, John 3:14-17)

A. The People Complain; God Disciplines and Provides the Cure

B. How This Points to Christ (John 3:14-17)

“Oh that the venom of the old serpent, inflaming men’s passions, and causing them to commit sins which end in their eternal destruction, were as sensibly felt, and the danger as plainly seen, as the Israelites felt pain from the bite of the fiery serpents, and feared the death which followed! Then none would shut their eyes to Christ, or turn from his gospel. Then a crucified Saviour would be so valued, that all things else would be accounted loss for him; then, without delay, and with earnestness and simplicity, all would apply to him in the appointed way, crying, Lord, save us; we perish!”¹

VII. Traveling with a Faithful God (Num. 21:10-20)

VIII. Initial Victories (Num. 21:21-35)

A. Israel Defeats Sihon (21:21-30)

B. Israel Defeats Og (Num. 21:31-35)

IX. Conclusion: God’s Faithfulness on Display

¹ Henry, Matthew, and Thomas Scott. 1997. *Matthew Henry’s Concise Commentary*. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems.