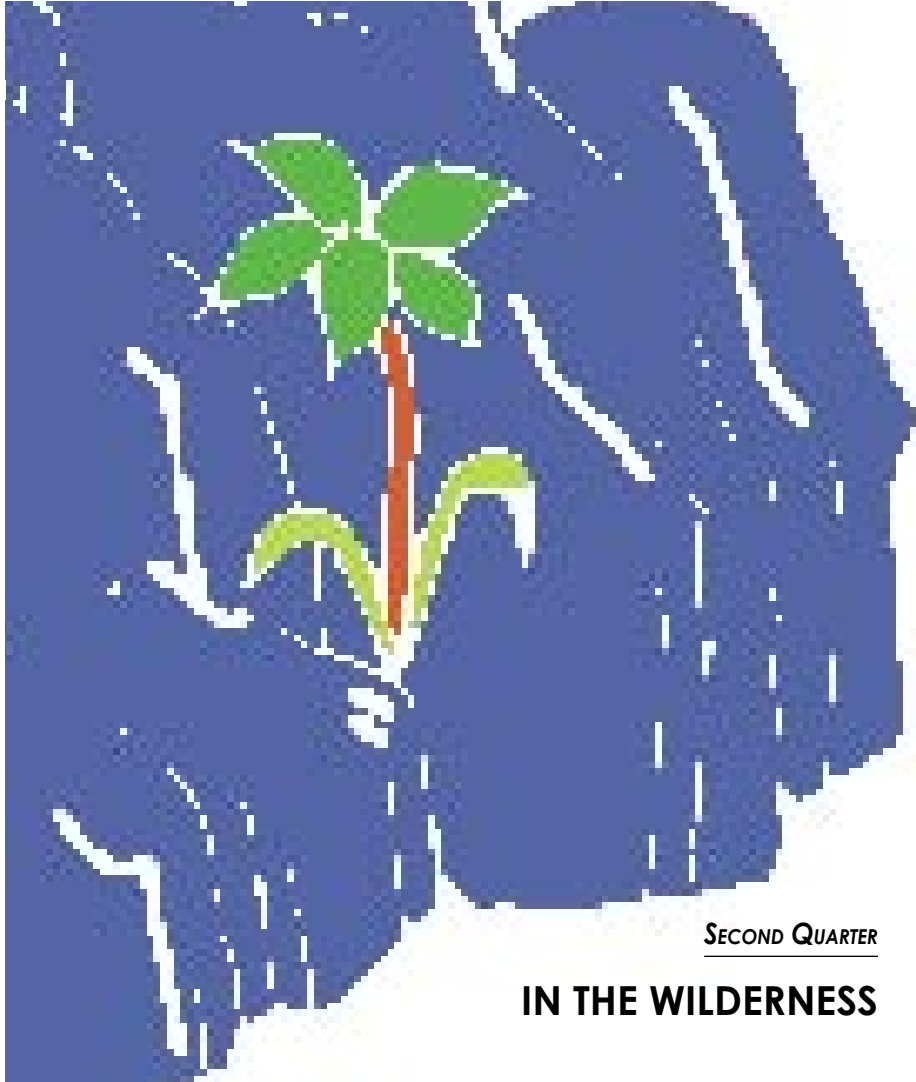


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# Lesson 1

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## IDOLATRY AT SINAI

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP.315-324.*

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1. When Moses did not return to the camp after several weeks, the people became impatient to be on their way to the promised land—the land flowing with milk and honey. Instead of praying and preparing their hearts to be God's people, they became careless and lawless. What did they demand that Aaron do? Exodus 32:1, 2. Color the donations.

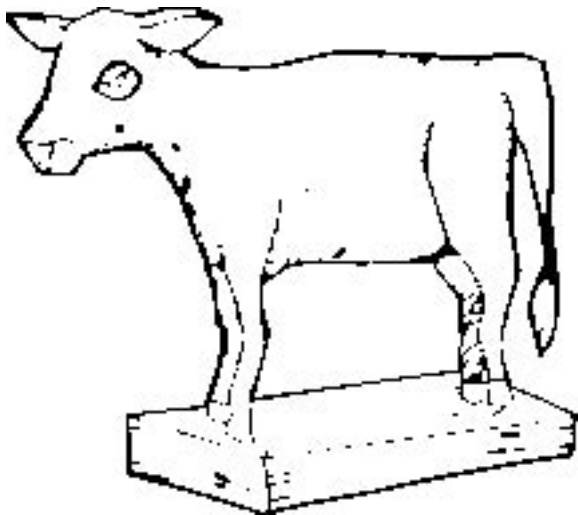


2. What should Aaron have done? Color the drawing and explain it.



Aaron had been left in charge of Israel, and he should have firmly refused to give in to the people. If he had had the courage to stand for what was right, trusting that God would help him, he would have kept the people from sinning. But when he calmly and with great dignity did exactly what the people wanted, it made the people more bold and gave them courage to sin much more than they had even imagined at first.

- 3. After Aaron made the golden calf and organized the next day's worship of it, what did the people do? Exodus 32:6.**



- 4. How did Moses find out about the people's horrible disobedience? Exodus 32:7, 8.**
  
- 5. When God said that He would destroy the people, did Moses say, "Go ahead; that's fine with me"? Exodus 32:11, 12.**
  
- 6. As Moses came down the mountain, he was carrying the two tables of stone on which God had written the Ten Commandments with His own finger. What did he do with them when he saw the people dancing around the golden calf? Exodus 32:19.**

All during Israel's travels to the Promised Land, the mixed multitude were the first to sin and rebel. Who were the mixed multitude? They were not really Israelites but had gone along when Israel left Egypt; some of them were married to Israelites; others were children of mixed marriages and so were part Egyptian and part Israelite. They never really worshipped God. They were the first to complain, the first to suggest a way they thought was better than God's, and the loudest in talking the rest into doing wrong.

- 7. Color the drawing and describe your impressions.**







## Lesson 2

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### **PUNISHMENT AND FORGIVENESS**

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP.320-330.*

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- 1. What did Moses do with the golden calf—which showed how much it was really worth? Exodus 32:20.**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. What decision did he tell the people to make? Exodus 32:26.**

All those who had not worshipped the idol were to stand on Moses' right; the tribe of Levi had obeyed God, and so they came and stood by Moses' right side. Some people from the other tribes had sinned but they were truly sorry; they stood on Moses' left side.



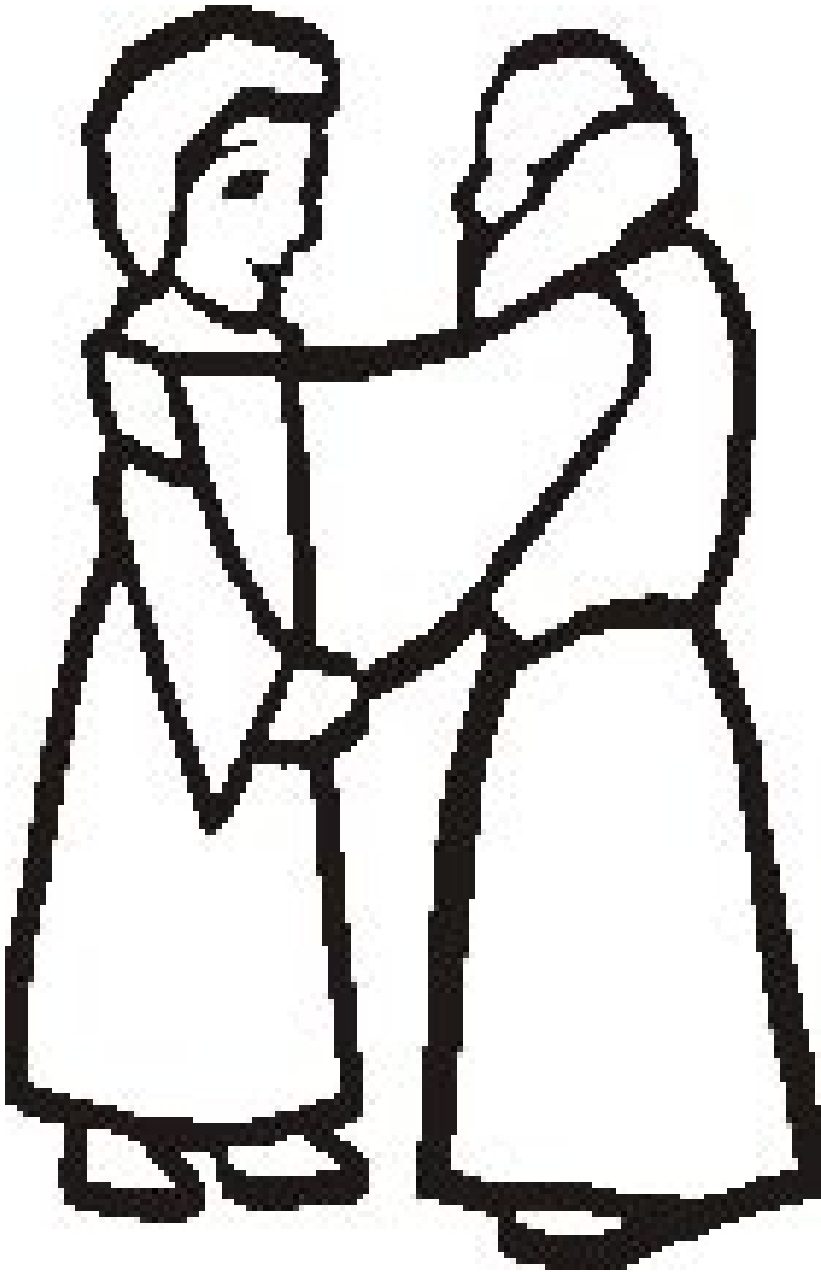


Three punishments had fallen on the people—3,000 killed, a plague, and now God's word that He would not go with them any more. Now the people cried and cried. They showed how sorry they were by taking off all their ornaments.

- 7. What showed that God accepted their repentance and that they were forgiven? Exodus 33:7-9, first part. Color the next drawing.**

God now said He would go with the people, but this promise was not enough for Moses; he knew he needed God's full help to work with the people. He continued to ask for complete favor to be given back to himself and Israel. This God granted by showing Moses His glory.

- 8. Moses was again called back to the mountain the third time by God. He was to bring along two stone tables like the ones he broke. There God engraved the Ten Commandments on these two tables of stone with His own finger and gave them to Moses. He also showed Moses the full meaning of His plan for saving not just Israel but all men. What was the result of Moses' talking with God? Exodus 34:29, 30.**





## Lesson 3

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### THE TABERNACLE AND THE PRIESTHOOD

*EXODUS 20:12 AND PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 343-362.*

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1. It took about six months for all the work to be done in the building of the tabernacle. Whom did God choose to oversee the work? Exodus 35:30-35; 36:1.

God used men who were humble, wise, and skillful, but He gave them extra skill and wisdom in doing this wonderful work of building a place for God to dwell.

2. How did God show that He was pleased with the tabernacle and all the service the people had given? Exodus 40:33-35.

3. How were Aaron and his sons ordained—or set aside as holy—for service in the tabernacle. God’s house? Exodus 40:12-15. Draw Aaron and his childrens.

4. **Soon after the tabernacle services had been started and the priests had been set aside as holy. What happened to two of Aaron's children? Leviticus 10:1, 2.**

5. **What high position did Nadab and Abihu hold in Israel?**

"Next to Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu had stood highest in Israel." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 359.

6. **Although holding high office, these two men had not been trained by their father in self-control. They did as they pleased, had not been taught to respect their father, and did not see the need of obeying God exactly. Furthermore, they had been drinking alcohol. What further command did God give the remaining priests? Leviticus 10:8, 10.**

"Nadab and Abihu would never have committed that fatal sin had they not first become partially intoxicated by the free use of wine. They understood that the most careful and solemn preparation was necessary before presenting themselves in the sanctuary, where the divine Presence was manifested; but by intemperance they were disqualified for their holy office. Their minds became confused and their moral perceptions dulled so that they could not discern the difference between the sacred and the common." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, pp. 361, 362.







## Lesson 4

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### FROM SINAI TO KADESH

*EXODUS 25 AND PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 374-386.*

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The children of Israel spent about one year camped below Mount Sinai. There was much for them to learn during that time. In addition to building the tabernacle, they learned about the following: civil laws, religious service, order and cleanliness. Strict obedience to all of this was taught to the people.

- 1. Even though God had always provided for their needs and often worked direct miracles for them, what happened after only three days' journey from Sinai on the way to Kadesh? Numbers 11:1,2.**

The route the Lord had chosen went through stony ravines and barren desert. It was hard going, and all the people, after being camped for so long, were not used to the discomforts they now had to face.

2. The route the Lord had chosen went through stony ravines and barren desert. It was hard going, and all the people, after being camped for so long, were not used to the discomforts they now had to face. Color the drawing.



- 3. What else did they start demanding? Numbers 11:4-6. Why do you think God had given them manna instead of flesh to eat?**



“It was His purpose to supply them with food better suited to their wants than the feverish diet to which many had become accustomed in Egypt.” –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 377.

- 4. The punishment by fire because of their earlier murmuring seemed to be forgotten, and now their crying, complaining, and demanding created a terrible noise in the camp. Moses was sick at heart that the people refused to trust that God would work things out. What did God tell him to do so that the burden would be shared? Numbers 11:16, 17.**

- 5. What blessing did God give the 70 elders? Numbers 11:25.**

- 6. How did the Lord answer the people's cry for meat? Numbers 11:31.**
  
- 7. How did God punish their gluttony? Numbers 11:33.**
  
- 8. After this, what grief did Aaron and Miriam, Moses' brother and sister, cause Moses? Numbers 12:1, 2.**

Miriam was the main cause of this problem. She was jealous mainly of Zipporah, Moses' wife. She was angry because Zipporah, seeing that Moses' burdens were wearing away his strength, had spoken to her father, Jethro, about the matter. Jethro's suggestions, Miriam thought, had brought about the establishment of the 70 elders and caused Miriam to be made less important in Israel.

- 9. How did God intervene and punish Miriam? Numbers 12:6-10.**

Complaints should never leave our mouths. Instead of complaining about problems or what others are doing, we should go to God in prayer and trust that He will make things right. Sometimes He will make changes in what other people are doing, but sometimes we are the ones who need changing.

10. Draw Moses judging the people when he was doing it alone.





## Lesson 5

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### **SPIES ON THE BORDER**

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 387-394.*

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After a long journey, from Sinai, Israel arrived at Kadesh, not far from the borders of the Promised Land. Numbers 13:2 shows that one man was chosen from each tribe—a total of 12 men.

- 1. What report did ten spies bring back? Numbers 13:27-34.**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. What report did two spies bring back? Numbers 14:6-8**

The ten spies who returned with a discouraging report left God completely out of the picture; they forgot about His power and trusted Him who had worked so strongly for them. They even lied to

the people, saying, "The land, ... is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof." They had already shown what a fruitful land it was and that there were healthy, strong people living there, so it was a lie that the land ate up the people! But these men had given themselves to Satan's control, and now these leaders of the people led out in mutiny against God.

**3. What did the people wish? Numbers 14:2.**



**4. What did they plan to do? Numbers 14:3, 4.**

**5. When Joshua and Caleb tried to reason with the people and remind them that God was well able to help, they picked up rocks ready to kill them. How did God stop the people? Numbers 14:10.**

- 6. Now God gave the people their wish. What was that wish? Numbers 14:2, last part, 28, 32, 33.**

Only those who were under 20 years old when they left Egypt would be allowed to enter Canaan. All the rest, except for Joshua and Caleb, would die in the wilderness.

- 7. What happened to the ten spies right before the people's eyes? Numbers 14:37.**

- 8. Now, still rebellious, the people decided they would take the Promised Land after all, no matter what God said. What happened when they went to battle against the Canaanites?. Numbers 14:45. Make a comment of the drawing.**

The Canaanites had heard about the marvelous ways in which God had fought for His children, and they were afraid of Israel. Had Israel stayed under God's hand, their way into Canaan would have been much easier. But now, since they went out without God and were defeated, the Canaanites decided all they had heard about Israel was wrong and that Israel could be beaten in war. Thus because of their sin and rebellion, Israel made it much harder on themselves.







## Lesson 6

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### LEADERSHIP

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 395-405.*

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Still bitter over the disappointment of not being able to enter the Promised Land, the Israelites—both princes and people—lost sight of the fact that they were still being led by Christ. Moses received all his instructions from Him. Being unwilling to accept the punishment that they must die in the wilderness, they looked for any reason to believe that it was not God but merely Moses who had given the punishment.

- 1. Who now rose up in a well-planned, determined effort to throw down Moses as the leader of Israel? Numbers 16:1-3. Indicate the right tribe that belonged to the following personages.**

	Korah	Dathan and Abiram
	Dan	Asher
	Zebulon	Dan
	Levi	Issachar
	Judah	Reuben

2. When Moses asked Dathan and Abiram to come and talk to him, were they willing to sit down and work out the problems? Numbers 16:12-14.



3. The following day, when, at Moses' direction, the people were told to get away from the three rebellious men, what happened to them? Numbers 16:28-32.



4. What happened to the 250 princes who sided with Korah, Dathan and Abiram? Numbers 16:35.

**5. Was this the end of the matter? Numbers 16:41, 42.**

**6. The Lord sent a plague into the camp the next day, for the rebellion was widespread; the people were terrified at what had happened but not repentant. The rebels had flattered the people and made them think they were righteous; they were tired of Moses showing them where they were wrong. How many died in this plague? Numbers 16:49.**

Though Moses and Aaron were always the ones being accused of being bad leaders, they, with great love for the people, always prayed that the Lord would be merciful and not destroy the nation. God heard their prayers.

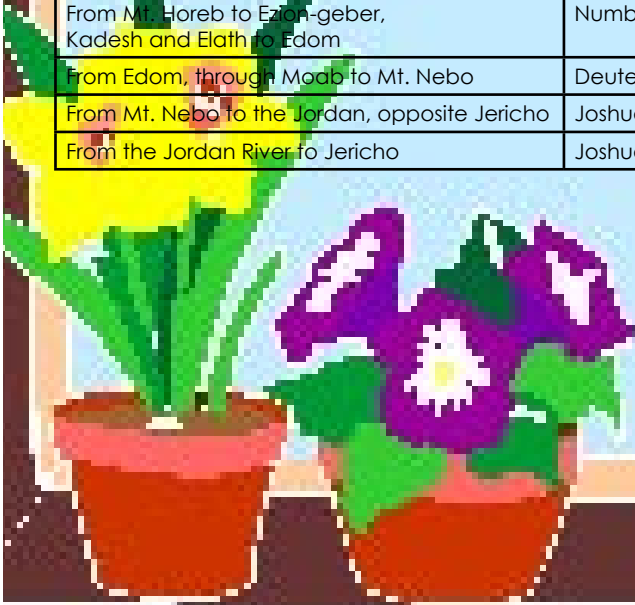
**7. Since Korah and many of his followers had been Levites, there was a question among the people whether the Levites were still meant to be the priestly tribe. How did God make it clear that Aaron's house and the tribe of Levi were to continue in the priesthood? Numbers 17:1-5, 8.**

**8. Where was Aaron's rod put to be kept forever? Numbers 17:10**



# Journey of the Children of Israel from Egypt to Canaan

From Ramesss in Egypt to Succoth	Exodus 12:37
From Succoth to Etham	Exodus 13:20
From Etham to Pi-Hahiroth y Baal-Zephon	Exodus 14:2
From crossing the Red Sea to Marah	Exodus 15:22, 23
From Marah to Elim	Exodus 15:27
From Elim to the wilderness of Sin	Exodus 16:1
From the wilderness of Sin to Mt. Horeb	Exodus 17:1-6
From Mt. Horeb to Rephidim	Exodus 17:8
From Rephidim to Sinai	Exodus 19:1, 2
From Sinai to Taberah	Numbers 10:33-11:3
From Taberah to Hazeroth	Numbers 11:35
From Hazeroth to Kadesh-Barnea	Numbers 12:16-13:26
From Kadesh-Barnea to Horman	Numbers 14:45
From Horman to the wilderness	Numbers 16:31-33
From the wilderness to Kadesh.	Numbers 20:1
From Kadesh to Mt. Horeb.	Numbers 20:22
From Mt. Horeb to Ezion-geber, Kadesh and Elath to Edom	Numbers 21:4
From Edom, through Moab to Mt. Nebo	Deuteronomy 34:1
From Mt. Nebo to the Jordan, opposite Jericho	Joshua 3:1
From the Jordan River to Jericho	Joshua 5:10.





# Lesson 7

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## IN THE WILDERNESS

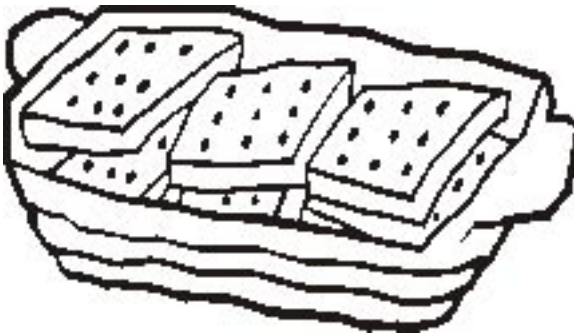
*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 406-410.*

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1. For what two purposes did the wilderness wandering serve?  
Mark the right answer.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	To multiply Israel's animals
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<input type="checkbox"/>	To train the men how to build houses

2. Since the Israelites had said they wanted to return to Egypt, the land of their slavery, they showed they did not deserve freedom; and therefore they were not permitted to celebrate the Passover, the ordinance of deliverance, all during the wilderness journey. And since they were unfaithful to their covenant, they were not allowed to receive the rite of the covenant, circumcision. Still, what showed that God had mercy toward them? Nehemiah 9:19-21.
  
3. Very few incidents are recorded from the 40 years in the wilderness. Those which are, show that the people really did not obey with a willing heart. What incident shows that Sabbath observance was irritating- to many? Numbers 15:32-36.



We might think that with the weekly lesson of the manna (falling in double amount on Friday and none falling on Sabbath), the people would see its great blessing and rejoice in it. But this was not the case.

4. Carelessness in Sabbath observance was one of the reasons that the first generation could not go into Canaan. Did their children learn the lesson and keep the Sabbath as God wished?



5. As the end of the 40 years neared, where did Israel return and camp? Who died here? Numbers 20:1.







## Lesson 8

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### THE SMITTEN ROCK

*NUMBERS 20 Y PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 411-421.*

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1. Just before the people reached Kadesh what experience happened that showed that the children of Israel had not overcome their complaining? Numbers 20:2-5.
  
2. When Moses struck the rock at Horeb the first time—before Israel reached Sinai—what did that symbolize? 1 Corinthians 10:4; Hebrews 9:28, first part.



3. **Now, 40 years later, the people returned to that same place. What did God tell Moses to do ? Numbers 20:8.**
  
4. **By now aged and tired of the people’s complaining, what did Moses do? How did he disobey God? Numbers 20:10, 11. Draw this event.**

Moses had spoken from irritation and impatience. Men may look on this as not a very big sin, but God will not excuse it. Also, he struck the rock twice when he was supposed to only speak to it. And finally, Moses had distrusted God by saying, “Must we fetch you water out of this rock?” Not only had Moses ruined the lesson God wanted to teach about Christ being the rock, but he also had assumed power that belongs to God. It was God who gave the water, not Moses or Aaron.

5. **Because Moses had dishonored God before the people, what punishment did he receive? Numbers 20:12.**



How bitter and humiliating this was to Moses and Aaron! They must die before crossing into the Promised Land—right along with rebellious Israel. They repented deeply of their sin and were pardoned, but they still had to accept the punishment. Moses used this opportunity to teach the people a lesson: He pointed to his own severe punishment for not giving God the glory and told them to think what God thought of them in blaming Moses, a mere man, for the dealings of God with them.





## Lesson 9

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### **JOURNEY AROUND EDOM**

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 422-427.*

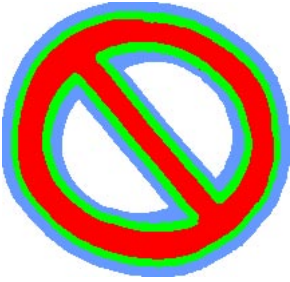
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- 1. Why had the Lord withdrawn the living stream of water at Kadesh? Deuteronomy 2:3-6.**

The people were about to pass through a fertile, well-watered land. God had promised they would not be bothered as they passed through Edom, the land where Esau's children lived. They would be able to buy both food and plenty of water. The Israelites should have been glad when the water stopped, for it showed that their desert journey was almost over.

- 2. But instead of trusting that God was in full control, what did the people do, as we learned last week? Numbers 20:2, 5.**

3. Israel wasted so much time complaining that God took back the promise that they could travel through Edom. When the request was finally sent to the king of Edom, what did he answer? Numbers 20:17, 18.



4. Now they had to turn back into the desert and receive water from the rock. Where did they travel to? Numbers 20:22.



5. What happened at Mount Hor? Numbers 20:28

"It is important to believe God's word and act upon it promptly, while His angels are waiting to work for us. Evil angels are ready to contest every step of advance. And when God's providence bids His children to go forward, when He is ready to do great things for them, Satan tempts them to displease the Lord by hesitation and delay; he seeks to kindle a spirit of strife or to arouse murmuring or unbelief, and thus deprive them of the blessings that God desired to bestow. God's servants should be minutemen, ever ready to move as fast as His providence opens the way. Any delay on their part gives time for Satan to work to defeat them." –*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 423.

**6. Draw what happened.**





## Lesson 10

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### THE BRASS SERPENT

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 427-432.*

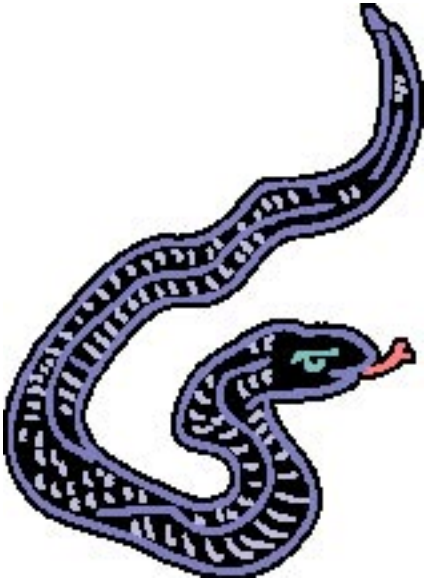
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1. Just after leaving Mount Hor, where Aaron was buried, what Canaanite king attacked Israel? Who won the final victory? Numbers 21:1-3.



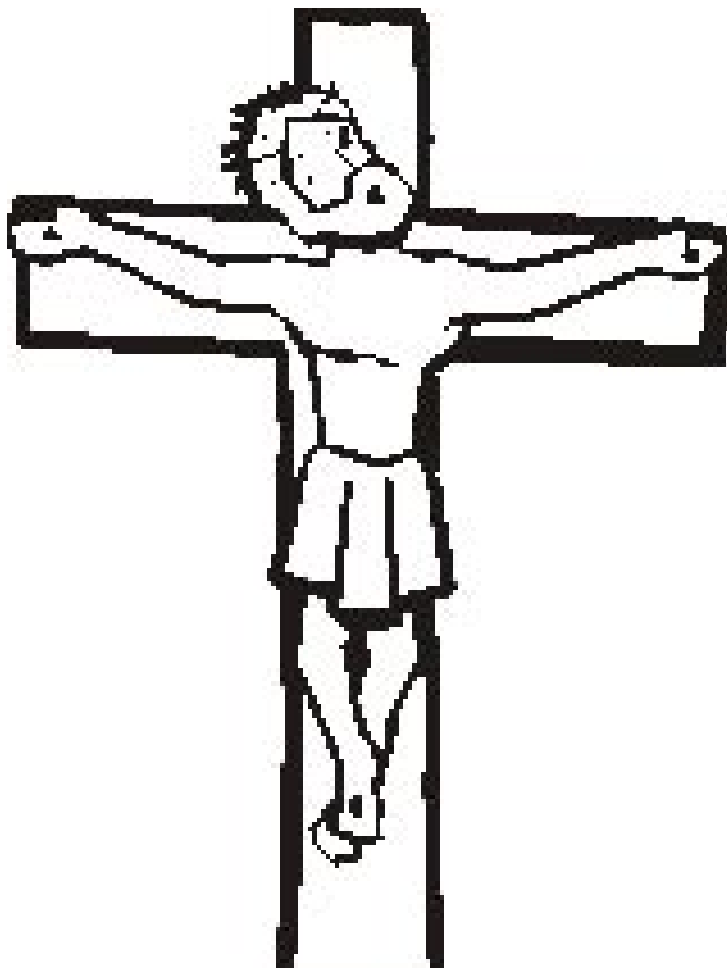
- 2. Were the people patient and trusting as they passed through the dry, weary desert way? Numbers 21:5.**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. The people did not realize how greatly God had protected them from all the dangers in the wilderness—wild animals, snakes, heat, famine, rocky heights, illness and cold. Now the Lord took His hand away, and what happened? Numbers 21:6.**





4. At God's direction, when Israel cried for help, what did Moses make? Numbers 21:8, 9.

5. Whom did the serpent represent? John 3:14, 15.



6. **What do you think? Did the brass serpent heal those who had been bitten by the snakes?**

It was by looking upon the brass serpent that the people saved their lives. That look showed that they had faith—they believed what God said and trusted that this was how they would be kept from dying. They were saved by faith.





## Lesson 11

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### BALAAM-APOSTASY AT THE BORDER

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 433-461.*

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1. What two nations on the border of Canaan were delivered into Israel's hand by God? Deuteronomy 2:24, 33; 3:3.



God had given these nations all the knowledge that they needed to accept Him as the true God. They knew all about what God had done for Israel and what He could do for them, but they did not want to turn away from their idolatry and wicked ways. This is why God, after giving them much time and mercy, finally overthrew them. But it was not Israel's smartness or strength that won these battles. The Lord did it for them. And He would have done it for their fathers almost forty years before if they had trusted Him.

- 2. As Israel came to the borders of Moab, the Moabites were afraid, for they knew they would be beaten by the supernatural power which helped the Israelites. What did the king of Moab, Balak, decide to do to try to harm Israel? Numbers 22:5, 6.**



- 3. Balaam had once been a good man and a prophet of God, but now riches were more important to him. Even when God clearly told him not to go, he went anyway. When Balaam's donkey saved him from being killed by the angel because of his disobedience, what did the angel tell him? Numbers 22:35.**

4. Was Balaam able to hurt Israel by cursing them? Numbers 23:7-10, 20; 24:9.



5. But Balaam wanted the honor and riches which the heathen king promised him. How did he figure out a way to bring a curse on the children of Israel? Numbers 25:1-3. Describe the plan.



Balaam and the Moabites knew that as long as Israel obeyed God, He would protect them and wipe out their enemies. But Balaam came up with a plan to lead Israel into idolatry. If the Israelites could be led to take part in the immoral worship of Baal and Ashtaroth, God would become their enemy, and the nations around them would beat them.





## Lesson 12

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### THE LAW REPEATED

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 462-486.*

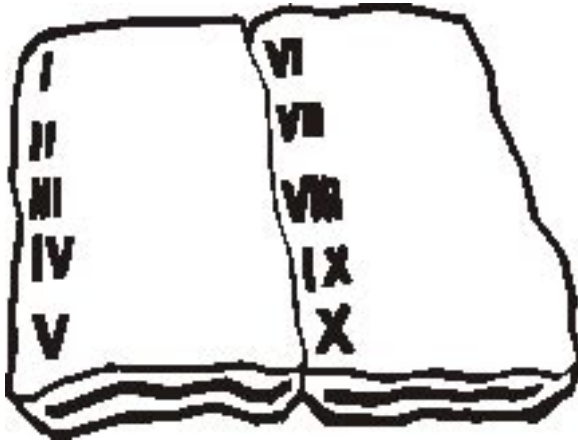
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1. **It was now time to cross the Jordan. Who was to replace Moses as leader? Numbers 27:18, 20.**

But first Moses went before the people to give them his last warning and counsel.

2. **Why had God chosen Israel as His special nation? Deuteronomy 7:7, 8.**

3. When the Ten Commandments had been spoken from Mount Sinai 40 years before, most of the people had been too young to understand the solemn moments. Now they were to be reminded of them. Where did these wise laws—the greatest in the world—come from? Deuteronomy 4:5-8. Color the drawing and realize the necessary corrections.



4. After speaking to the people, Moses finished writing all the laws, statutes and judgments which God had given in a book. Where was this book put? Deuteronomy 31:24-26.

5. **What blessings would be theirs if Israel followed these laws in humble love for God? Deuteronomy 28:1-3.**
  
6. **But what would happen if they did not? Deuteronomy 28:15, 16.**

God, who knows the end from the beginning, knew that Israel would reject Him. In these chapters, prophecy is given of the future and final end of Israel 1,500 years later.

7. **To make sure that all the truths were kept in the people's minds, Moses put them into a long song, which told what had happened already and what would happen in the years ahead. Who were especially to be taught these things? Deuteronomy 6:7. Color the drawing and indicate the instruments. Explain a vivid experience by means of spiritual song or musical instruments.**







## Lesson 13

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### MOSES' DEATH-PROMISES

*PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS, PP. 469-480.*

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1. Moses pleaded with God to let him lead the people into the Promised Land. But would God change His mind? Deuteronomy 3:25, 26.



2. What wonderful words of encouragement did he give Joshua, the new leader? Deuteronomy 31:7, 8.
  
3. When God told Moses to go up Mount Nebo, where he would die, whom did He say was to go with him? Deuteronomy 32:48-50.
  
4. But before he died, what was Moses allowed to see? Deuteronomy 32:52; 34:1-4. Color the drawing and finish it.



After giving Israel his last blessing, Moses turned and walked up the mountain. There, alone, he looked with divine vision over the land to which Israel was going. Then he thought back over his life and of all the hard things he had gone through since leaving the Egyptian court 80 years before. He had chosen to be with God's people instead of enjoying the pleasures of sin. And he knew that all his work had been at God's command; God had shown Himself to him in miracles as well as in His glory. Now he was also shown in vision the birth of Christ as well as His second coming and the new earth.

**5. Who buried Moses? Deuteronomy 34:5, 6. Did he stay in the grave? Color the drawing.**

"Had not the life of Moses been marred with that one sin, in failing to give God the glory of bringing water from the rock at Kadesh, he would have entered the Promised Land, and would have been translated to heaven without seeing death. But he was not long to remain in the tomb. Christ Himself, with the angels who had buried Moses, came down from heaven to call forth the sleeping wot." —*Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 478.

