

So God said to Moses and Aaron:
"Because you did not fully trust me,
therefore you will not lead the people
to the promised land."

When the Israelites moved on from Kadesh,
they asked the Edomites for permission
to go through their land.

But the Edomites refused this request.

Later, on Mount Hor, Aaron died
and was succeeded as High Priest by his son Eleazar.

Dear God, please increase our trust in you

Chapter 21

In order to avoid the land of Edom,
the Israelites headed towards the coastline.

But the people again criticized God and Moses.

So God sent snakes among the people
and many people died.

The people then said to Moses

"We have sinned; please pray for us to save us."

Moses prayed for them, and God heard his prayer.

God told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole.

Anyone bitten by a snake

could then look at the bronze snake and live.

Jesus' words (John 3.13):

"The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him"