

# Where God Has Placed Salvation

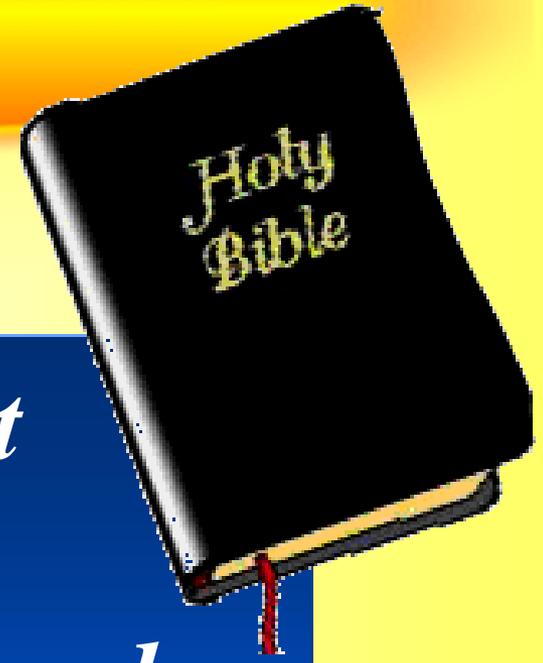


**What does the Bible say?**

# Salvation is a most interesting subject.

**Hebrews 2:1-3** -- *<sup>1</sup>So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>The message God delivered through angels has always proved true, and the people were punished for every violation of the law and every act of disobedience. <sup>3</sup>What makes us think that we can escape if we are indifferent to this great salvation that was announced by the Lord Jesus himself?*

**God has never let people go without a way of returning!**



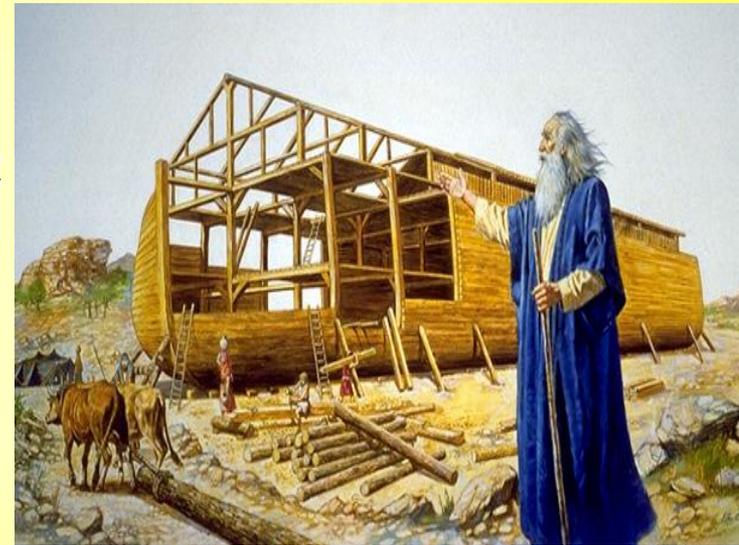
**2 Peter 3:9** – *“The Lord isn’t really being slow about His promise to return, as some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so He is giving more time for everyone to repent.”*

# Look At God's Plan To Destroy The Earth

**Genesis 6:5-7** – *<sup>5</sup>Now the Lord observed the extent of the people's wickedness, and he saw that all their thoughts were consistently and totally evil. <sup>6</sup>So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them. It broke his heart. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord said, "I will completely wipe out this human race that I have created. Yes, and I will destroy all the animals and birds, too. I am sorry I ever made them."*

# Genesis 6:8 -- *“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord”*

- **God gave Noah specific instructions (**Genesis 6:13-16**)**
  - **Make an ark out of gopher wood**
  - **It shall contain three levels**
  - **Seal it with pitch - within and without**
  - **Use these exact measurements:**
    - Three hundred cubits long (450')**
    - Fifty cubits wide (75')**
    - Thirty cubits high (45')**
  - **It shall have a single window with a single door**

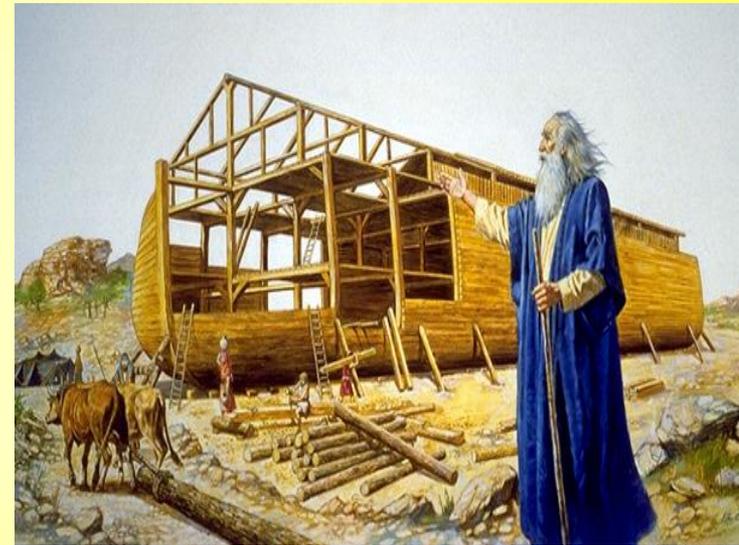


**The instructions were exact, clear, and constituted a pattern!**

**"Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he." (**Genesis 6:22**)**

# Noah obeyed and was saved from the flood.

- He was not saved just because he was a morally good man.
- He was not saved because he was rich.
- He was not saved because he had a good family.



**He was saved because he followed God's plan!**

# God placed salvation from the flood inside the ark.

- Were people saved outside of the ark?
- Did people have the right to build their own ark?
- Did Noah have the right to change the ark?
- Could a man enter the ark of his choice and be saved?



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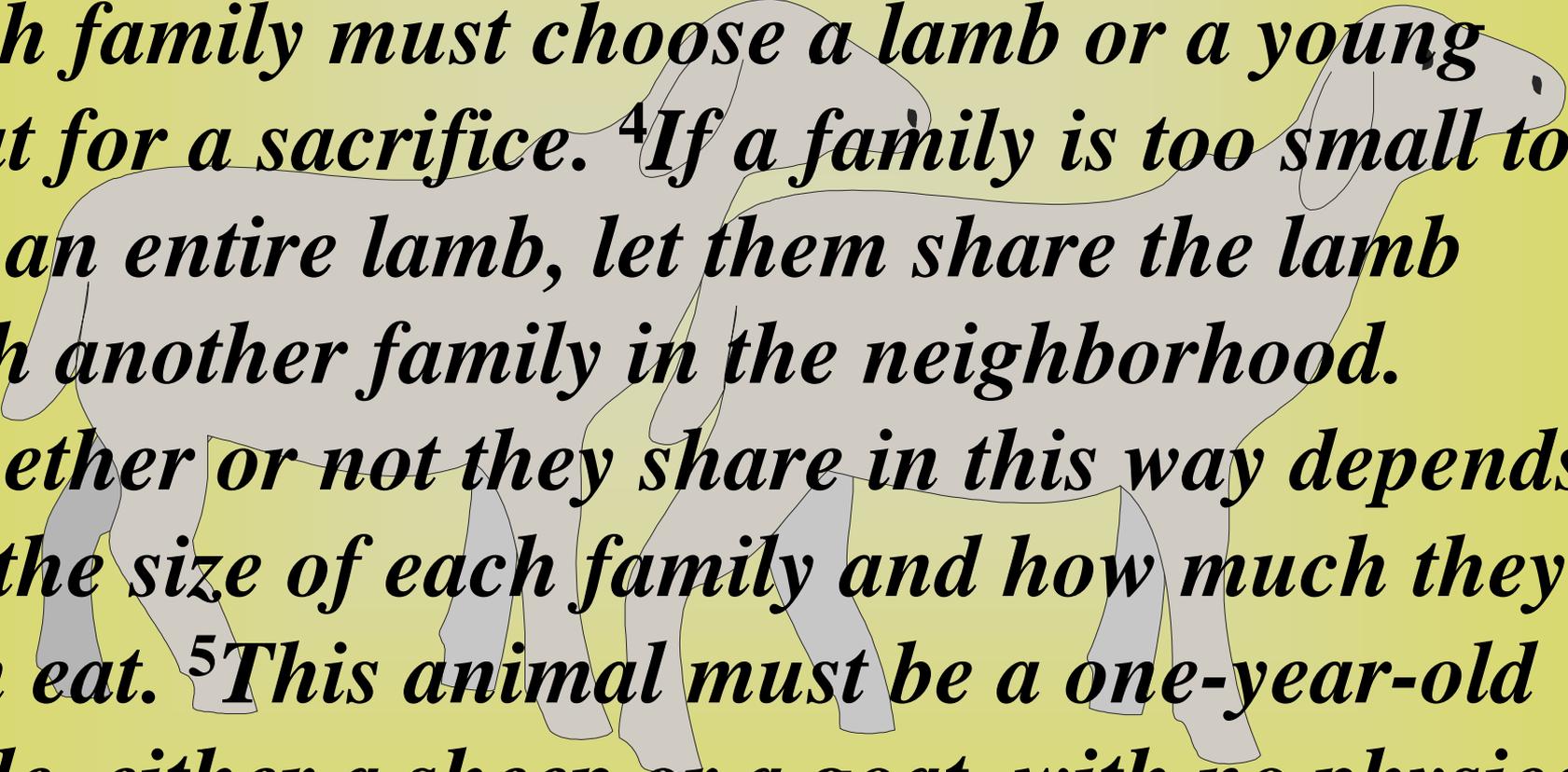
# Look At God's Plan At The Passover In Egypt



**Exodus 12:12 – “*On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and kill all the firstborn sons and firstborn male animals in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord!*”**

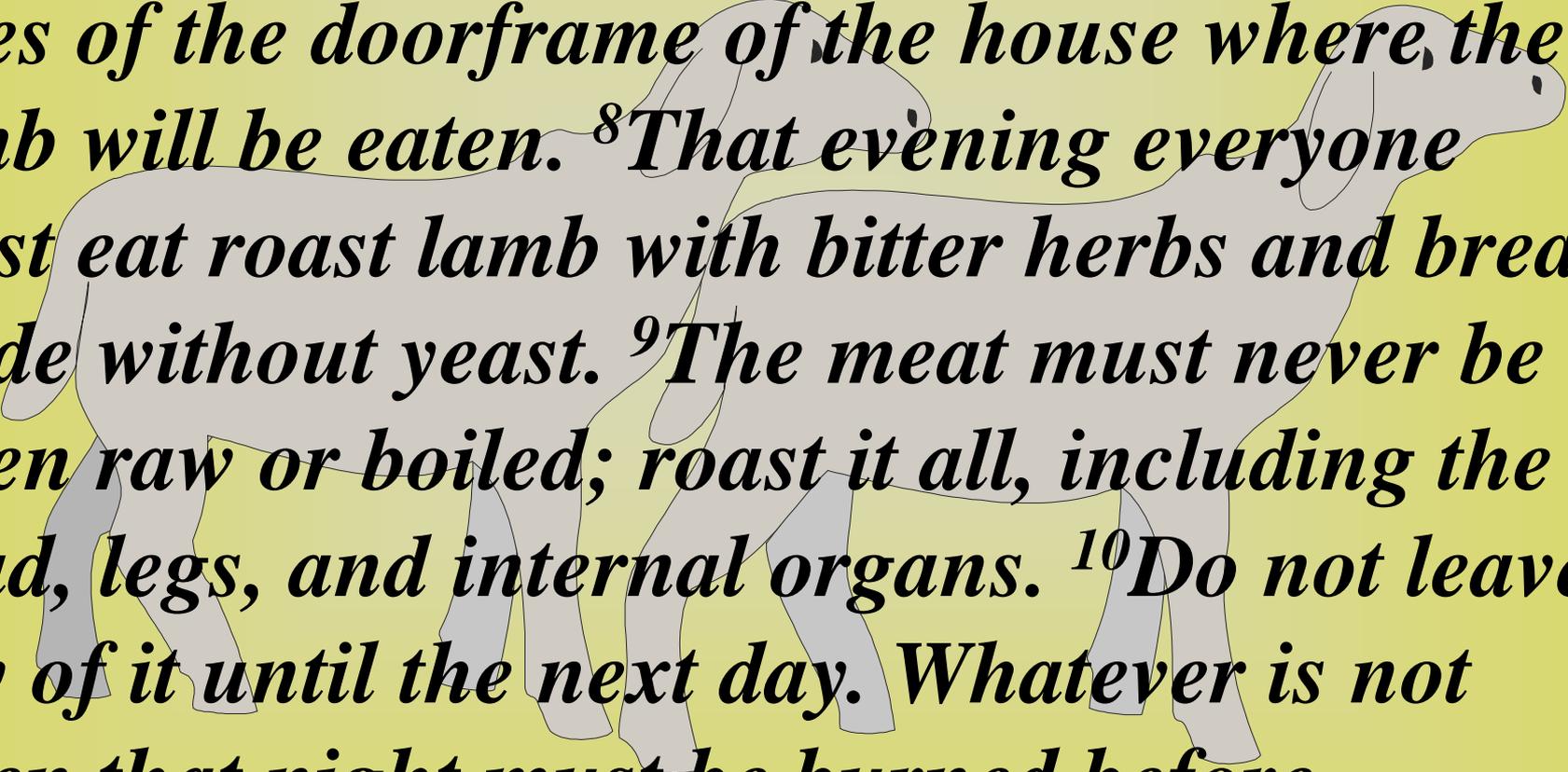
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**Exodus 12:3-5** – *Announce to the whole community that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice. <sup>4</sup>If a family is too small to eat an entire lamb, let them share the lamb with another family in the neighborhood. Whether or not they share in this way depends on the size of each family and how much they can eat. <sup>5</sup>This animal must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no physical defects.*



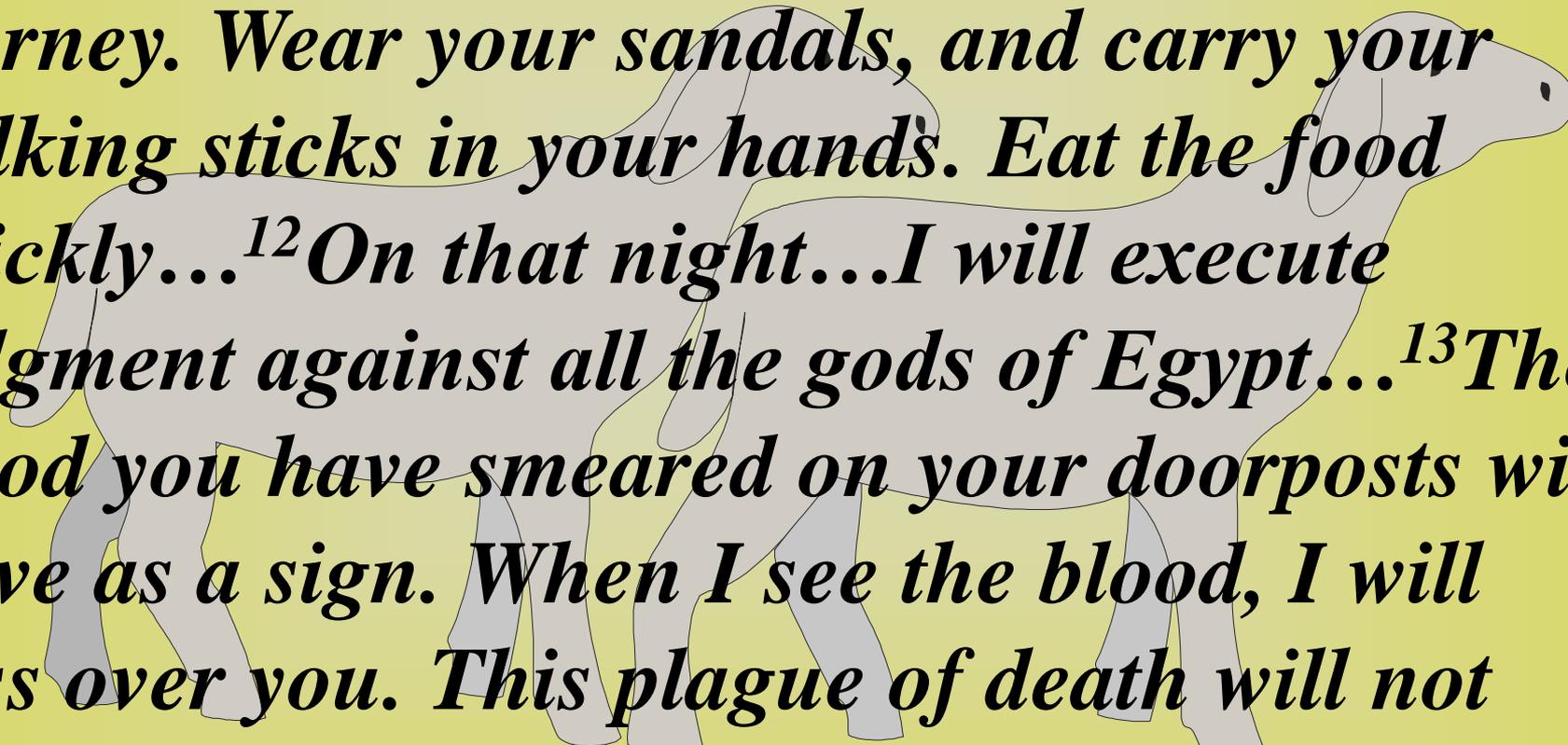
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**Exodus 12:7-10** – *<sup>7</sup>They are to take some of the lamb's blood and smear it on the top and sides of the doorframe of the house where the lamb will be eaten. <sup>8</sup>That evening everyone must eat roast lamb with bitter herbs and bread made without yeast. <sup>9</sup>The meat must never be eaten raw or boiled; roast it all, including the head, legs, and internal organs. <sup>10</sup>Do not leave any of it until the next day. Whatever is not eaten that night must be burned before morning.*



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**Exodus 12:11-13** – *“<sup>11</sup>Wear your traveling clothes..., as though prepared for a long journey. Wear your sandals, and carry your walking sticks in your hands. Eat the food quickly...<sup>12</sup>On that night...I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt...<sup>13</sup>The blood you have smeared on your doorposts will serve as a sign. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.*



# God placed salvation from death inside the house of blood.

- Were any saved without the blood of the lamb?
- Were any saved in a house without the blood?
- Could you put the blood on the house and stay outside?
- Could you go into the house of your choice?

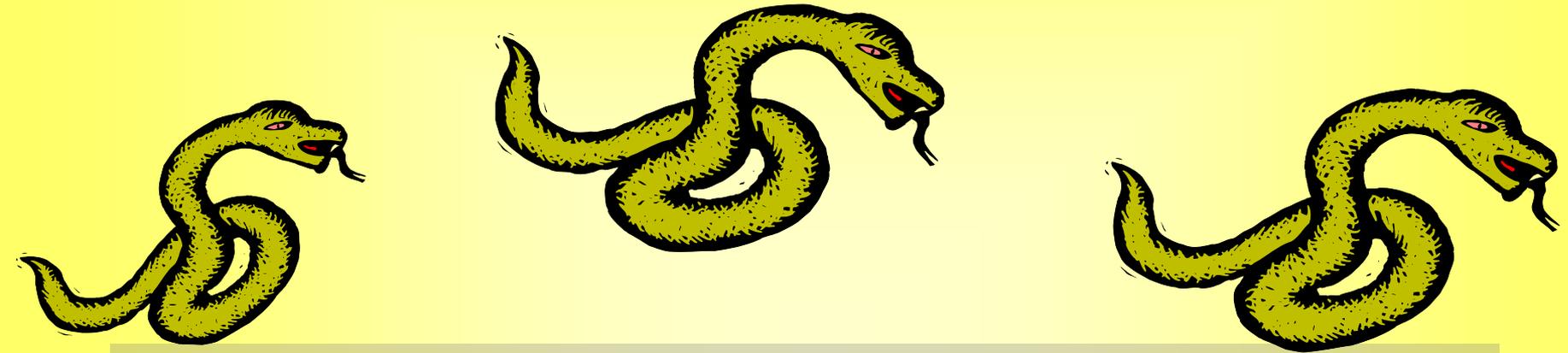


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# **Look At What Happened In The Wilderness**

**Numbers 21:4-5** – *<sup>4</sup>Then the people of Israel set out from Mount Hor, taking the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom. But the people grew impatient along the way, <sup>5</sup>and they began to murmur against God and Moses. “Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?” they complained. “There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this wretched manna!”*

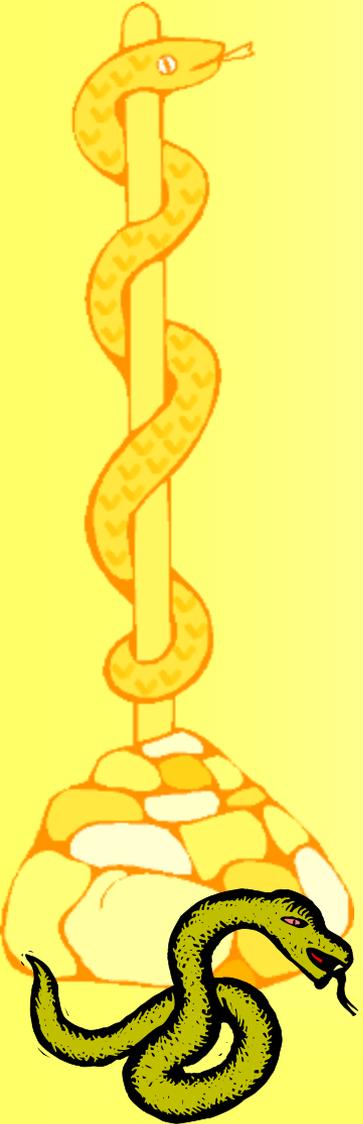
# So God Had A Plan



**Numbers 21:6 – “*So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among them, and many of them were bitten and died.*”**



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**Numbers 21:8-9 – “<sup>8</sup>Then the Lord told him, “Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to the top of a pole. Those who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to the top of a pole. Whenever those who were bitten looked at the bronze snake, they recovered!”**

# God provided salvation from death of the snakebite.

- Were any saved without looking at the brass serpent?
- Would this be called serpent salvation?
- Could a man look to the serpent of his choice?
- Were any saved who did not follow God's commands?



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# Where Has God Placed Salvation For Us Today?



**Ephesians 1:3 – *“How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ.”***

**Sin**

**How do we get  
into  
Christ?**

**ques**

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# We Are Baptized Into Christ



# God provided salvation in Christ through baptism.

- Can you devise your own plan and expect God's salvation?
- Would this salvation be from the power of the water?
- Can a man ignore God's command for baptism?
- Can one be saved of sins without being in Christ?



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Let us be

where God wants us to be

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