

- e. What were the people to do when they were bitten by the snake?
  - 1) They were to look at that bronze snake of the pole.
  - 2) And in some magical way that bronze snake was supposed to heal them, right? No.
  - 3) You see this was a test of their faith. If they would believe God that by looking toward that snake they would be healed, then the Lord would heal them.
- f. That lifting up of the rod of the serpent in the wilderness was a beautiful picture of Christ (John 3:14-15).
- vi. The children of Israel keep on their march.
  - a. They have to go around Edom because Edom is not going to let them through.
    - 1) We are not sure which way they went around.
    - 2) Punon is mentioned in Numbers 33.
  - b. They come over to Oboth.
  - c. They come up to Ijeabarim.
  - d. They are going to go around Moab.
  - e. The Lord isn't going to allow them to fight against Edom because the territory that Edom has was given to them by the Lord. Esau had that territory.
  - f. The Lord isn't going to let them fight against Moab because Moab came from Lot and the Lord had promised territory to Moab.
  - g. They come up to the brook Arnon.
- vii. Their encounter with the ~~Ammonites~~ Amorites
  - a. North of Arnon is the territory of the Amorites and Sihon was the king.
    - 1) The Amorites were the strongest of the Canaanites.
    - 2) In some places in Scripture they are used to represent all the Canaanites because of their strength.
  - b. So they send a message to Sihon, "Here we are right here at the brook Arnon. Let us go through your territory so we can get to the Jordan river and eventually go into Canaan."
  - c. Sihon says, "There's no way you are going through my land."
  - d. And so Sihon takes his army and goes to a place called Jahaz.

*Don't forget Ammonites*