

The Bronze Serpent

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When fiery serpents plagued Israel in the wilderness, God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. Everyone who was bitten and looked upon the bronze serpent lived. Jesus explicitly identified this as a type of His crucifixion: 'As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish.' The serpent represents sin; bronze represents judgment. Christ became sin for us and bore God's judgment. All who look to Him in faith are saved.

Key Verses

John 3:14-15

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Numbers 21:8-9

And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

John 12:32

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Isaiah 45:22

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

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