

# Numbers — Worksheet 2

The Bronze Serpent & Balaam's Donkey

Read the passages on the back of this sheet (or use the biblestudy.fyi TTS Bible Player) before you begin. Answer in your own words on the lines provided.

**1. Why did God send fiery serpents among the people in Numbers 21:6?**

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**2. What did God instruct Moses to make, and what happened when someone looked at it (Numbers 21:8-9)?**

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**3. What unusual thing happened with Balaam's donkey (Numbers 22:27-30, summarise)?**

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**4. What did Balaam finally see once his eyes were opened (Numbers 22:31)?**

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**5. Reflection: Jesus later compares Himself to the bronze serpent lifted up (John 3:14-15). What do you think that comparison means?**

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# Scripture for Numbers — The Bronze Serpent & Balaam's Donkey

King James Version. Flip back to the front to answer the questions.

## Numbers 21:6-9

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.

## Numbers 22:27-31

<sup>27</sup>And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. <sup>28</sup>And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? <sup>29</sup>And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. <sup>30</sup>And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay. <sup>31</sup>Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.