

Message - Symbols: Snakes/Serpents

- Serpent in the Bible often times play dual roles.
- Good and Evil
- We see the power of God and Satan in the world
- The serpent is more REALISTIC (as opposed to symbolic)
- A representation of the human existence - good/bad & Us in the world

PART 2

I. Aaron's Rod/Snake eating Pharaoh's Magician's serpents.

...Ex. 7:**8** Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, **9** "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, 'Show a miracle for yourselves,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and cast *it* before Pharaoh, *and* let it become a serpent.' " **10** So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the Lord commanded. And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

11 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. **12** For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

The Good:

- God performs a Miracle to prove himself before Pharaoh
- God's power and victory through Moses in

Egypt(Moses in the Egypt,)

...Moses rod turns into a snake, Moses scared/runs but God said pick it up. He did and it turned back into a rod - Meaning you will have power and authority in Egypt.

...Us becoming overcomers in the world

The Bad:

-The power of Satan in man over nature or the natural things, Rod and Serpents. (BE READY WITH YOUR ROD)

li. Fiery Serpents and a healing Serpent

Numbers 21: **4** Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. **5** And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." **6** So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." **9** So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent

had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

The Bad

- It was judgment from God against Israel.

The good

- It represents Jesus Christ, Sacrifice, and the Cross

...They looked in faith and was healed - Jesus

...It was bronze which symbolizes forgiveness through sacrifice.

...It was on a pole which represents, The Cross.

III. John 3:14: Jesus as a sinner and savior.

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.