



Introduction

Events in the last year in the wilderness.



Questions

1. What does Israel vow to do if God enables them to defeat Arad and his Canaanites?
2. What do the people say to Moses when they become weary of travelling?
3. Which king had Sihon fought against and taken his land?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** Arad, a local king, attacks the Israelites and is destroyed
- **v 4 to 6** The people complain again and are bitten by snakes which kill many of them
- **v 7 to 9** The people admit their faults (see theme). Moses makes a bronze model of a snake and puts it on a pole. Anyone dying from a snake bite, who shows faith by looking at the bronze snake, lives
- **v 10 to 30** The Israelites continue their journey. Sihon, king of the Amorites, refuses their request to pass through his territory. The Amorites are defeated when they attack the Israelites
- **v 31 to 36** The Israelites defeat Og king of Bashan at Edrei

Timeline 1500 BC (see below)



Theme

Repentance

A selection of verses showing the importance of repentance.

Repentance is concerned with a change of attitude and behaviour in our relationship with God. God's appeal to Israel, through the prophet Ezekiel, defines repentance and its necessity:

Ezekiel 18 verses 30 and 31

Jesus calls people to repentance during his ministry:

Mark 1 verses 14 and 15

Jesus' ministry caters for a universal human need – forgiveness of sins following repentance:

Luke 5 verses 31 and 32

Repentance is essential for our long-term future. Jesus says this when his attention is drawn to the untimely death of some contemporary people:

Luke 13 verses 1 to 5

After Jesus has risen from the dead he instructs his disciples to continue to invite people to repent and believe his teaching. It is part of God's plan already recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures:

Luke 24 verses 45 to 47

Jesus' apostles carry out this commission and preach repentance:

Acts 3 verse 19, 26 verses 19 and 20



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2, Q 2: v 5, Q 3: v 26

Bible timeline

