Come Follow Me

Numbers 11-14, 20-24



The Israelites are given quail

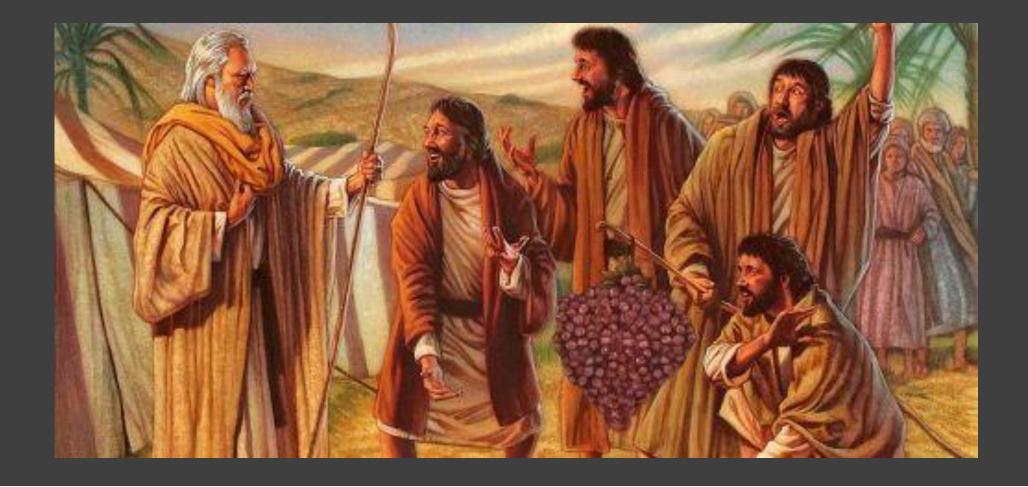
Numbers 11.4, 20, 31-33





Num. 11.7-9

Israel was given manna in the wilderness.



Num. 13.25-33

The spies return with their report.

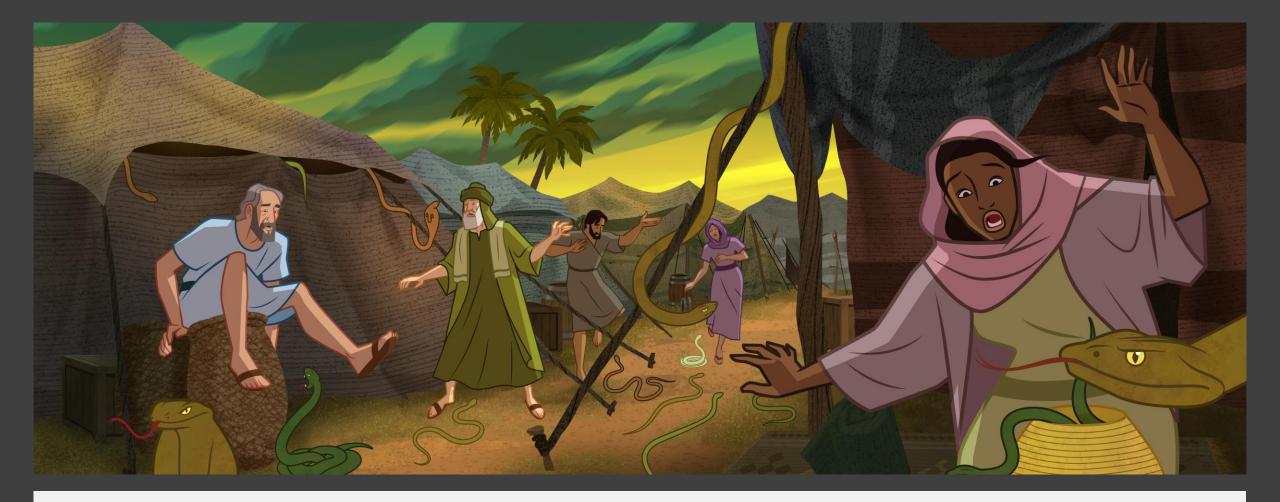


Num. 13.31-32

10 of the 12 spies say that they cannot take the land.



Israel murmurs against Moses, saying, "let us return to Egypt!" (Num. 14.4)



Num. 21.1-6

The people spoke out against Moses... and the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people...



Numbers 21.8-9; 1 Nephi 17.41; Alma 33.18-22; Alma 37.44-47; Helaman 8.14-15



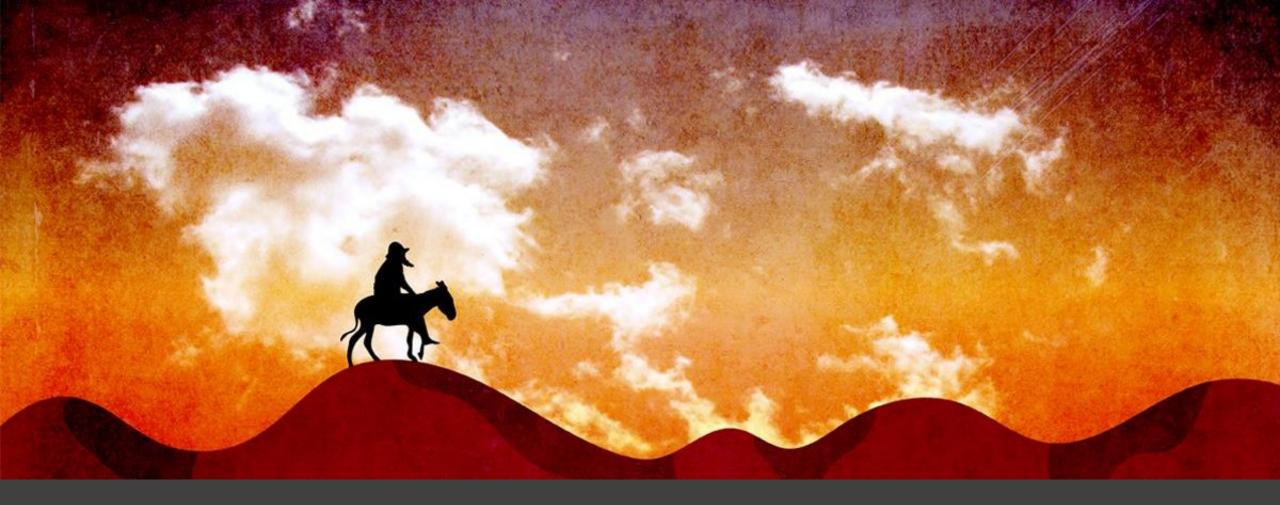
What lessons do the Book of Mormon authors emphasize in this story?

What does this tell us about the Bible?

What does this tell us about the Book of Mormon?

What does this tell us about Jesus?

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:14-15



Numbers 22-24

Balaam's four oracles testify of positive things for Israel.
1. Num. 23.8-10.
2. Num. 23.18-24.
3. Num. 23.25-24.9.
4. Num. 24.10-19.

Later authors denigrated Balaam:

Num. 31.8, 16; Deut. 23.4-5; Josh 13.22, 24.8-9; Judges 11.25; Nehemiah 13.2; 2 Pet. 2.15; Jude 1.11; Rev. 2.14.

Of the later authors, only Micah 6.5 speaks positively of Balaam. A possibility exists that later editors reworked Balaam's story to fit their theological needs.

