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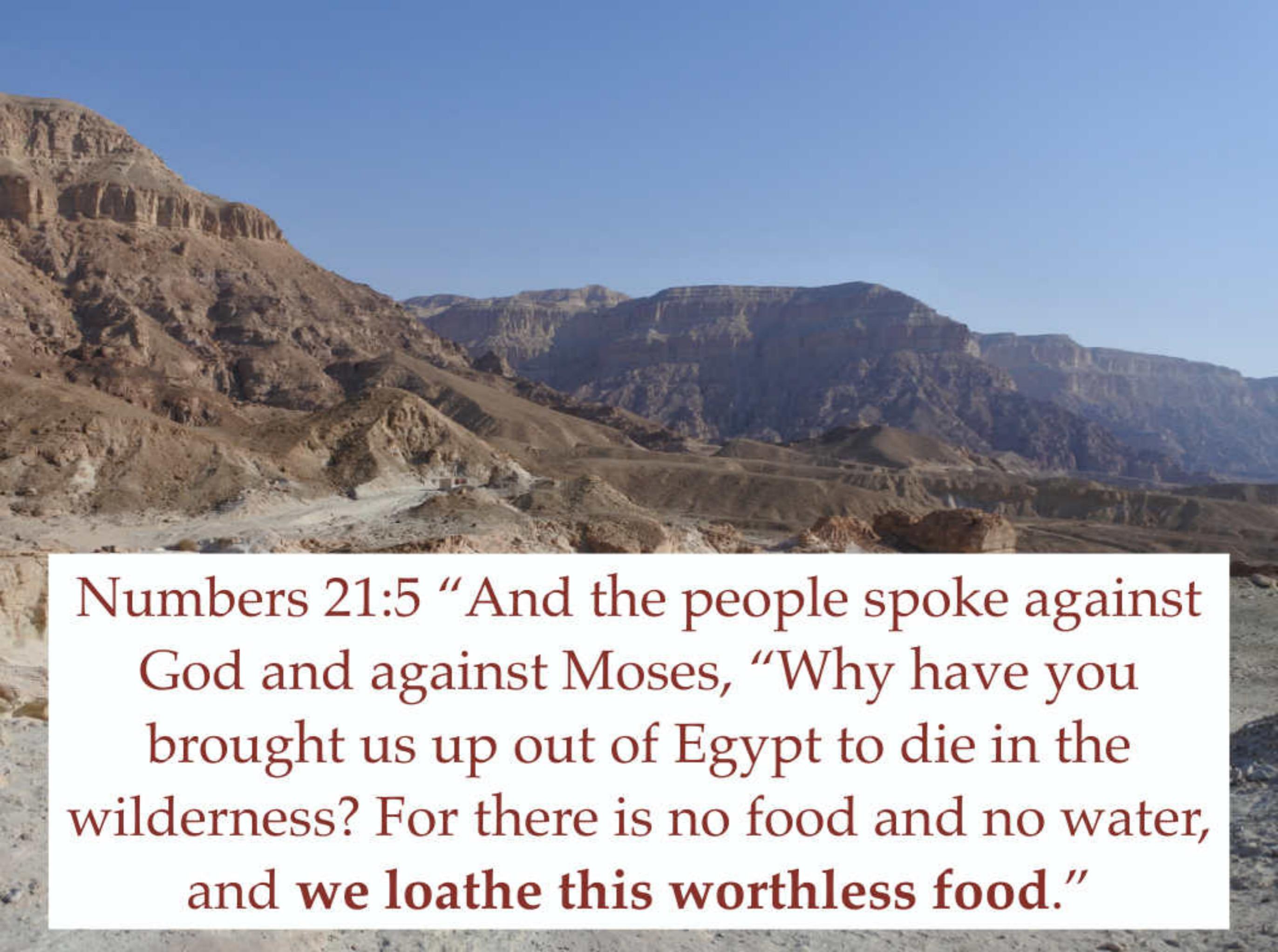
“From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.”

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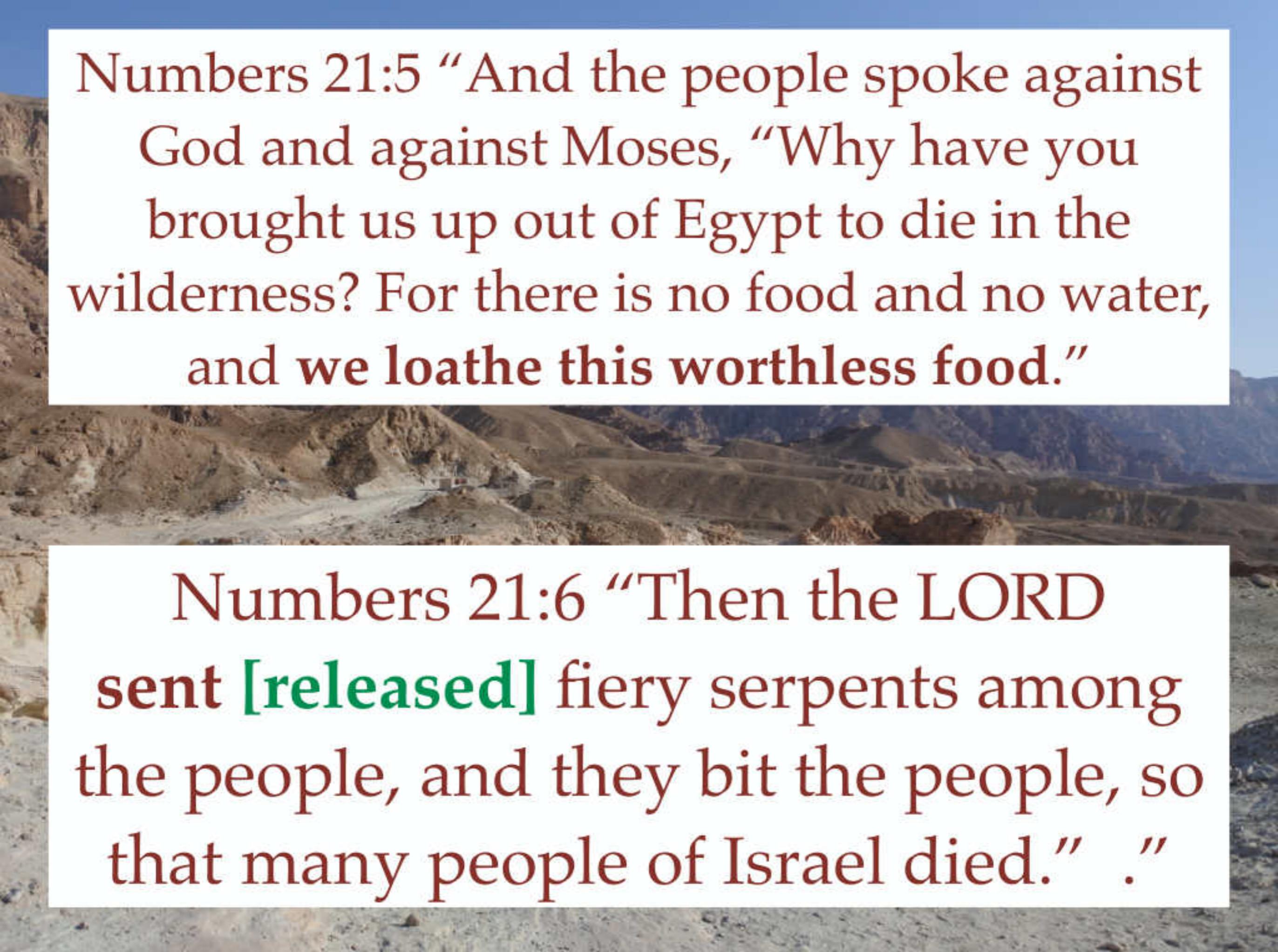


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Numbers 21:6 “Then the LORD sent **[released]** fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.” .”

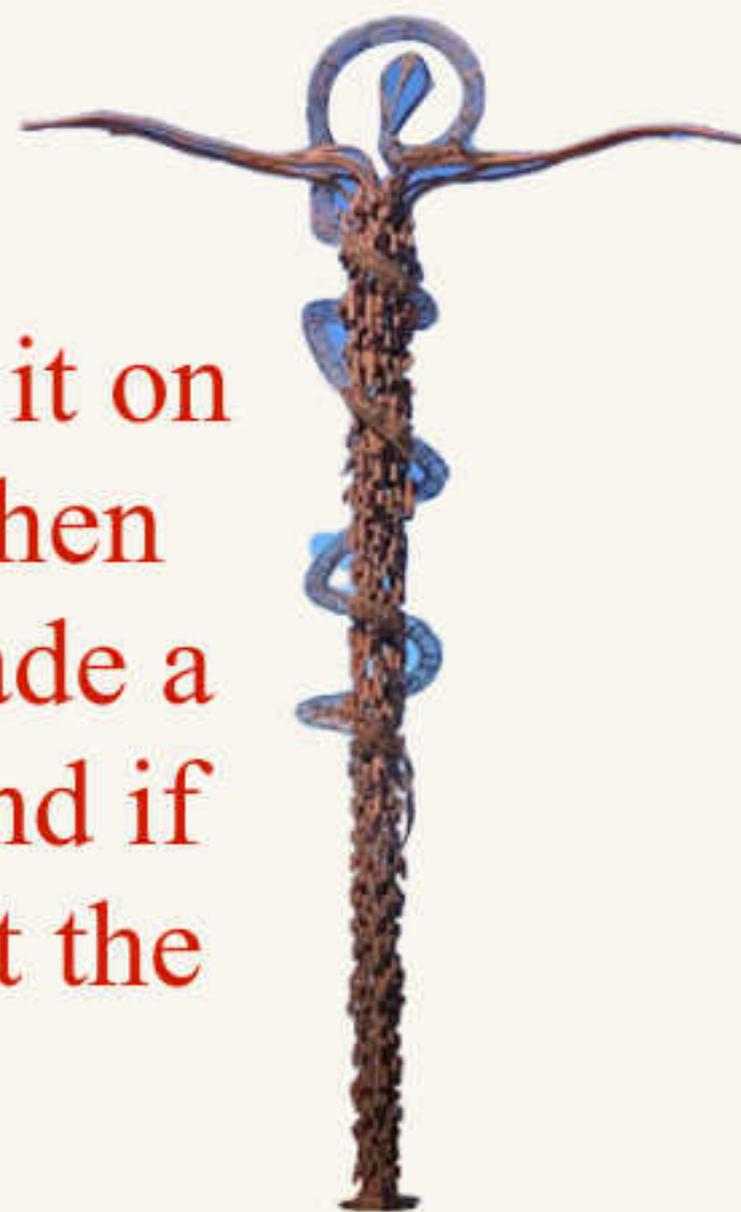
Deuteronomy 8:17 “Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘**My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.**’”

“18 You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he **who gives you power** to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

Your success is dependent upon God's strength and power not yours.

Numbers 21:7 “And 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.”

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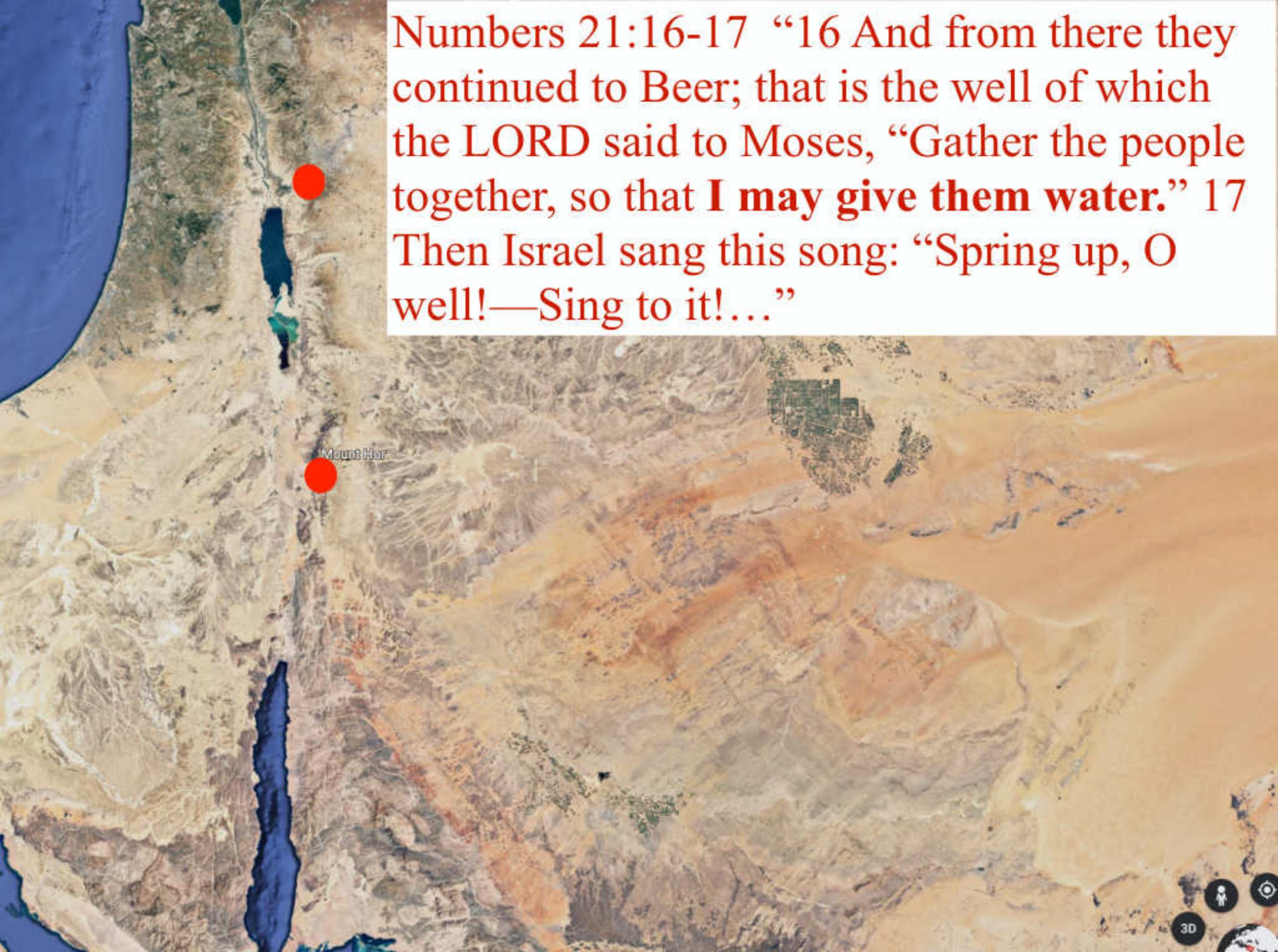


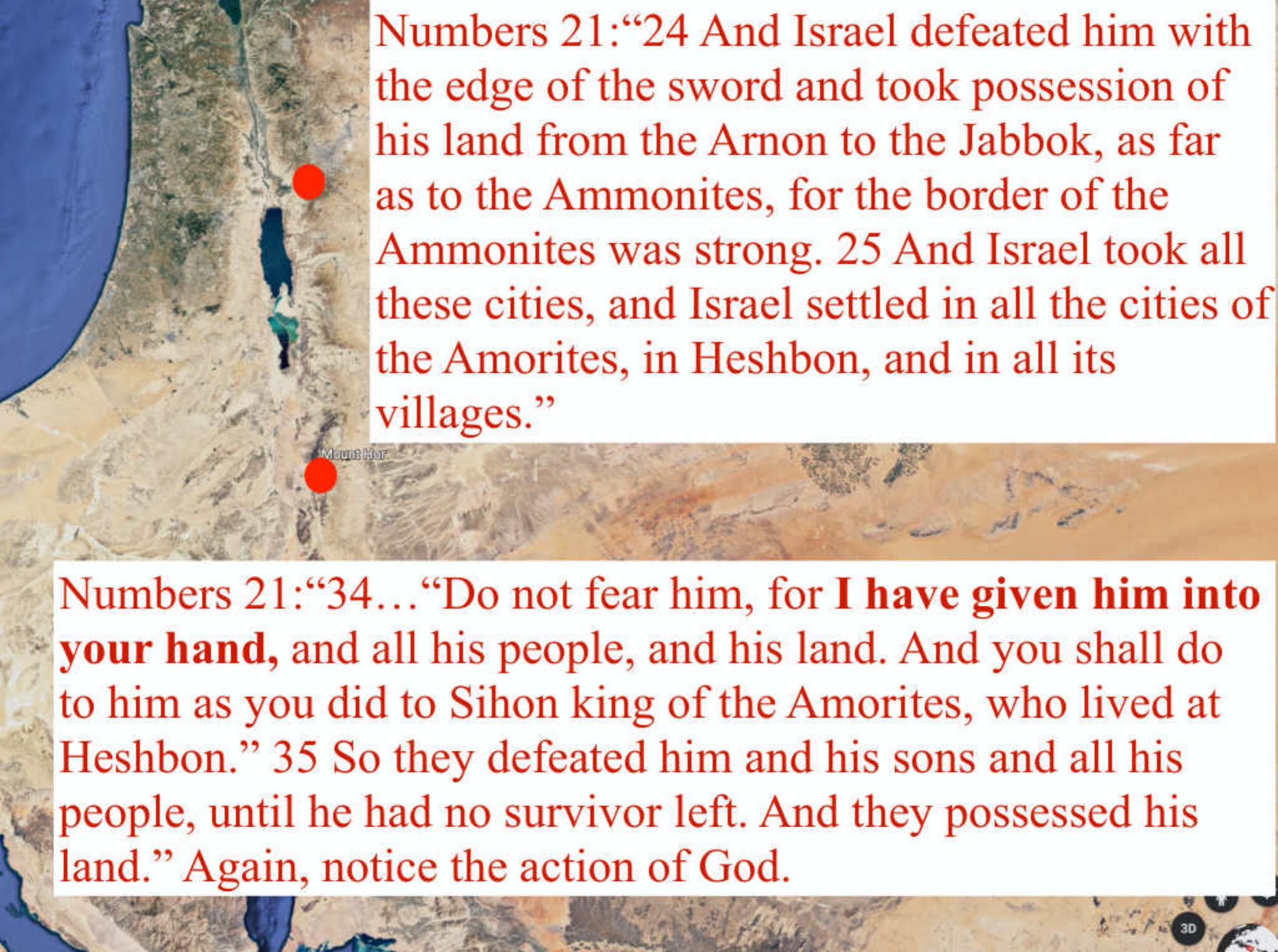
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The Bronze Serpent is an image of the people’s need, weakness, powerlessness and sin. The only way they will overcome death is through depending upon God’s strength and power.



Numbers 21:16-17 “16 And from there they continued to Beer; that is the well of which the LORD said to Moses, “Gather the people together, so that **I may give them water.**” 17 Then Israel sang this song: “Spring up, O well!—Sing to it!...””





Numbers 21:“24 And Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as to the Ammonites, for the border of the Ammonites was strong. 25 And Israel took all these cities, and Israel settled in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its villages.”

Numbers 21:“34...“Do not fear him, for **I have given him into your hand**, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.” 35 So they defeated him and his sons and all his people, until he had no survivor left. And they possessed his land.” Again, notice the action of God.

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John 15:“37 ... Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.””

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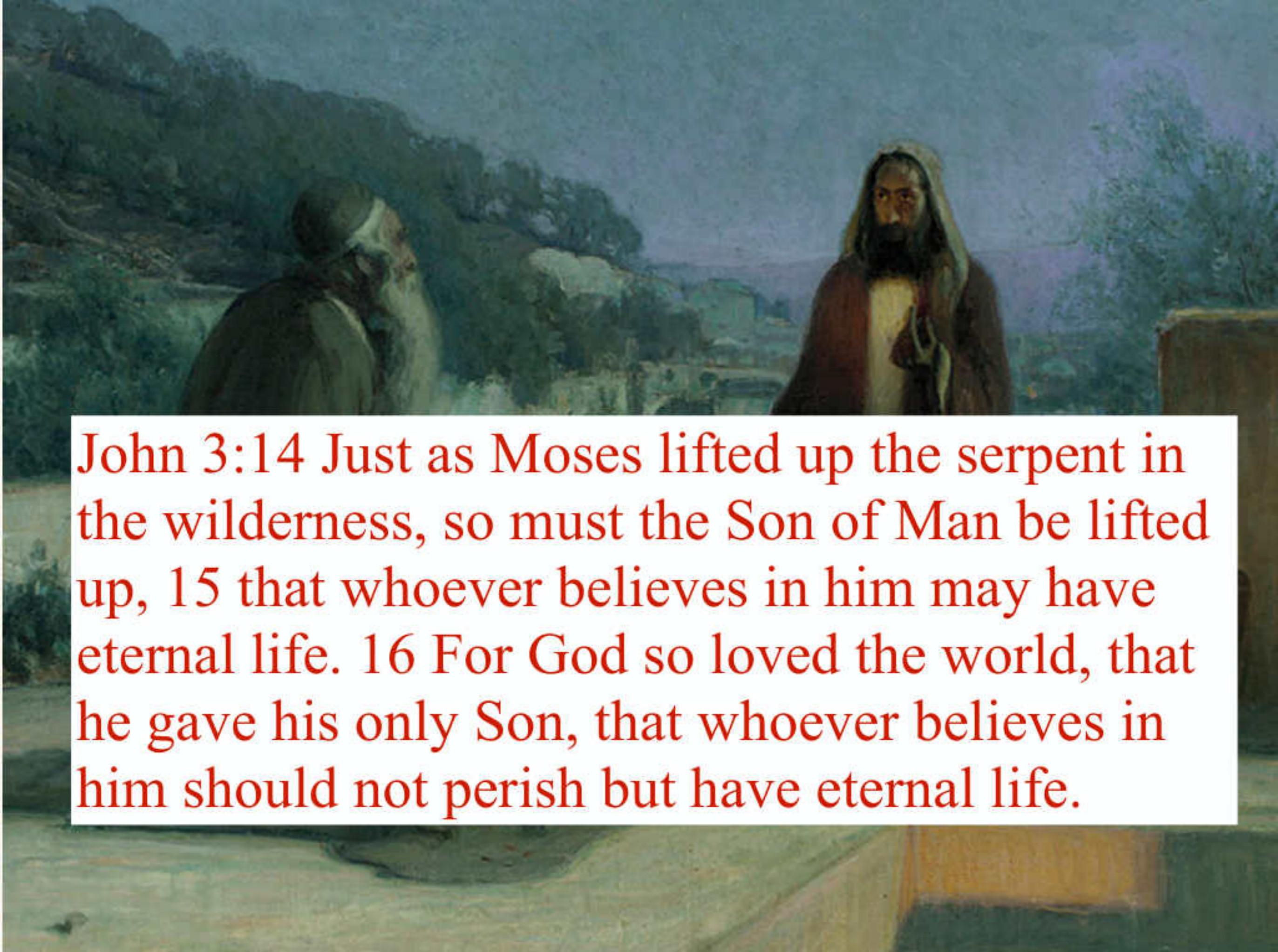
The fiery serpents are those things in our lives that are not of God but are allowed by God.

1. Suffering

2. Personal Struggle with Sin

2 Corinthians 12:8 “Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.”

“9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”



John 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



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