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Moses & the Bronze Serpent 🐍 Not What You Think

The Israelites are wandering in the desert, exhausted and fed up. They speak against God and Moses. Suddenly, snakes. Biting. People are dying.

And the solution? A bronze serpent on a pole. Say what now?



The Snake Situation

In the story (Numbers 21),
poisonous snakes show up and start
attacking the people.

But the snakes aren't just
punishment 🐍 they represent the
consequences of bitterness, fear,
and disconnection. Snakes were
already in the desert 🌵 but now,
they can't ignore them anymore.

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Why a Bronze Serpent? 🏆

God tells Moses:

“Make a bronze serpent and lift it up. Whoever looks at it will live.”
Wait...a graven image? Isn't that forbidden?

This was a radical symbol. You must look directly at what's wounding you in order to heal from it.

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Not Idolatry ☩ It's Reflection

This isn't about worshiping a snake. It's about facing the mirror.

The serpent on a pole = the literal reflection of their pain, their fear, their patterns. They weren't healed by magic. They were healed by confronting the thing they were avoiding.



King James Missed the Point 🧠

KJV turns this into a moral story:
obey and be healed.

But, the Hebrew roots show
something deeper. This is a story of
transformational awareness, not
blind obedience. It's shadow work,
not snake worship.

Ancient Symbolism 🐍

Snakes in ancient cultures = death and rebirth, poison and medicine.

The Bronze Serpent became a paradox:


🌀 The very thing that harms you can also be your path to healing 💎 if you have the courage to look.



What It Means Today

We all have “snakes” 🐍 trauma, systems, shame, shadows.

We want to look away, numb out, hide. But real healing comes when we face it, hold it in the light, and say: “You don’t get to bite me forever.”

A surreal landscape at night. In the center, a glowing Rod of Asclepius (a staff with a snake coiled around it) stands on a rocky outcrop. The background is a dark, starry sky with the Milky Way visible. In the foreground, three silhouetted figures stand on a rocky ledge, looking towards the Rod of Asclepius. The overall mood is contemplative and powerful.

Your healing might look like
confrontation. It might look like
holding your pain with sacred
awareness. But it's yours. And it's
powerful.

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