

All Things Bear Record



Exodus 12:5–13; Numbers 21:8–9; John 3:14–15 · This week: We Have Waited for Him, and He Will Save Us, Christmas

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START

The Lord told Adam that all things were made to bear record of the Savior (Moses 6:63).

READ TOGETHER

The Old Testament is full of symbols that point to Jesus Christ. Nephi wrote that the law of Moses and everything God gave from the beginning were given to point people to him (2 Nephi 11:4).

NUMBERS 21:8–9

⁸And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. ⁹And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

JOHN 3:14–15

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

WHAT IT TEACHES

The Passover lamb had to be without blemish, and its blood on the doorposts saved Israel’s firstborn (Exodus 12:5–7; 12:13). Paul wrote, “For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7).

When fiery serpents bit the Israelites, Moses lifted a brass serpent on a pole, and whoever looked at it lived (Numbers 21:8–9). Jesus said, “Even so must the Son of man be lifted up” (John 3:14). Looking to him is how we live.

Water came out of a rock when Moses struck it (Exodus 17:6). Paul wrote, “and that Rock was Christ” (1 Corinthians 10:4). Manna fell from heaven six days a week for forty years (Exodus 16:26; 16:35), and Jesus said, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35).

Next year’s Come, Follow Me reading is the New Testament. There we will meet the same Savior in person, walking and teaching among the people who had waited for him.

TALK ABOUT IT

Which symbol of Jesus Christ from the Old Testament stood out to you this year? What would you like to look for when we read the New Testament?

TAKE TO CHURCH

The lamb, the brass serpent, the rock, and the manna all pointed to Jesus Christ. The Old Testament waited for him, and next year we will read about his life.