

lives. Now we were speaking about the journey to Moab -- journey to the plains of Moab at the end of the 40 yrs. in the wilderness. Under that -- we are under Roman numeral XI. I don't think I yet mentioned capital C, or did I ? C. Edom's Rebuffed

D. The Death of Aaron

C. The Victory over Arad ~~21:1-3~~ 21:1-3

F. The Brazen Serpent. You are well aware of the incidents there and the use that the Lord makes of it in John 3. Now this does not come at the beginning of the wilderness journey. We are here well along in the wilderness journey, and yet we have here this wonderful picture of the beginning of our entrance into the Christian life, and it is a reminder to us that we never leave the cross. We leave Egypt. We go out into our journey into the promised land, and it is easy for us to think that all the matters of salvation, of beginning the Christian life are behind us. What matters now is how we go ahead and how we develop in order to serve the Lord. But we must always build upon the foundation of Jesus Christ. We must always come back to it and it is very very easy to forget the vital thing. Personally I sometimes wonder if it is even proper to call a sermon a Christian sermon if it does not somewhere in the course of the sermon point out the importance of the cross, and point out the necessity of looking to the cross for salvation. There are many other matters that are very important, they are vital in our sermons. I have heard many sermons that have dealt with great Christian virtues and important Christian ideas and I have thrilled to them and then if the cross was left out I have been terribly disappointed. Because I feel that just as all roads lead to Rome, everything in the Christian life is related to the cross. And we must constantly look to that which was represented by the brazen serpent there which delivered them from the bite of the serpent. And not only is our justification the result of what Christ did on Calvary's cross but every step in our Christian life is related to it, and we must constantly come back to it.

D. The March Around Moab. Moab was in the way, but the Israelites did not attack Moab. Their purpose was to get to the promised land. And how often we face something that is wrong, something that is injurious, something that ought to be