

## On the Road to Atharim: NO SHORTCUTS

Numbers 21:1-3

Romans 15:4, "For whatever things were \_\_\_\_\_ before were \_\_\_\_\_ for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have \_\_\_\_\_."

A. What caused Israel to go on the road to Atharim? See Numbers 20:14-21.

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B. What familiar place of failure did the road to Atharim take Israel?

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1. What troubling tendency might we have in dealing with our sins (see Lk. 16:13-15)?  
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2. Scripture frequently leads us to face our sins.
  - a. What did the curse of sin affect in Genesis 3:17, 18? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Who did the curse of our sins affect in John 19:2, 5? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What did God require the people to do in order to *live* after being bitten by serpents (Num. 21:4-9)? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What does God require we do to *live* with Jesus (Rom. 6:3-8)?  
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  - e. When Jesus spoke about giving living water, what interesting fact did He bring up in His conversation with the Samaritan woman in John 4:10-20?  
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  - f. What did Jesus compel the accusers of the woman caught in adultery to see in John 8?  
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C. Are there shortcuts to the Promised Land? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Were there shortcuts on the Lord's pathway to accomplish the scheme of redemption?  
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2. What characterized the path Jesus traveled to complete the way of redemption?
  - a. Psalm 69:19-21  
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  - b. Isaiah 50:6  
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  - c. Luke 22:44; John 12:27  
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  - d. John 13:21  
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  - e. 1 Peter 3:18  
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3. What glories *follow* the redemptive work of Jesus? See 1 Peter 1:11.  
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