



# The Nehushtan of the Dispensation of Grace



# The Reality of the “Light Bread”

## God's Provision

Manna | The Corn of Heaven | Angels' Food (Psalm 78:24-25)

**Taste Profile:** “Like wafers made with honey” (Exodus 16:31, 24:13). Sweet and pleasant to the taste, much like the little book in Revelation 10:9-10.

## Israel's Accusation

Loathed as “light bread.”



**The Analogy:** They complained as if God were forcing them to eat something disgusting, like boiled green beans, rather than sweet honey wafers.

**Conclusion: Israel is exceedingly ungrateful.**



# The Brazen Cure

“And 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.” (Numbers 21:8 KJV)

God does not take away the serpents as requested.

Instead, God provides a highly specific solution.

He commands Moses to create a physical symbol: a serpent of brass set upon a pole.



# A Lasting Symbol of Healing



The Biblical Origin (Numbers 21)



Modern Emergency Medicine



Global Medical Symbol

**Takeaway:** Modern medicine still utilizes the exact visual symbol of healing that God instituted in Numbers 21



# The Mechanism of Healing

Physics?



(No natural laws apply)

Chemistry?



(Brass does not cure venom)

Magic?



(Not a mystical talisman)

FAITH.



(God observes the man's faith to look, and God causes the healing)

THE  
TRANSDISPENSATIONAL  
TRUTH

*And as Moses lifted  
up the serpent in  
the wilderness,  
even so must the  
Son of man be  
lifted up...*

All the world has  
been spiritually  
bitten and must  
look to the cross.



# Changing Environments, Changing Provisions

## Comparison Matrix: Wilderness vs. Promised Land

|             | Wilderness                                                                                                                                    | Promised Land                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Food Source | Manna (Exodus 16:35)<br>                                   | The old corn and fruit of the land (Joshua 5:10-12). Result: Manna ceased immediately.<br>               |
| The Threat  | Fiery Serpents (a curse for complaining about manna).<br> | No fiery serpents.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The Cure    | The Brazen Serpent.<br>                                  | <b>Obsolete Relic.</b><br>With no manna and no fiery serpents, there is zero purpose for the cure.<br> |



# The Birth of “Nehushtan”

**The Action:** Hezekiah “broke in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.” (2 Kings 18:4 KJV)

**The Definition:** “Nehushtan” (Neh–hush-tan / H5180) = Literally, “A thing of brass.” Hezekiah strips it of its perceived magic. It has no inherent power.

**The Reality:** Israel made an obsolete tool an object of superstitious worship, no different than a wooden idol.

**The Analogy:** Keeping the brazen serpent for 700 years is as useful as keeping medicine in your cabinet for dinosaur bites.



# The Trans-Dispensational Principle

The Core Truth: Something that God creates for a specific purpose has absolutely no value once the reason God created it no longer applies.

The Danger: Something that is true, holy, and spiritually important can become useless—or even an evil idol—when God makes a dispensational change.

## Historical Examples

[Animal Sacrifices]

[Tongues and Spiritual Gifts]

[Casting out devils]

The Mirror: We can laugh at Israel's superstition, OR we can realize human nature hasn't changed. Are we falling into the exact same error today?



## The Question for Today

**What is the biggest  
Nehushtan of the  
Dispensation of Grace?**

We can look back and call Israel foolish for worshipping a brass snake... or we can recognize that human nature hasn't changed, and we are likely committing the exact same error today.



# The Modern Nehushtan

**The Question:** What is the single biggest thing that used to have great spiritual significance, but has zero spiritual significance during the Dispensation of Grace?

A high-speed photograph of a single water droplet falling into a pool of water. The droplet is captured mid-fall, just above the point of impact, creating a series of concentric ripples that spread outwards. The water is a deep blue color, and the lighting highlights the droplet's surface and the ripples.

**The Answer: Water Baptism.**

**The Thesis:** Water baptism is the greatest **Nehushtan** of the Dispensation of Grace (DOG).



# The Empty Cliché

The Premise: “I’m going to get baptized because Jesus and Paul were.”

| Actions of Jesus/Paul                   | Do you do this today? |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Raised the dead                         | <b>NO</b>             |
| Healed the blind / Walked on water      | <b>NO</b>             |
| Handled serpents / Smote with blindness | <b>NO</b>             |
| Cast out devils                         | <b>NO</b>             |

We selectively apply biblical history. Pointing to Jesus and Paul’s baptism while ignoring their other actions is an intellectually inconsistent talking point.



# The Prerequisite for the Priesthood

| Requirement 1                                                                                                                                         | Requirement 2                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|  <p>Washing with Water.<br/>(Exo 29:4: "wash them with water").</p> |  <p>A Perfect Physical Specimen.<br/>(Lev 21:16-21: No blind, lame, brokenfooted, or blemished man shall approach).</p> |

**The Synthesis:** This is exactly why the Gospel of the Kingdom (GOK) was intimately tied to massive physical healing campaigns (**Matt 4:23**). Israel had to be physically healed and washed with water to form the Royal Priesthood.



# The Proof: The Danger of the Relic

The Question: Ask 20 people: “If you were to die this minute and God said, ‘Why should I let you into my heaven?’, what would you say?”

## The Spiritual Reality

### The Scriptural Answer

Faith in Christ’s finished work  
(Acts 16:30-31, Eph 2:8-9, 1 Cor 15:3-4).

## The Relic

### The Common Error

“I’ve been water baptized.”

**The Conclusion:** The single largest source of gospel confusion today stems from water baptism. It causes people to trust in a “thing of brass” rather than the cross.

**Final Takeaway:** Building an ark, offering animal sacrifices, or practicing water baptism—it is never pleasing to God to practice what He has dispensationally done away with. Water baptism is the ultimate Nehushtan of the Dispensation of Grace.



# Walking in Current Truth



It is not spiritual or pleasing to God to practice commands He has done away with. Building an ark, offering animal sacrifices, pretending to cast out devils, or practicing water baptism—these belong to a different dispensation.

Clinging to the Nehushtan of a past dispensation blinds us to the spiritual realities of the present one. We must let go of the brass to hold onto the cross.