

Things That Are Related

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Numbers 21:4-9

By 'related' I mean things that have some connection, some interaction with each other. You see, just because two things are next to each other does not make them related. They've got to work off one another in some way. There must be a tie that somehow binds them together.

Various components of Scripture can be related through (1) movement from the general to the specific, (2) questions and answers, or (3) cause and effect.

Read **Numbers 21:4-9**. List all the things you see where one action (the cause) led directly to another (the effect).

The examples in this account are fairly obvious. They shouldn't be hard to discover. But let's consider that Jesus used this story as an illustration of His own mission in life. Read **John 3:14-15**. What cause and effect pattern was Jesus referring to?

Do you think Jesus just happened to use this story as an allegory for His own plans? Or do you think that perhaps the solution to the Israelites' sin was a prediction of what was to come?