

{9} We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.

**{10} And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the
destroying angel.**

**{11} These things happened to them as examples and were written down as
warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.**

**{12} So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you
don't fall!**

{13} No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.

**And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.
But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you
can stand up under it.**

{14} Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.

**In this passage Paul tells the Corinthian believers that in some ways they are
like the Israelites in the wilderness. He does this in order to apply particular
lessons to them.**

**He assumes that the Corinthians know that all of the Israelites were chosen by
God to be His people, and that all of them were redeemed by Passover blood and
delivered from Egypt. He reminds them that all of the Israelites were joined to
Moses as their leader. All ate the manna, and all drank the water God provided.
All received various gracious benefits and blessings because of the redemptive
relationship of Israel to the coming Messiah.**