

Chukat Answers

1. To train us in the understanding of holiness.
2. The truth of HaShem is forgotten and replaced by man's traditions
3. When the Torah is replaced by man's doctrines the Torah becomes ineffectual.
4. The ruler interpreted healing as an act of work
5. The Shabbat was created for man, man was not created for the Shabbat. Therefore, to heal a man who is created in the image of HaShem is a greater mitzvah than doing nothing to heal a person in need on the Shabbat.
6. The bronze serpent was for any individual, who had been bitten by a fiery serpent. When the individual looked upon the bronze serpent he or she was healed.
7. The generation spoken of in 2Kings 18:4 has turned the bronze serpent into an idol
8. By replacing the Torah with man made doctrines