

Seeing the signs.....

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This doesn't strike me as particularly pagan - Moses leading the tribes through the desert could have looked much the same, and he did sympathetic magic like nailing an effigy snake to a pole to ward off death by snake venom.

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