

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

LET'S READ & STUDY!!

For: 31 October 2021

The Rebellion of the People

Monday- The Bronze Snake (**Numbers 21:4-9**)

Tuesday- Give Thanks (**Psalm 118:1-9**)

Wednesday- God is worthy of Praise (**Psalm 96:1-11**)

Thursday- Do Not Rebel (**Hebrews 3:8-16**)

Friday- Always Thank God (**Ephesians 5:15-20**)

Saturday- God Desires Praise (**1st Chronicles 16:23-36**)

Sunday- The Israelites Grumble-Again (**Numbers 14:13-24**)

The Mission of the Twelve Spies¹

Lesson Text: **Numbers** 13:1-3, 17-20, 25-33

Related Scriptures: **Deuteronomy** 1:1-28; **Psalms** 106:1-25;
1st Corinthians 10:11-13

TIME: 1443 B.C.

PLACE: Desert of Paran

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.” (Numbers 13:30, KJV)*

Scripture Lesson Text

Numbers: 13:1-3, 17-20, 25-33

1 the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

3 And Moses by the commandment of the Lord sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.⁵ And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it is, and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;

19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the firstripe grapes.

25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

¹ Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Fall Quarter, 10 October 2021, *Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses* page 40

26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.

33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Lesson Aim

Facts: To warn that we will always find obstacles we need to overcome as we obey the Lord.

Principle: To show that those who lack faith in the Lord are controlled by their circumstances.

Application: To mature in our faith to the point that we simply take God at His Word and do not put him to the test.

Introduction

Through famine, slavery, and the wilderness journey, Israel finally found themselves at the precipice of the Promised Land.

I. Developing the Lesson:

- a. The charge to the spies (Numbers 13:1-3, 17-20)
- b. Report of the spies (Numbers 13:25-33)

II. Studying the Text

a. Selection of the twelve

- i. The Lord's message to Moses (Numbers 13:1)
- ii. The selection process (Numbers 13:2)
- iii. The sending of the spies (Numbers 13:3)

b. Mission of the twelve spies (Numbers 13:17-20)

- i. Direction on where to go (Numbers 13:17-18)
- ii. Directions on what to look for (Numbers 13:19-20)

c. Report of the twelve spies (Numbers 13:25-33)

- i. Return of the spies (Numbers 13:25-26)
- ii. Report of the spies (Numbers 13:27-29)
- iii. Caleb's contrary report (Numbers 13:30)
- iv. Rejection of Caleb's report (Numbers 13:31)

d. Exaggeration of the grim picture (Numbers 13:32-33)

III. Take Aways

IV. Announcements

V. Closing Prayer