

**God Is Government**

**Isaiah 33:22**

**“For the LORD is our judge, the  
LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is  
our KING; he will save us.”**

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Chapters 13 – 14 “Journey to Kadesh Barnea”  
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Journey to Kadesh Barnea: “What Might Have Been”

Emerson was right: “Of all the words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, ‘It might have been”

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## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

*Num 13:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

*Num 13:2 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.*

*Num 13:3 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.*

Israel has reached Kadesh-barnea, which borders the Promised Land. It is sad to see that Kadesh becomes their Waterloo because of their unbelief. This chapter includes the cause of the spies, the conduct of the spies, the spies' confirmation of the facts, and the two interpretations of those facts – a majority and a minority report.

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

*Num 13:4 And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur.*

*Num 13:5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.*

*Num 13:6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.*

*Num 13:7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph.*

*Num 13:8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun.*

*Num 13:9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.*

*Num 13:10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.*

*Num 13:11 Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.*

*Num 13:12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.*

*Num 13:13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael.*

*Num 13:14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.*

*Num 13:15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.*

*Num 13:16 These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.*

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

*Num 13:17 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:*

*Num 13:18 And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, few or many;*

Oshea means “a desire of salvation.” Jehoshua, by perfecting the name of God, means divinely appointed,” “head of salvation,” “Savior,” the same as Jesus.

The spies were sent to explore Canaan’s two regions, the Negev in the south and the hills to the north. They travelled as far as its northern boundary, covering the land spoken of in God’s promise.

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*Num 13:19 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;*

*Num 13:20 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.*

That it was the season for first ripe grapes (the end of July) indicates it was about two months after leaving Sinai. The spies travelled about 250 miles one-way ( 400 km) northwards and did not return until mid-September. They visited Hebron (v.22). Where the patriarchs were buried (Genesis 23:17-20; 49:29-33; 50:13). Numbers tells us that Hebron was built seven years before Zoan (Tanis or Avaris), which was the Hyksos capital in Egypt, built around 1700 B.C. (v.22). Perhaps the author of Numbers knew about Egypt's building of Zoan because Israel had been involved. Hebron was a powerful reminder of God's promise. But here, at the heart of Israel's goal, were the Anakim, renowned warriors (Deuteronomy 9:2). They are even mentioned in Egyptian texts of 1800-1700 B.C. Caleb eventually defeated them (Joshua 15:14; Judges 1:10).

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*Num 13:21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.*

*Num 13:22 And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)*

The itinerary taken by the explorers began in the Desert of Zin and extended as far north as Rehob at Lebo Hamath (14 miles northwest of Baalbek). Hamath was an important Aramean city in the great Central Valley known as the Beqaa. Lebo Hamath was at the lower part of that valley which began just north of the Sea of Galilee.

## Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission

### HEBRON

- A powerful reminder of God's promise
- Where the patriarchs were buried (Genesis 23:17-20; 49:29-33; 50:13)
- Built seven years before Zoan (Tanis or Avaris), which was the Hyksos capital in Egypt, build around 1700 BC
- But here, at the heart of Israel's goal, were the Anakim (Deuteronomy 9:2)
  - ❖ They are mentioned in Egyptian texts of 1800 – 1700 BC
  - ❖ Caleb eventually defeated them (Joshua 15:14; Judges 1:10)
- Became David's capital over Judah (2 Samuel 2:1-4)





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*Num 13:23 And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.*

*Num 13:24 The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.*

The “grapes of Esheol” has become the official insignia of Israel’s Ministry of Tourism.

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

*Num 13:25 And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.*

*Num 13:26 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.*

*Num 13:27 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.*

*Num 13:28 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.*

The spies' opening words give them away. The land to which you sent is has no mention that the Lord had sent them and no acknowledgement of His promise (Numbers 10:29)

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

### The Minority Report

*Num 13:29 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.*

*Num 13:30 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.*

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

### The Majority Report

*Num 13:31 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.*

*Num 13:32 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.*

*Num 13:33 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.*

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

RECAP – DEUTERONOMY 1:21-36

*Deu 1:21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.*

*Deu 1:22 And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come.*

*Deu 1:23 And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:*

*Deu 1:24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.*

*Deu 1:25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the LORD our God doth give us.*

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

RECAP – DEUTERONOMY 1:21-36

*Deu 1:26 Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God:*

*Deu 1:27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.*

*Deu 1:28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.*

*Deu 1:29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.*

*Deu 1:30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;*

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

RECAP – DEUTERONOMY 1:21-36

*Deu 1:31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.*

*Deu 1:32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God,*

*Deu 1:33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.*

Their request for spies reveals a lack of faith on their part. They are not trusting Him (God). God had already been in and spied out the land. He knew all about it. He would t have sent them into the land unless He knew they could take it. When they finally did enter the land, the giants were still there; all the difficulties and problems were still there, yet they took the land.

## **Numbers 13: The Intelligence Mission**

RECAP – DEUTERONOMY 1:21-36

*Deu 1:34 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,*

*Deu 1:35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,*

*Deu 1:36 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD.*

The penalty against Israel for not trusting in God. It was not until Caleb was eighty-five years old (Joshua 14:11-12) that, with that same vibrant faith, he dispossessed the Anakim in the vicinity of Hebron.



## HOW DOES NUMBERS 13 APPLY TO US TODAY

- The Nephilim were spiritual being-human hybrids, and in addition to being giants, they were wicked and extremely violent. The Anakim who inhabited the land of Canaan were descendants of the Nephilim. also links the Anakim to Nimrod and the builders of Babylon.
- The command to utterly destroy these people seems pretty clear, and Joshua, after taking control of the land, said that he did everything the Lord commanded (Joshua 11:20-23). But a careful reader will notice something strange going on in these texts. The very people who were supposed to have been utterly destroyed are nevertheless still there in the Holy Land (Judges 1:8, 1:21, 2:21-23, etc.).
- The problems in Israel today is because Caleb did NOT destroy ALL the Anakims.

## What do we need to Learn from Numbers 13

- When God gives you a task (calling) He already knows what He is asking you to do.
- God has already scoped out what He is asking you to do and knows that with His will you can accomplish the calling.

*1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

- Do what God asks you to do because if you do NOT complete the task the result of the calling will not be what God ask you to do for many years to come. Caleb conquered the Anakim but did not utterly destroy them therefore for thousand of years the impact of not following God's calling has caused nothing but issues for the world.

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

Without God, we can't. But without Us, He won't!

*Num 14:1 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.*

*Num 14:2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!*

Their (Israel) conduct, however, is paralleled by too many among us, who shrink from the smallest difficulties and rather remain slaves to sin than resolutely try to surmount the obstacles that lie in their way to the Canaan above.

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:3 And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt?*

*Num 14:4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.*

They are using their children as an excuse, pretending they are thinking of the safety of their children, but actually it is a reflection of God. They are saying that God did not care what happened to their children. Do you know who it was that entered the land? It was their children – that next generation!

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.*

*Num 14:6 And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:*

*Num 14:7 And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.*

*Num 14:8 If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.*

*Num 14:9 Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.*

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

“Bread for us” = “duck soup,” or “a piece of cake,” in our vernacular!

*Heb 3:17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?*

*Heb 3:18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?*

*Heb 3:19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.*

*Num 14:11 And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them?*

*Num 14:12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.*

*Num 14:13 And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)*

*Num 14:14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.*

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

Israel was using the “psychology” on the LORD!!!! A short time before, Moses was complaining because the people were such a burden, and now he was pleading on their behalf. He had the heart of a true shepherd – he loved his people and prayed for them. Now that Moses reminded God of His promises and performances: it was the glory of God that was at stake!

Moses also reminded the Lord of His mercy and forgiveness (Exodus 33:18-23 and 34:5-9). In this scene, Moses is a picture of Christ who was willing to give up His own life that He might save us.



## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,*

*Num 14:16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.*

*Num 14:17 And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,*

*Num 14:18 The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.*

*Num 14:19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.*

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:20 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:*

*Num 14:21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.*

*Num 14:22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;*

*Num 14:23 Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:*

*Num 14:24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.*

*Num 14:25 (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To morrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.*

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:26 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,*

*Num 14:27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me.*

This verse forms an important part of the narrative and should be freed from the parenthetical form which our English translators have given it.

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:33 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.*

*Num 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.*

*Num 14:35 I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.*

*Num 14:36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,*

*Num 14:37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.*

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.*

The sinful slander (“evil report”) which the ten spies spread among the people accused the Lord Himself of wanting to slay them. The 10 spies were specifically struck by plague right on the spot!

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:39 And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.*

*Num 14:40 And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned.*

*Num 14:41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.*

They had turned from the land, but as they face the wilderness, they are actually more afraid of the wilderness than they had been afraid of entering the land.

## **Numbers 14: The Banishment**

*Num 14:42 Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.*

*Num 14:43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.*

*Num 14:44 But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp.*

*Num 14:45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.*

They had lost their opportunity. They would not go up into the land when God wanted them to go. Now they presume to go up. This is presumption. Faith is not presumption! They again want to go their way rather than God's way. There can be no victory when there is no submission to the will of God.

## **NEXT SESSION**

### **The Journey to the Plains of Moab**

**Read Chapters 15-20**