

TWELVE SPIES



Numbers 13-14



The Lord said to Moses, "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites" A leader was selected from each of the twelve tribes to explore the land.

MOSES INSTRUCTIONS

Moses said, "See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad?"

EXPLORING THE LAND

So they went up and explored the land. When they reached the Valley of Eschol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them. At the end of 40 days they returned from exploring the land.

WHAT THEY FOUND

"We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large.

TEN SPIES REPORT

"The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

THE PEOPLE REBEL

That night all the people of the community raised their voices and wept about. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! or in this desert!"

JOSHUA AND CALEB

Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us."

PUNISHMENT

The Lord said to Moses, tell the people, "In this desert your bodies will fall - every one of you twenty years old or more. Not one of you will enter the land I swore with uplifted hand to make your home, except Caleb and Joshua. For forty years you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to be against me."
The men responsible for spreading that bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the Lord.

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