

## Timeline of Truth: The Twelve Spies are Sent (Numbers 13-14:4)

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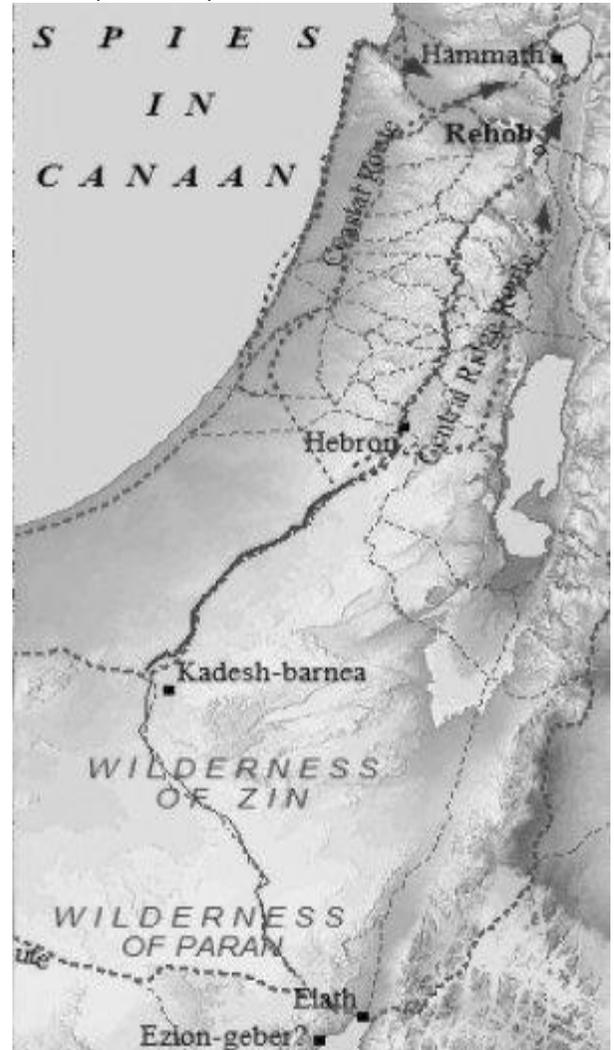
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<p><b>Numbers 13:1-2</b> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them."</p>	<p><b>1. God _____ Spies to be Sent into the Land</b>                  Spy - תורר - <i>tur</i> - seek out, spy out, explore</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. God has _____ to give the land to Israel                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gen. 12:1</li> <li>• Ex. 13:5</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. One man from each tribe</li> </ol>
<p><sup>3</sup> So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the LORD, all of them men who <i>were</i> heads of the children of Israel. <sup>4</sup> Now these <i>were</i> their names: from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur; <sup>5</sup> from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori; <sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh; <sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph; <sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun; <sup>9</sup> from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu; <sup>10</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi; <sup>11</sup> from the tribe of Joseph, <i>that is</i>, from the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi; <sup>12</sup> from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli; <sup>13</sup> from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael; <sup>14</sup> from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi; <sup>15</sup> from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. <sup>16</sup> These <i>are</i> the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.</p>	<p><b>2. Moses _____ God's Command</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One man from each tribe.</li> </ul>
<p><sup>17</sup> Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this <i>way</i> into the South, and go up to the mountains, <sup>18</sup> "and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it <i>are</i> strong or weak, few or many; <sup>19</sup> "whether the land they dwell in <i>is</i> good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit <i>are</i> like camps or strongholds; <sup>20</sup> "whether the land <i>is</i> rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time <i>was</i> the season of the first ripe grapes.</p>	<p><b>3. Moses Gives _____ to the Spies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Start in the south</li> <li>b. Go up to the mountains</li> <li>c. Scout out the people who live there:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong or weak</li> <li>• Few or many</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Scout out the land                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good or bad (Pleasant or evil)</li> <li>• Cities: camps or strongholds</li> <li>• Rich or poor (Fat or lean)</li> <li>• Forests or not</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Be of good courage</li> <li>f. Bring back some fruit</li> </ol> <p>חָזַק - <i>chasaq</i> - (hith) be or grow firm, strong, strengthen</p>

<sup>22</sup> And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) <sup>23</sup> Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. *They also brought* some of the pomegranates and figs. <sup>24</sup> The place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the men of Israel cut down there. <sup>25</sup> And they returned from spying out the land after forty days.

**4. The Spies \_\_\_\_\_ into the Land**

- a. A list of places they scouted



- b. They saw the descendants of Anak
- This is the first place the name Anak was used
  - See verse 33
- c. They found some fruit
- d. They spent 40 days spying out the land

<sup>26</sup> Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup> Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit.

**5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Part**

- a. They saw it was a good land
- It flowed with milk and honey
- b. The fruit was remarkable

<sup>28</sup> "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> "The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

**6. The \_\_\_\_\_ Part**

- a. The people who are there are strong
- b. The cities are fortified
- Lit. – "The cities are inaccessible and much great"
- c. There is a multitude of people dwelling in the land

<p><sup>30</sup> Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."</p>	<p><b>7. Caleb _____ the People</b>          Quietened – lit. "hush, keep silenced"          a. Caleb argues to go at once and take the land          b. He believes it can be accomplished.          Lit. "We are able to be able" or "we are vey able"</p>
<p><sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they <i>are</i> stronger than we." <sup>32</sup> And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies <i>is</i> a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it <i>are</i> men of great stature. <sup>33</sup> "There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."</p>	<p><b>8. The Spies _____ to Discourage the People</b>          a. They did not _____ the inhabitants could be defeated          Stronger - חָזַק - <i>chasaq</i> - (qal) be or grow firm, strong, strengthen          b. They gave a _____ report          דיבַהּ - <i>divah</i> - whispering, defamation, evil report          c. The land is _____          Devours – lit. "eats"          d. The men are men of great _____</p>
<p><b>Numbers 14:1-4</b> So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup> And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> "Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."</p>	<p><b>9. The Children of Israel _____</b>          a. The people made themselves _____          b. The people _____ on Moses and Aaron          c. The people _____ against God         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They argued it was better to die in Egypt or in the wilderness rather than in Canaan</li> <li>• They argue that God was going to let them die and their wives and children would be victims</li> <li>• They argued to return to Egypt</li> </ul>         d. The people were ready to _____ God's leaders         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Let us select a leader" is not in the Hebrew</li> </ul> </p>