

## Timeline of Truth: Israel Faces Judgment (Numbers 14:5-45)

### Overview:

#### I. Israel at Mount Sinai (1-10:10)

#### II. Israel in the Wilderness (10:11-36:13)

##### 1. The Israelites Move (10:11-36)

##### 2. Israel Complains (11:1-35)

##### 3. Aaron and Miriam Complain (12:1-16)

##### 4. The Spies and their Reports (13:1-33)

<p><sup>5</sup> Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. <sup>6</sup> But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, <i>who were</i> among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; <sup>7</sup> and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out <i>is</i> an exceedingly good land. <sup>8</sup> "If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' <sup>9</sup> "Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they <i>are</i> our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD <i>is</i> with us. Do not fear them."</p>	<p><b>1. Caleb and Joshua Attempt to _____ the People</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Moses and Aaron are _____</li> <li>b. Caleb and Joshua respond to the people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They tore their clothes</li> <li>• They argued that the land was good</li> <li>• They argued that God could give them the land.</li> <li>• They encourage the people to not rebel and to not fear</li> <li>• They give God His proper place.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>10</sup> And all the congregation said to stone them with stones.</p> <p>Now the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel. <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? <sup>12</sup> "I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."</p>	<p><b>2. The Congregation's _____ to Caleb and Joshua</b></p> <p><b>3. God Threatens to _____ the Nation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. All Israel saw the Lord appear</li> <li>b. God describes the attitude of the people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rejected Him - נִסְּפוּ – <i>na'atz</i> – spurn</li> <li>• Not believe – they have seen God work</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. God condemns them: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strike them with pestilence</li> <li>• Disinherit them</li> <li>• Make a great nation of Moses</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the LORD: "Then the Egyptians will hear <i>it</i>, for by Your might You brought these people up from among them, <sup>14</sup> "and they will tell <i>it</i> to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, LORD, <i>are</i> among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. <sup>15</sup> "Now <i>if</i> You kill these people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying, <sup>16</sup> 'Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.'</p>	<p><b>4. Moses _____ for the People</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Moses pleads on behalf of God's _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Egyptians have told other people about the Lord</li> <li>• If the Lord kills them, they will know about it</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Moses pleads on behalf of God's _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the Lord kills them, the other nations will think the Lord was not able to bring His people out of Egypt</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><sup>17</sup> "And now, I pray, let the power of my LORD be great, just as You have spoken, saying, <sup>18</sup> 'The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears <i>the guilty</i>, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth <i>generation</i>.' <sup>19</sup> "Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."</p>	<p><b>5. Moses <u>Begs</u> for Pardon for the People</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Moses pleads based on God's _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Longsuffering – lit. "Long of anger"</li> <li>• Abundant in mercy – lit. "much kindness"</li> <li>• Forgiving – root word is to empty or clean</li> <li>• Does not ignore sin</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Moses pleads based on God's past _____</li> </ol>
<p><sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word; <sup>21</sup> "but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD -- <sup>22</sup> "because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, <sup>23</sup> "they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.</p>	<p><b>6. God _____ the People</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. God listened to Moses</li> <li>b. God does not _____ the actions of the people of Israel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ten times the people did not trust God</li> <li>• Therefore they will not see the land.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

<p><sup>24</sup> "But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.</p>	<p><b>7. Caleb is _____ by God</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caleb has a different (better) spirit in him</li> <li>Caleb has followed <b>carefully</b> – lit. “after me he has come”</li> <li>Caleb will be allowed to enter the land.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>25</sup> "Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn and move out into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea."</p>	<p><b>8. God _____ the People Away from the Land</b></p>
<p><sup>26</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>27</sup> "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the children of Israel make against Me. <sup>28</sup> "Say to them, 'As I live,' says the LORD, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: <sup>29</sup> 'The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. <sup>30</sup> 'Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in. <sup>31</sup> 'But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have despised. <sup>32</sup> 'But <i>as for</i> you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. <sup>33</sup> 'And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup> 'According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, <i>namely</i> forty years, and you shall know My rejection. <sup>35</sup> 'I the LORD have spoken this; I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.' "</p>	<p><b>9. God _____ the People</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God hears our complaints and knows what is going on in our lives</li> <li>Those who will not enter the land: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All who complained against God – 20 years and older</li> <li>All who were numbered in the census</li> <li>Caleb and Joshua are excluded</li> </ul> </li> <li>Those who will enter the land: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Their children</li> <li>The ones for who the adults were concerned</li> </ul> </li> <li>When this will happen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40 years</li> <li>1 year for each day the spies were in the land</li> </ul> </li> <li>God reminds them of who He is and His ability to do this.</li> </ol>
<p><sup>36</sup> Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the land, <sup>37</sup> those very men who brought the evil report about the land, died by the plague before the LORD.</p>	<p><b>10. The Ten Spies are _____</b> They died as a direct result of their unbelief and because they discouraged the people</p>
<p><sup>38</sup> But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land.</p>	<p><b>11. The Two Spies Remain _____</b> God made a distinction between Caleb and Joshua and the other ten spies</p>
<p><sup>39</sup> Then Moses told these words to all the children of Israel, and the people mourned greatly. <sup>40</sup> And they rose early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, "Here we are, and we will go up to the place which the LORD has promised, for we have sinned!" <sup>41</sup> And Moses said, "Now why do you transgress the command of the LORD? For this will not succeed. <sup>42</sup> "Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for the LORD <i>is</i> not among you. <sup>43</sup> "For the Amalekites and the Canaanites <i>are</i> there before you, and you shall fall by the sword; because you have turned away from the LORD, the LORD will not be with you." <sup>44</sup> But they presumed to go up to the mountaintop; nevertheless, neither the ark of the covenant of the LORD nor Moses departed from the camp. <sup>45</sup> Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain came down and attacked them, and drove them back as far as Hormah.</p>	<p><b>12. The Nation _____ to Disobey God</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The people mourned when they heard God’s word</li> <li>The people change their mind about taking the land</li> <li>Moses admonishes them that they should not continue to disobey God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transgress – עָבַר – <i>avar</i> - pass over, through, by, pass on</li> <li>It will not succeed – God had said so.</li> <li>God is not among them</li> </ul> </li> <li>They people do not listen to Moses</li> <li>The people are defeated</li> </ol>