

Trembling Yet Trusting

Valley of Eshcol

Numbers 13:1-16

- God commands that men be sent to spy out the land of Canaan
- God reminds that he is GIVING the land, fulfilling his promise made to Abraham 650 years earlier *Genesis 15:12-21*
- Each man a leader (chief) from his tribe
- Sent from the wilderness of Paran (Kadesh Barnea) to the land of Canaan
- List of the leaders from each tribe – who do you know from this list?
- Caleb of the tribe of Judah
- Hoshea (salvation) changed to Joshua (the LORD is salvation) of the tribe of Ephraim

Numbers 13:17-25

- Spy out the land from the Negeb(south) to the hill country(north)
- Go Up, See
- 2 months after leaving Sinai in July – first ripe grapes (harvest)
- Cover 250 miles in their travels
- 40 days of exploration return in mid September with a report
- What is the purpose of spying out the land? God allows them to look at what He has already done *Deuteronomy 6:10-15*
- Faith confirming missionary journey
- The land is given but Israel must take possession of it
- Make every effort, Be of good courage to bring some fruit of the land
- Visited Hebron on their mission- a reminder of God's promise
 - o *Genesis 23:17-20*
 - o *Genesis 49:29-33*
 - o *Genesis 50:12-13*
- Anakim
 - o *Deuteronomy 9:2*
 - o *Joshua 15:13-14*
 - o *Judges 1:10*
- Valley of Eshcol – single cluster of grapes carried on a pole between 2 men (abundant, rich blessing)

Numbers 13:25-33

- Majority Report (evil)
- Brought a word and showed the fruit
- The land “which you sent us” – where’s the Lord in this report?
- “It flows with milk and honey, and this is it’s fruit” *Exodus 3:8,17*
- But, However, Nevertheless (perspective)

- Vision problem – where are their eyes fixed?
 - o The people are strong
 - o Cities are fortified, large
 - o Sons of Anak
- Caleb quieted the people, Godly perspective – able to overcome, go up, occupy
- What Man says vs. What God says *Genesis 3:1, 4* Is God a liar?
- *Romans 1:29*
- We are not able, they are stronger than we are
- A land that devours its inhabitants (an illusion)
- *2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

Numbers 14:1-10, 26-35

- Raised a cry, wept, grumbled
- Godly perspective brought by 4 voices in all the congregation
- Picked up stones to stone them
- The glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting
- God's judgment
- Unbelief ———> Death

Deuteronomy 1:1-8, 19-40, 2:14

Application

- What do I feel versus what do I know *Psalms 20:6-8, Romans 8:28-29*
- How is my vision? *Genesis 3:6*
- Where are my eyes fixed? *Hebrews 12:2*
- Godly perspective but God *Ephesians 2:3-5*
- What truth of God have I exchanged for a lie?
- In what areas do I worship the creature instead of the Creator?

ROUTE OF THE EXODUS OF THE ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT

