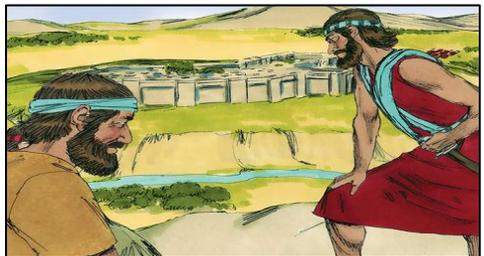
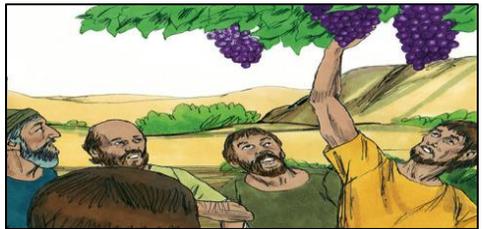
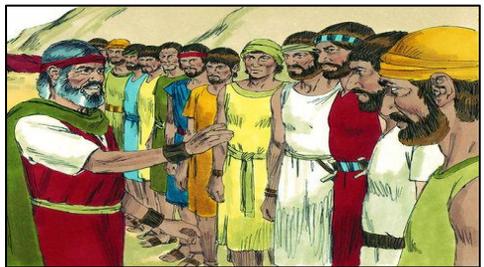


Lesson 13

Joshua and Caleb Stand Against the Other Spies

Lesson Text: Numbers 13-14



Our Bible lesson this week takes us all the way back to the time of Moses when the people were in the wilderness.

Remember, the people were trying to get to the land of Canaan. God had given them this land, but they had to do their part in order to receive it. They had fought many battles and endured many hardships on their way, but the Lord had provided for them and He had taken care of them!

In Numbers 13:1 the Lord tells Moses to send one spy from each of the twelve tribes to search out the Land of Canaan. The man selected also had to be a ruler among their tribe. They were to check out the land, the cities, houses, and the people and bring fruit of the land back to Moses.

So, these twelve spies went up and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob to Hamath and many other places. When they came to the brook of Eshcol they cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes and the grapes were so large they had to carry them on a staff between two men. They also brought pomegranates and figs.

After forty days, they returned to Moses and all the people and they brought the fruit of the land with them.

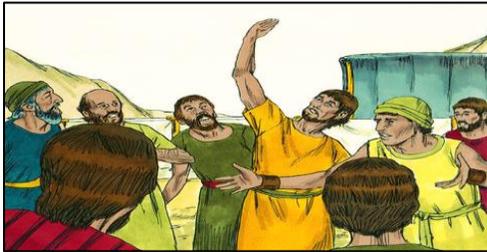
Beginning in Numbers 13:27 the spies give their report on what they found. They said the land surely flowed with milk and honey and they showed the fruit of the land.

Then they said that the people who currently dwell in the land are strong and the cities had great walls around them, and they said they saw the children of Anak there. They told of the Amalekites, the Jebusites, the Amorites and the Canaanites dwelling by the sea and coast of Jordan.

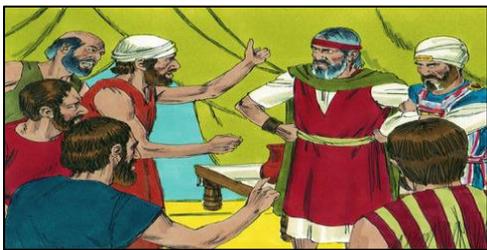
Verse 30 starts off saying Caleb stilled the people before Moses. It seems they were upset with Moses for bringing them out of Egypt. They were speaking against him. But Caleb said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."



Then the other spies brought up an evil report. They said that they would not be able to go up against the people of the land. They said the people of the land were stronger than them and that they were as grasshoppers in the sight of them.



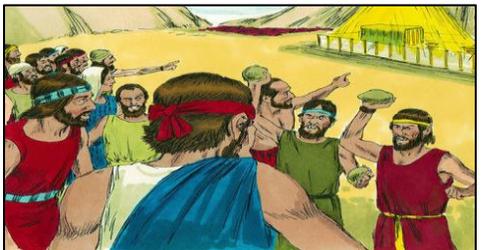
Chapter 14 we see the people weeping and murmuring against Moses and Aaron. They were saying how they wished they had just stayed in Egypt or died in the wilderness.



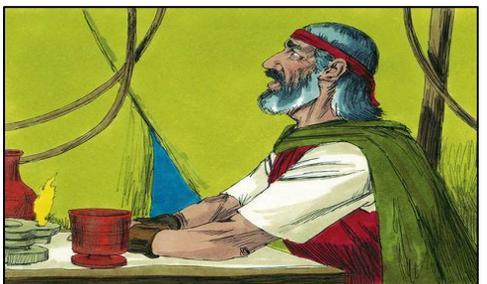
Then they accused Jehovah God. They asked why He would bring them to the land to fall by the sword and they said their wives and children would be a prey. Then they decided to make a captain to lead them back to Egypt.



This is when Moses and Aaron fell on their faces and two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb rent their clothes. These four men had such sorrow of heart when they heard the people rebelling against the Lord's will. It was like they couldn't believe the people would say and do those things against God.



Joshua and Caleb both spoke up and told the people that the land was an exceeding good land. They told the people that if Jehovah God delighted in them then He would give the land to them.



They continued and told the people the following in Numbers 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."*

Sadly, the people didn't want to listen. They tried to stone Joshua and Caleb. The people rebelled against God. They complained against Him, rejected Him and showed a lack of fear for Him.

Jehovah God would have destroyed the entire nation if not for the prayer of Moses. Instead, they wandered in the wilderness forty years. Joshua and Caleb were the only two men that were sent to spy that remained alive and were allowed to enter the land of Canaan.

Joshua and Caleb had attitudes of faithfulness while the other spies had attitudes of unfaithfulness. We have great examples where these men had faith that God would be with them even when the other ten spies did not.

Joshua and Caleb stood alone against the other ten spies. Who will we stand against today for the cause of Christ?

Thought Questions

This account is a great account of lessons giving us examples of how God's will must be followed or we will find ourselves in sin. As God's children, we should show Him love and respect and we must be obedient to His sovereign will. Both Caleb and Joshua set a great example for us to follow by their faithfulness to God.

1. Read Numbers 13:33. What do you think the spies meant by saying they were in their sight as grasshoppers?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Does God give man tasks that are too difficult to accomplish?
3. Numbers Chapter 14 we see the people weeping and murmuring against Moses and Aaron. Who are they really murmuring against?
4. Should man have a sense of urgency to do God's will?
Why or why not?

Multiple Choice

1. Caleb was of the tribe of _____.
a. Aaron b. Judah c. Zebulun d. Issachar
2. The twelve spies went up and searched the land from the wilderness of _____
unto Rehob.
a. Jerusalem b. Win c. Zin d. Zinc
3. After _____ days, they returned to Moses and all the people
and they brought the fruit of the land with them.
a. forty b. fourteen c. four d. fifty

True/False

1. All twelve spies were ready to go up and take the land. _____
2. Caleb said, "Let us stay where we are; for we are not able to overcome the
people and take the land." _____
3. The people wandered in the wilderness forty years because of their
unfaithfulness. _____
4. Joshua and Caleb had attitudes of faithfulness while the other spies had attitudes
of unfaithfulness. _____

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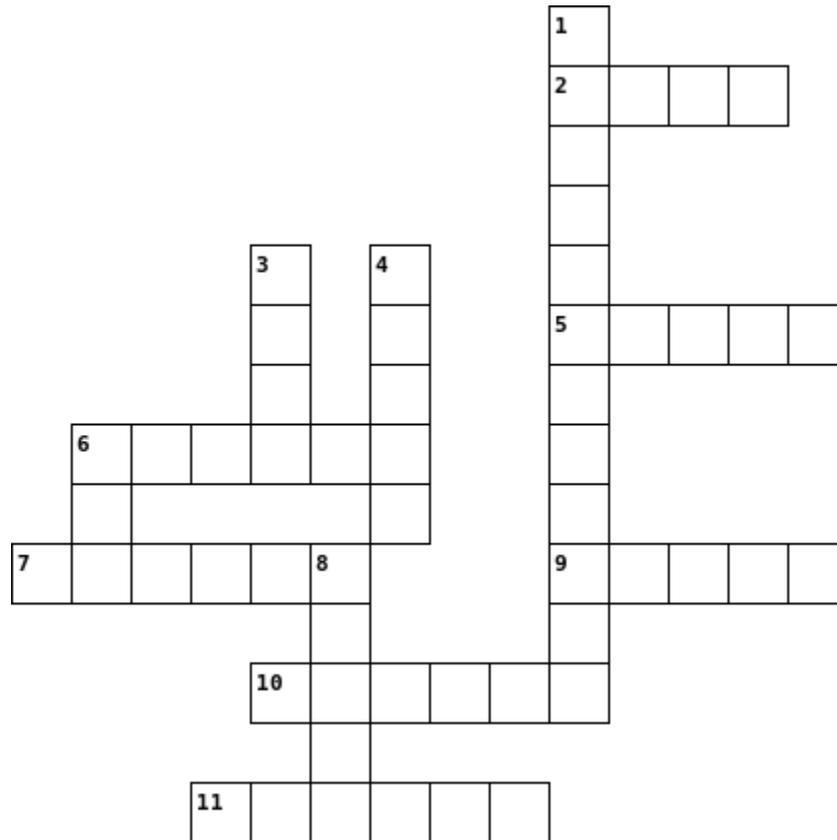
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Across

- 2. the spies saw the children of these in the land
- 5. number of days the spies were gone
- 6. number of spies sent out
- 7. rent his clothes along with Caleb
- 9. the people wished they had just stayed here
- 10. fruit so large two men had to carry them
- 11. the land they were given by God

Down

- 1. type of attitude Joshua and Caleb had
- 3. the type of report ten spies brought to Moses
- 4. wanted to go up at once and take the land
- 6. number of spies who believed God
- 8. fell on his face along with Moses