

## Numbers Chapters 13-14 Outline

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- 1-2 God tells Moses to send the spies
- 3-16 Spies named
- 17-20 Moses' instructions to the spies
- 21-25 Description of the carrying-out of the mission
- 26-33 **The spies return; 10 of the 12 give a bad report**
  - 26 Mission is accomplished
  - 27-29 The verbal majority report (hearers become agitated)
  - 30 The verbal minority report
  - 31-33 The majority report extended, becomes seriously distorted

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- 1-10 **The camp reacts to the report**
  - 1 All the congregation spends night weeping and crying
  - 2 All the congregation complains against Moses and Aaron
  - 3 Why is God trying to kill us? Better to have died in Egypt
  - 4 Moses rejected as leader; move to return to Egypt
  - 5 Moses and Aaron fall on faces before all the assembly of the congregation
  - 6 Joshua and Caleb tear their clothes
  - 7-9 Joshua and Caleb speak to all the congregation, plead for them to trust God and enter
  - 10 Camp decides to stone Moses and Aaron; God appears
- 11-19 **God intervenes and Moses intercedes for the people**
  - 11 God notes the congregation's rejection and unbelief
  - 12 God proposes disinheriting the people and starting over with Moses and Aaron
  - 13-19 Moses' arguments:
    - 1. The nations will say God was not able to bring them up (13-16)
    - 2. Forgive the people but visit their iniquity upon them (17-19)
- 20-25 **God pardons (according to Moses' word) but instructs Israel to break camp and reenter the wilderness**
- 26-35 God delays Israel's entry, sentencing them to 40 years wandering, but promises the entry of the next generation
- 36-37 Spies who "made all the congregation complain" die of the plague "before the Lord." Afterward, others to die in the wilderness
- 38 Joshua and Caleb remain alive
- 39-45 Rebellious invasion attempt fails
  - 39 Moses tells the people God's decision
  - 40 People admit their sin, decide to "obey" by attacking Ai
  - 41-43 Moses tells them not to go up
  - 44-45 They attack without Moses or the ark. They are repelled

"For forty years did unbelief, murmuring, and rebellion shut out ancient Israel from the land of Canaan. The same sins have delayed the entrance of modern Israel into the heavenly Canaan. In neither case were the promises of God at fault. It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years" (Ellen G. White, Manuscript 4, 1883).