

NUMBERS CHAPTER 13

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Send for yourself *some* men, and let them spy the land of the Canaanites, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession—one man for a tribe, you shall send them away according to their families, everyone of them a prince." ³ And Moses sent them out of the Wilderness of Paran by the word of the Lord; all these *were* the princes of the sons of Israel. ⁴ And these *are* their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Samuel the son of Zachur. ⁵ Of the tribe of Simeon, Saphat the son of Suri. ⁶ Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. ⁷ Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. ⁸ Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea the son of Nun. ⁹ Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. ¹⁰ Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sudi. ¹¹ Of the tribe of Joseph of the sons of Mannasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. ¹² Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gamalli. ¹³ Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. ¹⁴ Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. ¹⁵ Of the tribe of Gad, Gaddiel the son of Macchi. ¹⁶ These *are* the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land; and Moses called Oshea the son of Nun, Joshua.

¹⁷ And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up by this wilderness; and you shall go up to the mountain, ¹⁸ and you shall see the land, what it is, and the people that dwell on it, whether *they* are strong or weak, or *whether* they are few or many. ¹⁹ And what the land is on which they dwell, *whether* it is good or bad; and what the cities are in which these dwell in, whether they dwell in walled or unwalled *cities*. ²⁰ And what the land is, whether rich or poor; whether there are trees in it or not, and you shall persevere and take of the fruits of the land." Now the days *were* the days of spring, the forerunners of the grape.

²¹ And they went up and surveyed the land from the Wilderness of Zin to Rehob, as men go in to Hamath. ²² And they went up by the wilderness, and departed as far as Hebron; and there *was* Ahiman, Seshai, and Talmi, the descendants of Anak. Now Hebron was built seven years before Tanin of Egypt. ²³ And they came to the Valley of the Cluster and surveyed it; and they cut down from there a bough and one cluster of grapes upon it, and carried it on poles, and *they took* of the pomegranates and the figs. ²⁴ And they called that place, The Valley of the Cluster, because of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from there. ²⁵ And they returned from there, having surveyed the land, after forty days.

²⁶ And they proceeded and came to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the Wilderness of Paran Kadesh; and they brought word to them and to all the congregation, and they showed the fruit of the land. ²⁷ And they reported to him, and said, "We came into the land into which you sent us, a land flowing with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. ²⁸ Only the nation that dwells upon it is bold, and they have very great and strong-walled towns, and we saw the children of Anak there. ²⁹ And Amalek dwells in the land toward the south: and the Hittite and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite dwells in the hill country: and the Canaanite dwells by the sea, and by the River Jordan."

³⁰ And Caleb quieted the people from speaking before Moses, and said to him, “No, but we will go up by all means, and will inherit it, for we shall surely prevail against them!”

³¹ But the men that went up together with him said, “We shall not go up! For we shall by no means be able to go up against the nation, for it is much stronger than we.” ³² And they brought a fearful report of that land of which they surveyed unto the children of Israel, saying, “The land which we passed by to survey it, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of extraordinary stature. ³³ And we saw giants there; and we were as mere insects in our own sight, and so we were before them.”