

God's People in the Wilderness
Christian Education
Numbers 13: Spying out the Land of Canaan

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1. Numbers 13.1, 2:
 - 1.1. Moses sends out the spies
 - 1.2. One spy from each tribe
 - 1.3. Description of the land of Canaan
 - 1.4. "Canaan" not the same as "Israel"
2. Numbers 13.3 – 16
 - 2.1. Names of the spies and their tribal affiliation
 - 2.2. Comments on the order of the names
 - 2.3. Intercomparison of lists of names
3. Numbers 13.17 – 20
 - 3.1. What parts of the land to spy out
 - 3.2. Bring back some fruit
4. Numbers 13:21, 22
 - 4.1. Where the spies went
 - 4.2. What they saw
5. Numbers 13.23, 24 (cf. Dt 8.7, 8)
 - 5.1. Fruit brought back by the spies
 - 5.1.1. Grapes
 - 5.1.2. Pomegranates
 - 5.2. Size of the grape cluster

6. Numbers 13.25 – 39
 - 6.1. The spies return
 - 6.2. The trek took 40 days
 - 6.3. The land is fertile: a land of milk and honey
 - 6.4. BUT
 - 6.4.1. The cities are well fortified
 - 6.4.2. Giants (Nephilim) live there
 - 6.4.3. Many enemies there, too
 - 6.4.4. WOE IS US!
7. A note on Nephilim/giants
8. Numbers 13.30 – 33
 - 8.1.1. Caleb (and later Joshua) try to calm the crowd
 - 8.1.2. The rest of the spies continue to discourage the crowd
9. Lessons