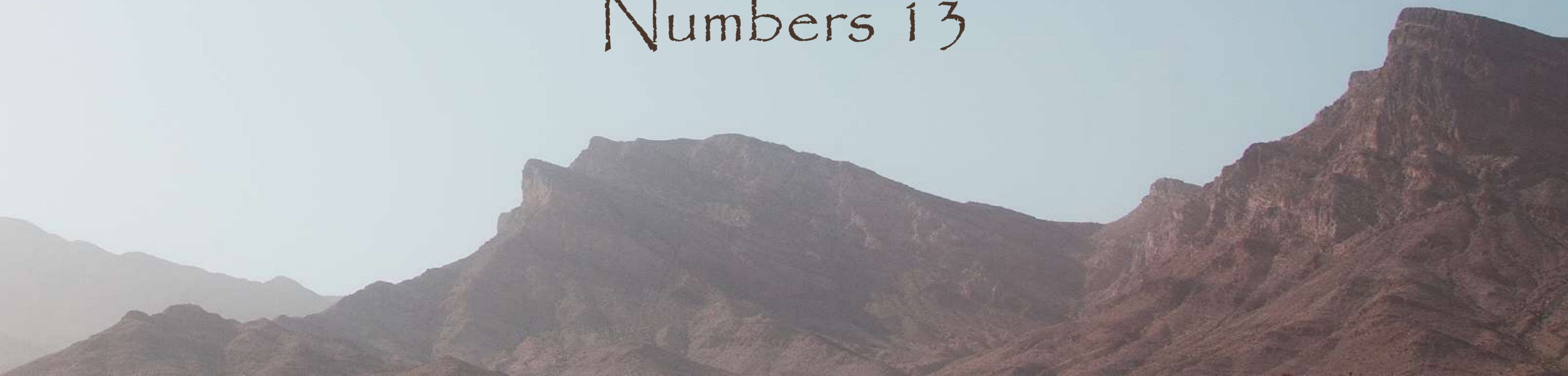


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Walking with God Through the Wilderness

Lessons from the Past for Life in the Present

Numbers 13



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1. The Spies Sent

THE PLEA - THE PEOPLE - THE PLAN - THE PROMISE - THE PLACE

Numbers 13:1-3,

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ² SEND thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them.

³ And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men *were* heads of the children of Israel.

II. The Spies' Names

Numbers 13:4-15,

⁴ And these *were* their names:

of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua (“renowned”) the son of Zaccur (“mindful”).

⁵ Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat (“judged”) the son of Hori (“cave dweller”).

⁶ Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb (“dog”) the son of Jephunneh (“He will be facing”).

⁷ Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal (“He redeems”) the son of Joseph (“Jehovah has added”).

⁸ Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea (“salvation”) the son of Nun (“fish” or “posterity”).

⁹ Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti (“my deliverance”) the son of Raphu (“healed”).

¹⁰ Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel (“God is my fortune”) the son of Sodi (“acquaintance”).

¹¹ Of the tribe of Joseph, *namely*, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi (“my fortune”) the son of Susi (“my horse”).

¹² Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel (“my kinsman is God”) the son of Gemalli (“camel driver”).

¹³ Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur (“hidden”) the son of Michael (“who is like God”).

¹⁴ Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi (“hidden”) the son of Vophsi (“rich”).

¹⁵ Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel (“majesty of God”) the son of Machi (“decrease”).

III. The Significance of Oshea's Name Change

Numbers 13:16,

These *are* the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land.

And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.



IV. The Survey Sought by Moses

Numbers 13:17-20,

¹⁷ And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this *way* southward, and go up into the mountain:

¹⁸ And see the land, what it *is*; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, few or many;

¹⁹ And what the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *be* good or bad; and what cities *they be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strong holds;

²⁰ And what the land *is*, whether it *be* fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time *was* the time of the first ripe grapes.

V. The Scouts Searched the Land

Numbers 13:21-22,

²¹ So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath.

²² And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, *were*.
(Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)



Forty Day Survey Trip - Fruitful

Numbers 13:23-25,

²³ And they came unto the brook of Eshcol,
and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes,
and they bare it between two upon a staff;
and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

²⁴ The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

²⁵ And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.



VI. The Successful Scouting Report

Numbers 13:26-27,

²⁶ And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

²⁷ And they told him, and said,

We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it.



THE “NEVERTHELESS” - the turning point of unbelief

Numbers 13:28-29,

²⁸ Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land,
and the cities *are* walled, *and* very great:
and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

²⁹ The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south:
and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains:
and the Canaanites dwell by the sea,
and by the coast of Jordan.



“We are well able to overcome it” - Turning point of faith

Numbers 13:30-31,

³⁰ And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said,
Let us go up at once, and possess it;
for we are well able to overcome it.

³¹ But the men that went up with him said,
We be not able to go up against the people;
for they *are* stronger than we.



VII. The Spiritual Spin of Fake News

Numbers 13:32-33,

³² And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying,

The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature.

³³ And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Lessons from the Past for Life in the Present

1. God's Commands are to be obeyed - Moses obeyed (13:1-3)
2. God's Promises are to be Believed and Appropriated by faith (13:2)
3. God Places a Premium on Planning and Doing Research (13:2)
4. Only the names of the men of faith are remembered. Faith sets leaders apart. God honors faith! (13:4-15)
5. A good name will be associated with God (13:16)
6. Survey trips can be a reality test and a real test of one's faith (13:17-20)

Lessons from the Past for Life in the Present

7. Courage is greatly needed in the Christian life. There are many things we could fear and be anxious about, but the Lord wants us to be courageous. Faith in God produces courage. Unbelief produces fear and anxiety. “Be of good courage” (13:20)

THE KEY: WAITING ON THE LORD - EYES ON THE LORD

Psalm 27:14, Wait on the LORD: be of good courage,
and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.



BE OF GOOD COURAGE

Deuteronomy 31:6-7, Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

Deuteronomy 31:23, And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee.

BE OF GOOD COURAGE

Joshua 1:6, Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:9, Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:18, Whosoever *he be* that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.



Lessons from the Past for Life in the Present

8. Focusing on Giants Causes One to Lose Historic Perspective (13:22)
9. Focusing on Giants Causes One to be Robbed of Present Joys (13:22)
10. The Greatest Fruit will be found where Giants Roam (13:23-24)
11. Hush the “Nevertheless” Crowd by Courageous Acts of Faith (13:30)
12. Be an Overcomer and not One Overcome. Faith is the difference (13:30)
13. Faith says We are “well able” to do all things through Christ Who strengthens us, unbelief states we are not “able.” (13:31)
14. Unbelief produces an Evil Report that Magnifies the Problems and Minimizes God’s Promises and Power (13:32-33)

Christ in Numbers 13

Numbers 13:16 - Oshea's name change to JEHOSHUA - JOSHUA will lead the people in the Conquest - his name and actions point to the name of Jesus - our conquering King.

Matthew 1:21, And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his NAME JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Acts 4:12, Neither is there salvation in any other:
for there is none other NAME under heaven given among men,
whereby we must be saved.

CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD

Romans 10:13, For whosoever shall call upon the NAME of the Lord shall be saved.

Philippians 2:9-10, Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every NAME: ¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

1 John 5:13, These things have I written unto you that believe on the NAME of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Prayer to Receive Salvation from the Lord

Dear God,

I know that I am sinner and that I need Your forgiveness.

I repent of my sins and believe Jesus died for me and rose from the grave.

I bow before You this morning and call upon Your Name,
trusting You alone to cleanse me of all sin.

Jesus please save me.

I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

