

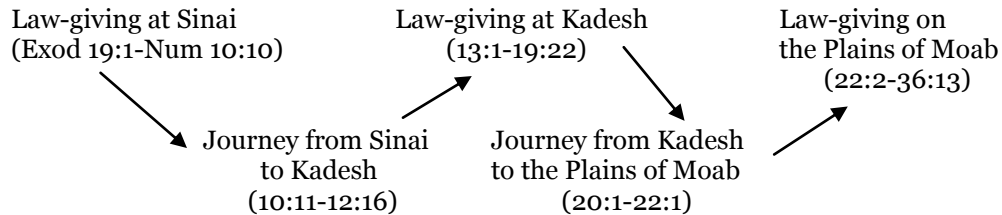
## Numbers 13

Lesson 13: Seek to Capture the Fruit God Promises

(Courageous Delegates & a Cowardly Decision)

### A. Mapping the Big Picture

1. Theme – The Wilderness: Extreme Lessons that Count
2. Chronological Outline of Numbers
  - a. Num 1-10 ... 20 days ... 1446/5 BC
  - b. Num 11-25 ... 38 Years, 3 Months, 10 Days ...
  - c. Num 26-36 ... 5-6 Months ... 1406/5 BC
3. Geographic Outline of Numbers



### 4. Some Keys to the Book

- a. “God is not a man, that he should lie,  
or a son of man, that he should change his mind.  
Has he said, and will he not do it?  
Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”  
Num 23:19 (ESV) / Emphasis: God’s faithfulness
- b. “And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron,  
‘Because you did not believe in me,  
to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel,  
therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land  
that I have given them.’”  
Num 20:12 (ESV) / Emphasis: man’s unfaithfulness

### B. Scouting Out Some Details in Num 13

Numbers 1 – Delegate -- and Take Stock of God’s Blessing  
 Numbers 2 – Place What’s Most Important in the Center – God!  
 Numbers 3 – Identify People who Love God’s Holiness as Leaders  
 Numbers 4 – Count Capable Men – And Delegate Duties to Them  
 Numbers 5 – Keep the Camp Clean  
 Numbers 6 – A Vow of Dedication Demands More  
 Numbers 7 – Wise Leaders Dedicate Their People & Resources  
 Numbers 8 – Give Top Helpers a Bright, Clean Start  
 Numbers 9 – Watch the Clock of God’s Commands  
 Numbers 10 – Clearly Signal What You’re Doing  
 Numbers 11 – Complaining Can Be a Grave Offense  
 Numbers 12 – Handle Hostile Takeovers on Your Knees

1. (13:1-2) God Commands Moses: Send Ahead Leaders!
2. (13:3-16) Unusual Representatives: Moses Selects Twelve Tribal Spies & an Assistant
3. (13:17-20) Moses Instructs a Courageous Delegation
4. (13:21-25) An Undercover Route: from Zin to Eshcol
5. (13:26-29) The Spies’ Report: Fruitful Land, Large Folk!
6. (13:30-33) The Cowardly Decision

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### 7. Some Correlation

*Do we truly believe God will honor obedience to His Word?*

- a. Temptation – 1 Cor 10:13
- b. Confession & Forgiveness – Prov 28:13
- c. Evangelism – Matt 28:18-20
- d. Discipleship – 2 Tim 2:2
- e. Teaching Our Children – Eph 6:1-4; Deut 6
- f. Form of Church Government –
- g.

*Do we truly believe God will judge failure to follow these principles?*

- h. Gal 6:7
- i.

*Solution: Be strong and courageous!*

- j. Hebrews 13:5b-6
- k. Psalm 126:5
- l. Other

### C. Undertaking Application

1. A Word to the Wise, Who Do Memorize – See a verse to memorize?
2. Shiny Imprints & Digging for Gold – List a great truth you noticed.
3. Praying to the Lord for Wisdom – Write out a prayer.
4. Gearing Up for the Next Adventure (Num 14)
  - a. (14:4) Why is the people's desire to choose a leader and then return to Egypt simply ludicrous?
  - b. (14:10-11) What threatened Moses and Aaron's lives? How did God respond to this threat?
  - c. (14:13ff.) What reasoning did Moses use to appeal to God to NOT destroy the Israelites?
  - d. (14:26-30) What is the most frequent verb here?
  - e. (14:39-45) Did Israelites act on instruction from God? If not, on what were they taking action?

### D. Further Insight