

Numbers 13:1-14:38

Key Verse 14:9

We will swallow them up

I. Report on the Exploration of Canaan (13:1-14:10)

1. What did God command Moses to do (13:1,2)? What kind of men did Moses select to become spies, and what instructions did he give them (3-20)? Where did they explore, and how did they know it was the land flowing with milk and honey (21-24)?
2. When they returned, how did they give their report about the land (25-27)? What did they say would make it difficult to take possession of the land (28,29)?
3. How did Caleb silence the restless people (30)? What sort of bad report about the land did the other spies give (31,32a)? How did they compare themselves to the inhabitants of the land (32,33)? Why do you think their outlook was different, although they had seen exactly the same things and been in the same situations?
4. How did the people respond when they heard this fearful report (14:1-5)? Why did the people listen more closely to ten negative reports than to Caleb's report? What kind of faith did Caleb and Joshua plant in the people (6-9)?

II. God judged the unbelief of the Israelites (14:11-38)

5. How did God tell Moses he would reveal his wrath against the rebellious Israelites (11,12)? In what way did the Israelites' unbelief show contempt for God? How earnestly did Moses intercede in prayer on the Israelites' behalf, that they might be saved (13-19)?
6. How did God answer Moses' prayer (20)? Nevertheless, how did God say he would punish the rebellious Israelites (21-38)? Who alone did God promise he would bring into the land to possess it (24,31,38)?

* How must we view college campuses all over the world? What does God desire for us?