

Numbers — Worksheet 1

The Twelve Spies

Read the passages on the back of this sheet (or use the biblestudy.fyi TTS Bible Player) before you begin.
Answer in your own words on the lines provided.

1. What did the twelve spies find when they scouted the Promised Land (Numbers 13:27-29)?

2. How did ten of the spies describe themselves compared to the land's inhabitants (Numbers 13:33)?

3. How did Joshua and Caleb's report differ from the other ten spies (Numbers 14:6-9)?

4. What was the consequence of the people's unbelief (summarise from Numbers 14:26-34)?

5. Reflection: Ten spies and two spies saw the same facts but reached different conclusions. What made the difference?

Scripture for Numbers — The Twelve Spies

King James Version. Flip back to the front to answer the questions.

Numbers 13:27-33

²⁷And 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. ²⁸Nevertheless 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. ²⁹The 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. ³²And 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. ³³And 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.

Numbers 14:6-9

⁶And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: ⁷And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. ⁸If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. ⁹Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.