NUMBERS 13 and 14

Twelve spies sent into Canaan 13:1-16

Moses' instructions to the spies 13:17-20

The spying mission proper 13:21-25

The spies report back to the people 13:26-29

Caleb's report 13:30

The 10 spies' bad report 13:31-33

Israel's fear and rebellion 14:1-10

Moses intercedes; the LORD answers 14:11-25

Death to the rebels! 14:26-38

Rebellion against God's judgment 14:39-45
Moses' Instructions to the spies 13:17-20

---Where to go  v. 17

From the Negev (south) to the mountains (north), ie the whole land.

---What to look for  vv. 18-20

The People
--strong or weak
--many or few

The Land
--fertile or barren
--forests or deserts

The Cities
--like camps or strongholds (forts)

---What to obtain  v.20

--some of the fruit of the land
(It was grape season.)
The Spying Mission Proper 13:21-25

--- Territory covered

Wilderness of Paran

Wilderness of Zin

Through the Negev to Hebron

Valley of Eschol

“as far north as the Lebanon mountain range”

--- Discoveries

-- The descendants of Anak were in the land

-- Lush growth of grapes, pomegranates and figs

--- Duration

-- 40 days
The Spies' Report to Moses and Israel 13:26-29

“Show and Tell”—the good news and the bad news

--They showed the fruit of the land.

--They told them the land “truly flows with milk and honey.”

“NEVERTHELESS . . . “

--The people are strong

--The cities are fortified and very large

--Descendants of Anak are there (GIANTS!)

--The land is already fully populated

Caleb's Report to Moses and Israel 13:30

--The Challenge

--The Reason

Cf. 10:9  Exodus 3:8
Israel's fear and rebellion—refusal to enter Canaan

14:1-10

--Crying, weeping, complaining, rebelling  :1-4

--Moses and Aaron respond  :5

--Joshua and Caleb's counsel  :6-9

  **tore their clothes

  **brought encouragement

    --exceedingly good land

    --the LORD will give us the land

  **brought admonition

    --Do not rebel against the LORD

    --Do not fear the people

WHY?

--the people “are our bread”

--the people's protection has departed from them

--the LORD is with us!

--Israel's sinful determination and the LORD's present glory.
Moses intercedes 14:11-25

--the LORD's longsuffering :11-12

--Moses' appeal to the LORD :13-19
  --the LORD's reputation
  -- the LORD's power
  -- the LORD's mercy
  -- the LORD's forgiveness

--the LORD's reply :20-25
  --mercy
  --judgment
  --exception
Death to the rebels! 14:26-38

--"as you have spoken" :28-29, 32

--two exceptions :30

--"victims" become victors :31

--length of the judgment :33-34

--Surety of God's Word :35

--immediate death to the rebellious spies :36-37

--deliverance for the obedient spies :38

Futile attempt to invade Canaan 14:39-45

Having rebelled against the word of God, the wayward Israelites now rebel against the judgment of God.

(Rebellion breeds further rebellion.)