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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.)*