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Shabbat Message

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**Numbers 13:1-15:41**

# **Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life**

**The Price of Grumbling**

## **Introduction**

In this portion we see that the Children of Israel are at the edge of the Promised Land and that Moses sends out spies to spy out the land. Do we see the spies looking positively at the land or do we see them looking at it negatively? We do see 2 of the 12 spies looking positively or through the lens of faith. There are two ways we can look at life we can look through our eyes of faith or we can look through our eyes of Fear and Doubt. Which one do you look through?

# The Twelve Spies

## Numbers 13:1-3

1. Yehovah told Moshe to send out twelve spies one from each tribe of Israel.
2. They went on behalf of the children of Israel. Be careful who you have represent you in the spiritual. (Teachings).
3. Notice they were princes among the people or the heads of tribes. It doesn't matter if there are heads of tribes or chief princes if you don't have faith in Yehovah it doesn't matter if you are a leader or not.

# A List to Look For

## Numbers 13:16-20

1. Moses gave the men a list of what to look for in the land but he did something interesting He renamed Hoshea son of Nun Yehoshua. It was a phonetical change that just meant Salvation to Yehovah is Salvation. This is to mark the calling on Yehoshua's life as Moshe's predecessor.
2. He told them to explore the land by going through the Negev then go up into the hills country. (Genesis 13:17).
3. He told them to see if the people living in the land might be strong or weak few or many.

Are they unwalled or do they have fortifications. How is the soil is it fertile or poor? Are the trees on it or not. Do YOUR best to bring back some fruit of the land (It was the season for the first ripe grapes). (July-August).

## **The Valley of Eschol**

### **Numbers 13:21-24**

1. They made their way exactly how Moses told them to do through the Negev to Hebron which is the upper country.
2. They finally came to the Valley of Eschol where they cut a single branch with a cluster of grapes. It was carried on a pole between two of them. They returned to report to Moses.
3. They started out with a positive report about how wonderful the produce was in the land and showed them the fruit but then they went down hill after they said BUT the people of the land are powerful and cities are fortified and they saw the Canaanites and also the Sons of Anak. These are the descendants of the Nephilim.

## **Grumblers Won't Make It!**

### **Numbers 14:1-10**

1. All through the night the entire community raised up their voices. The people wept. They grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

2. Complaining in Hebrew meant to stay all night in order to complain. It was so grievous that the children of Israel were forced to wander in the wilderness for 40 years until that whole generation dies off. They spied out the land for 40 days they get punished for 40 years. (Philippians 2:14; 1 Peter 4:9; James 5:9).
3. We should have a Caleb spirit 13:30. The antidote for complain and grumbling is Gratitude. (1 Thess. 5:18; Col 3:15; Phil 4:6).

## **A Mark of Holiness**

### **Numbers 15:37-41**

1. I have heard it said that we do not need the tzitzit because we have the Holy Spirit however might I remind you that our Messiah wore the Tzitzit and He had the Holy Spirit! (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; Yochanan 1:32-34.) (Luke 8:44).
2. The Hebrew word tzitzit (tassel) comes from tziytz (blossom). The way they are tied often resembles a hanging blossom. Just as a blossom precedes the fruit, the tzitzit can symbolize the beginnings of the fruit – the good works – that should manifest in a believer's life.
3. The Greek word used in the New Testament for the hem or fringe of a garment, often referring to tzitzit, is kraspedon. Yeshua in Revelation 19 will have his tzitzit on His thigh and it will have the name of God written on it. The tzitzit is also a sign of separation. The Israelites would wear them to separate themselves from the Canaanites.

## **Take Away**

1. Moses sent out twelve spies and only got two good reports.
2. The Valley of Eshcol was also near the Valley of Giants. Which valley are you in?
3. Complaining is a most grievous sin that can cost you a huge price.

## **Application**

1. I will be thankful for the fruit that our Father gives us every day....The Spirit!
2. Giants are not Giants if we have faith in Yehovah!
3. Yeshua wore tzitzit as my example...who am I going to follow?

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