

Reassurance and Rebellion

Lesson #2

Numbers 14

The people of Israel had survived the very difficult two-week trek from Mount Sinai to Kadesh, one of the most fertile oases in the Sinai Peninsula. Finding themselves on the borders of the Promised Land spies were sent into the land to see what it was like. They brought back magnificent bunches of fruit as evidence that the land God was sending them to was the land flowing with milk and honey. But, the spies brought back a bad report. Taking their eyes off what the LORD had promised and looking only at the people and their fortified cities, the people were distressed.

Rebellion - Numbers 14: 1-9

1. All night the Israelites wept. Who did they grumble against? (Numbers 14:2a)
2. What did they say they wished for? (Numbers 14:2b)
3. What did they say regarding the LORD? (Numbers 14:3)
 - Forgetting their past, what did they say was better?
4. What was the plan of the Israelites? (Numbers 14:4)
5. When Moses and Aaron heard what the people were saying, how did they react? (Numbers 14:5)
6. What did Caleb and Joshua, two of the men who had gone to the Promised Land:
 - Do (Numbers 14:6)

- Say (Numbers 14:7)

7. What was the counsel of Caleb and Joshua? (Numbers 14:8, 9)

8. After their heartfelt encouragement, what did the WHOLE Assembly plan to do? (Numbers 14:10a)

The LORD's Response - Numbers 14:10-46

9. Where did the LORD appear? (Numbers 14:10b)

10. What did the LORD say to Moses? (Numbers 14:11)

11. In response to their ungratefulness and rebellion, what did the LORD say He planned to do? (Numbers 14:12)

12. When the LORD told Moses His plan, what was Moses' response? (Numbers 14:13, 14)

13. What did Moses remind the LORD about? (Numbers 14:15, 16)

14. What character traits of the LORD did Moses draw upon? (Numbers 14:18)

15. What did Moses ask the LORD to do? (Numbers 14:19)

16. The LORD listened to his servant Moses and agreed but there would be consequences. What did the LORD say He would do? (Numbers 14:20-23)

17. What was the exception and why? (Numbers 14:24 & 30)

18. Moses told the people of the LORD's decision; the children they were convinced would die in the wilderness would be the ones to inherit God's Promised Land. How long would the Israelites be in the wilderness? (Numbers 14:34)

19. What happened to the twelve that had brought back reports to the people? (Numbers 14:36-38)

20. How did the people take the news? (Numbers 14:39, 40)

21. Notice the wording of verse 44, *“In their presumption...”* What did the Israelites do?

22. How did that go for them? (Numbers 14:45)

After this rebellion, the LORD made provision for a sin offering. The Israelites were also instructed to tie tassels on the hems of their garments so as they walked the tassels would brush against them and remind them to keep the LORD’s commandments. (Chapter 15)