

Numbers 12

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Numbers Chapters 12-14, Miriam, Cushite,
Zipporah replaced, Hazeroth, Hoshea to
Joshua, *echad* vs. *yachid*, Land Of Milk And
Honey, possession of the land is conditional,
Intercessor Mediator, visiting the iniquity,
consequences, not punishment, retribution,
sins of the fathers

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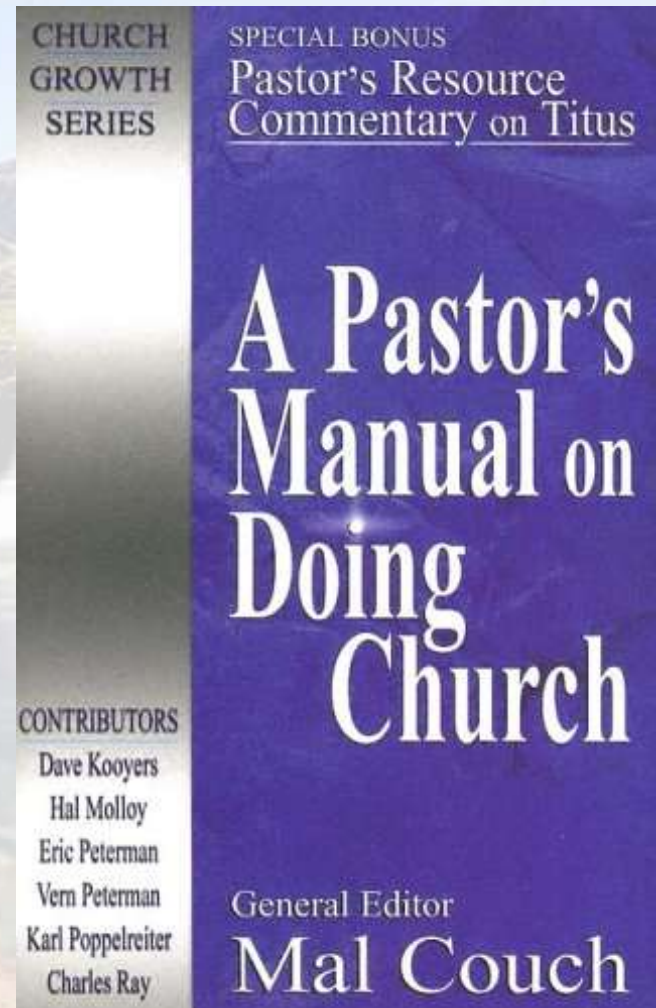
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Let's Read Numbers 12:1-16



Numbers 12:1, Miriam

- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman);
- Miriam makes some pretty exclusive lists...
- ^{NAU} Micah 6:4 "Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt And ransomed you from the house of slavery, And I sent before you Moses, Aaron and Miriam.
- She's Moses sister and Jesus' mom is named after her so let's take a look at her..

Numbers 12:1, Miriam

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- **04813 מִרְיָם Miryam {meer-yawm'}**
- **Meaning: Miriam = "rebellion" 1) elder sister of Moses and Aaron 2) a woman of Judah...**
- **Greek=**
- **<3137> Μαρία *Maria* or Μαριάμ *Mariam***
- **Meaning: *Mary, the name of several Chr. women***
- **Origin: of Heb. or. 4813**

Numbers 12:1, Miriam Spoke

- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:1 Then Miriam and Aaron spoke...
- The verb “spoke” is 3rd. person fem., plus the fact that she is listed 1st. in the word order indicates that she was probably the instigator.
- That is probably why she alone was struck with leprosy.

Numbers 12:1, Miriam

- NET Bible Notes add, “...It may be that Miriam was envious of the Cushite woman Moses married. And, in view of the previous chapter's content about others being given a portion of the Spirit to share in the leadership role, she may have seen this as her chance finally to become just as important in the nation as her younger brother. After all, she safeguarded his birth and early years (Exod 2). But there are two issues here – the reason she gives (“does the LORD only speak through Moses?”), and the reason the text gives (the Cushite woman)...”

Numbers 12:1, Miriam, Inter Varsity Press

- **MIRIAM.** (For derivation, see *Mary.) 1. The daughter of Amram and Jochebed, and the sister of Aaron and Moses (Nu. 26:59). It is generally agreed that it was she who watched the baby Moses in the bulrushes and suggested her mother as his nurse. The term 'the prophetess' was used to describe her as she led the women in music, dancing and singing a paean of praise to celebrate the crossing of the Red Sea (Ex. 15:20f.).
- Miriam and Aaron rebelled against Moses, supposedly because of his marriage to the Cushite woman, but in reality because they were jealous of his position. Divine judgment descended upon Miriam and she became leprous, whereupon Moses interceded for her and she was cleansed, but she was excluded from the camp for 7 days (Nu. 12). She died at Kadesh and was buried there (Nu. 20:1). There is no record of her marriage in the Bible, but rabbinical tradition makes her the wife of Caleb and mother of Hur
Mrs M. Beeching.

Numbers 12:1, Cushite

- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:1 ...because of the Cushite woman ...
- This word “Cushite” is only used in the NAS here and in 2 Samuel 18.
- ^{NAU} Genesis 10:6 The sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan. ⁷ The sons of Cush were Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. ⁸ Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.
- <03568a> כּוּשׁ *Kush (468d)*...
- Usage: Cush(16), Ethiopia(13).
- Gen 10:6, “Cush”, Hol3724 ...כּוּשׁ n. terr. in south, variously located: Nubia & S. Sudan, or astride the Red Sea, or land of Kassites, to the east.

Numbers 12:1, Moses Was Married

- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:1... Moses ...had married...
- ^{NAU} Exodus 2:16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters... ¹⁸ ...Reuel their father... ²¹ ...he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses.
- ^{NAU} Exodus 4:25 Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and threw it at Moses' feet...
- ^{NAU} Exodus 18:2 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Moses' wife Zipporah, after he had sent her away, ³ and **her two sons...**
- So, is Moses now divorced, widowed, bigamist or what?

Numbers 12:2, The Reason

- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:2 and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And **the LORD heard it.**
- Bible Knowledge Commentary says, "...Possibly Miriam, who apparently led this part of the challenge, saw in Moses' new wife a threat to her own standing as the major female figure in Israel's leadership. The real reason is clear from Miriam and Aaron's question, **Has the Lord spoken only through Moses? Envy, perhaps simmering for a long time, now came to the surface...**"

Numbers 12:5, Don't Make Me Come Down There!

- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:5 Then **the LORD came down** in a pillar of cloud and stood at the doorway of the tent, and He called Aaron and Miriam. When they had **both come forward**,
- Dr. Radmacher says, "...This theophany (appearance of God) was ominous. The language of this verse is more directly physical than usual. ..."
- In vss. 6-9, God speaks in poetic form, vividly, to be remembered.

Numbers 12:7, He Is Faithful

- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:7 "Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household;
- Not perfect, or sinless, but "faithful"
- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:3...Moses was very humble...
- Don't Ya' hope that God can say that about you?

Numbers 12:9-14, Matthew 8:1-4,

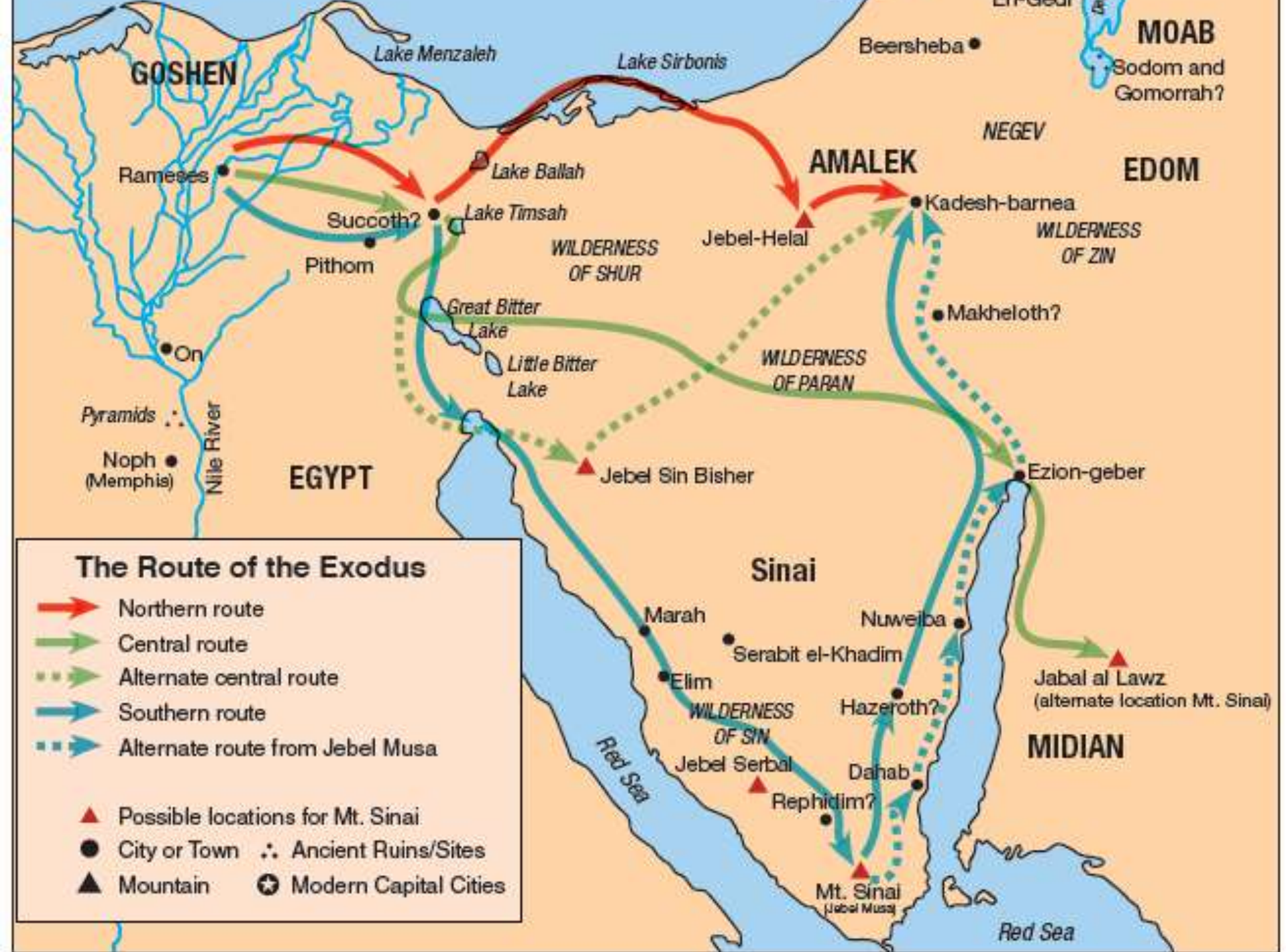
Bible Knowledge Commentary

- **“...Jesus told him not to tell anyone before he went to the priest. Apparently Jesus wanted the priest to be the first to examine him.**
- **Jesus said this would be a testimony to the priests. And so it was, for in the entire history of the nation there was no record of any Israelite being healed from leprosy other than Miriam (Num. 12:10-15). One can imagine the dramatic impact when this man suddenly appeared at the temple and announced to the priests he had been cured of leprosy! This event should have led to an examination of the circumstances surrounding the healing. Jesus in effect was presenting His “calling card” to the priests, for they would have to investigate His claims. (The healed man, however, disobeyed Jesus’ orders to tell no one, for he “began to talk freely” [Mark 1:45]. Presumably, however, the man eventually made his way to the temple.)...”** The Bible Knowledge Commentary



Numbers 12:16, Hazeroth And Wilderness Of Paran

- ^{NAU} Numbers 12:16
Afterward, however,
the people moved
out from Hazeroth
and camped in the
wilderness of Paran.



Numbers 13



Numbers 13:1-3,

- ^{NAU} Numbers 13:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ² "**Send out for yourself** men so that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which **I am going to give to the sons of Israel**; you shall send a man from each of their fathers' tribes, every one a leader among them." ³ So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran at the command of the LORD, all of them men who were heads of the sons of Israel.
- Who'd they go out for?
- Who owns the land?

Numbers 13:1-3,

- ^{NAU} Numbers 13:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ² "Send out for yourself ... ³ So Moses sent them ...
- In the Numbers account of this it sounds like God initiated it.
- ^{NAU} Deuteronomy 1:22 "Then all of you approached me and said, 'Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we should go up and the cities which we shall enter.'
- This is not a contradiction. They started it, God finished it.

Numbers 13:4-15, 12 Tribes, Where's Levi

- ⁴ from the tribe of Reuben
- ⁵ from the tribe of Simeon,
- ⁶ from the tribe of Judah,;
- ⁷ from the tribe of Issachar,
- ⁸ from the tribe of Ephraim,
- ⁹ from the tribe of Benjamin,
- ¹⁰ from the tribe of Zebulun,
- ¹¹ from the tribe of Joseph, from the tribe of Manasseh,
- ¹² from the tribe of Dan,
- ¹³ from the tribe of Asher,
- ¹⁴ from the tribe of Naphtali,
- ¹⁵ from the tribe of Gad,

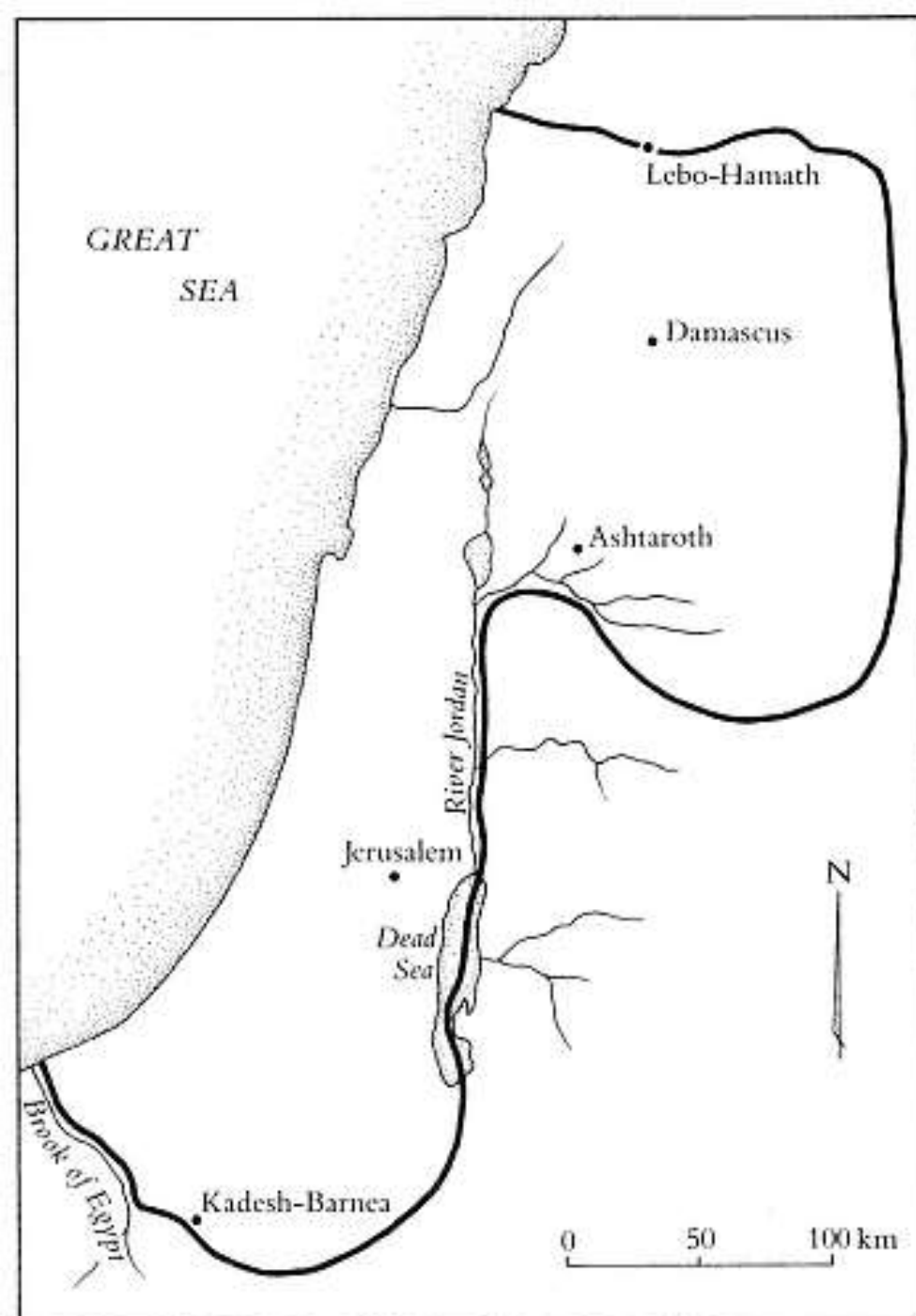
Yes, that's right, when you get Ephraim and Manasseh you can leave out the priests. They don't go to war or spy.

Numbers 13:16, Hoshea to Joshua

- ^{NAU} Numbers 13:16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land; but Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.
- Hoshea, 1st. Use, only use concerning Joshua
- <01954> הוֹשֵׁעַ *Hoshea (448a)*
- **Meaning: 'salvation,' the name of several Isr...**
- Joshua= <03091> יְהוֹשֻׁעַ *Yehoshua or הוֹשֵׁעַ Yehoshua (221c)*
- **Meaning: 'the LORD is salvation,' Moses' successor, also the name of a number of Isr...**
- The Nelson study Bible page 252, "changing **Hoshea's** name to **Joshua** probably indicated great esteem on Moses' part... This was an act of ritual adoption."

Let's Read Numbers 13:17- 25

- They were to go from the southern desert of Canaan all the way to the hill country of Judah and north all the way to Galilee, up to Syria. The entire holy land.



Numbers 13:23, one cluster, *echad*

- ^{NAU} Numbers 13:23 Then they came to the valley of Eshcol and from there cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes; and they carried it on a pole between two men, with some of the pomegranates and the figs.
- ^{NKJ} ...a branch with one cluster of grapes...
- <0259> טֶחַד *echad* (25c)
- **Meaning: one...**
- DLK adds; that *echad* allows for a plurality in one. As in one army, one cluster, one flesh= 2 people

echad vs. yachid

- ^{NAU} Genesis 22:2 He said, "Take now your son, your only [*yachid*] son, whom you love, Isaac...
- ^{NAU} Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one [*echad*] !
- <03173> יָחִיד *yachid* (402d)...**Meaning: only, only one, solitary** ...**Usage: lonely(2), one and child(1), only(5), only son(4).** **Notes:** ^a Gen 22:12, Gen 22:16; Joh 3:16; 1Jo 4:9 ^b 2Ch 3:1 ^c Gen 8:20
- <0259> אֶחָד *echad* (25c)...**Meaning: one...** **Usage:...alike(1), all at once(1), alone(2), altogether(1), another(23), another into one(1), any(15), any one(2), any*(1), anyone*(1)...** one and on another(1), one and the other(2), one at the other(1),... one the other(1), one to another(1), one will to another(1), one another(4), one thing(2), one thing to another(1),... unique(4), unison(1), unit(4), united(1)...

Let's Read Numbers 13:26-33



Numbers 13:25, Forty Days?

- ^{NAU} Numbers 13:25 When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days,
- Testing, judgment, trial
- Genesis 7:4...I will send rain...
- Exodus 16:35 ...ate the manna forty years...
- Exodus 24:18 ...Moses ...mountain forty days
- ^{NAU} Luke 4:2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days...
- ^{NAU} Jonah 3:4 ...Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

Numbers 13:27, Land Of Milk And Honey

- ^{NAU} Numbers 13:27 Thus they told him, and said, "We went in to **the land where you sent us**; and it certainly does **flow with milk and honey**, and this is its fruit.
- What should they have understood?
- ^{NAU} Exodus 3:8 "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to **a land flowing with milk and honey**, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.
- Exodus 3:17, 13:5, 33:3, this phrase is used 20 X's in OT
- ^{NAU} Leviticus 20:24 'Hence I have said to you, "You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

Let's Read Numbers 14:1-10



Numbers 14:8, If The LORD Is Pleased

- ^{NAU} Numbers 14:8 "If the LORD is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us-- a land which flows with milk and honey.
- They absolutely own it already, God had already given it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Genesis 15:7, 35:12)
- ^{NAU} Genesis 12:7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."
- ^{NAU} Genesis 13:15 for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.
- But the peaceful possession of it is conditional.

Numbers 14:10, The LORD Intercedes

- ^{NAU} Numbers 14:10 But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then the glory of the LORD appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.
- Who is the only Intercessor?
- ^{NAU} 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
- ^{NAU} Romans 8:34...Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Let's Read Numbers 14:11-25



Numbers 14:18, Visiting The Iniquity?

- ^{NAU} Numbers 14:18 'The LORD is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children** to the third and the fourth generations.'

Exodus 20:5, Does God Punish The Children For Their Father's Sins

- Exodus 20:5 "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,
- When confronting any difficult passage you must consider the context. Look at the whole thought, paragraph, chapter, book genre, and then consider it in light of the whole Bible.
- We use a “normal, historical, literal, grammatical, contextual” hermeneutic. This passage is about idolatry, and idolatry has consequences upon children. Just like most sin. Idolatrous parents will produce children, grandchildren, and most likely great grand children who are idolatrous.

Generational Curses, www.compass.org

- “In Exodus 20:6, “God is saying that the effects of disobedience (in this case, worshiping idols) last for a time but the effects of trusting His Messiah's substitutionary death on the cross are far more extensive—to a "thousand" generations. Therefore the "effect" of sin can be broken by faith in God....Some people confuse "generational curses" with consequences of sin. For example, if a homosexual repents and trusts God, there may still be consequences of their prior activity that will affect them and/or their family in this life. Or if a woman abuses drugs while she is pregnant, even if she realizes her behavior was wrong and repents, there may be physical consequences to her and/or the baby. But that is not the context of what is being taught in Exodus 20.”

Consequence Of, Not Punishment

- Jeremiah 31:29 "In those days they will not say again, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge.'³⁰ "But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge.
- Ezekiel 18:2-28,4"Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die....
- *For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong that he has done, and that without partiality.* —Colossians 3:25

Let's Read Numbers 14:26-38



Retribution, Be Careful What You Wish For

- Num 14:2-3 All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this desert!
- Num 14:28 So tell them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Lord, I will do to you the very things I heard you say:
- Num 14:43 Because you have turned away from the Lord, he will not be with you and you will fall by the sword."

Retribution , Tit for tat, Reciprocal, Eye For Eye

- ^{NAU} Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it. ¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light. ¹¹ Thus I will punish the world for its evil And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless. ¹² I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold And mankind than the gold of Ophir. ¹³ Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, And the earth will be shaken from its place At the fury of the LORD of hosts In the day of His burning anger.
- ^{NAU} Isaiah 60:19 "No longer will you have the sun...the moon..
- Quail, bronze serpent, Gen 3 "be like God= god of this world"

Numbers 14:33, Sins Of The Fathers

- ^{NAU} Numbers 14:33 'Your sons shall **be shepherds** *[only use]* for **forty years** in the wilderness, and **they will suffer** for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness *[midbar, wilderness 1a) pasture 1b) uninhabited land]*
- God is not punishing the children for the sins of the fathers. But the sins of the parents always have consequences that impact the children.
- Forty years for forty days. God often chastises, judges, and punishes according to the crime, like for like, retribution. We used to wash the mouth out for swearing, make kids smoke a cigar if caught smoking, grounded if you come home late, etc.

Retribution

- Num 33:55-56 "'But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live. 56 And then I will do to you what I plan to do to them.'"

Retribution

- Adam and Eve weren't just denied fruit. They were denied the whole garden.

Retribution, Gal 6:7-10

- Gal 6:7-10 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Let's Read Numbers 14:39-45



Retribution

- Repentance doesn't reverse it.
- Num 14:40 Early the next morning they went up toward the high hill country. "We have sinned," they said. "We will go up to the place the Lord promised."
- Acts 7:42...FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?

Numbers 14:43,

- ^{ESV} Numbers 14:43 For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by the sword. **Because** you have turned back from following the LORD, the LORD will not be with you."



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Winter Is
Coming, So...

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"If you will fill out your temperature preference card and drop it in the offering plate, we will average them, and adjust the thermostat accordingly."

