Numbers 13:24

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The place was called the brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

Analysis

The naming of the valley 'Eshcol' memorialized the cluster brought back as evidence. Names in Scripture often commemorate God's faithfulness, creating permanent reminders for future generations. Yet tragically, this monument to God's promise would also mark the place where Israel rejected His gift through unbelief.

Historical Context

Eshcol appears elsewhere in Genesis 14:13, 24 as an Amorite ally of Abraham. The valley's name thus connected God's ancient promise to Abraham with its imminent fulfillment in Moses' generation. The location near Hebron linked the patriarchal promise to present reality.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

- 1. What memorials or reminders of God's faithfulness have you established in your life?
- 2. How do you remember God's past provision when facing present challenges?

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