

Numbers 13:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

Analysis

The spies returned to Kadesh with physical evidence of Canaan's fertility: a cluster of grapes so large it required two men to carry it on a pole. This tangible proof confirmed God's description of a land 'flowing with milk and honey.' Yet even undeniable evidence couldn't overcome unbelief in ten spies' hearts.

Historical Context

The Valley of Eshcol (meaning 'cluster') near Hebron was renowned for its vineyards. Archaeological evidence confirms this region's agricultural richness in antiquity, with grape cultivation being a major industry.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. Why is even overwhelming evidence insufficient to produce faith apart from God's grace?
2. What tangible evidences of God's faithfulness in your past can strengthen present trust?

Interlinear Text

וְלָכָה	וַבָּאוּ	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	וְאֶל	אַהֲרֹן	וְאֶל	כָּל
H1980	and came	H413	to Moses	H413	and to Aaron	H413	H3605
	H935		H4872		H175		
וְהָעֵדָה	בְּנֵי	אֶל	יִשְׂרָאֵל	מִדְבַּר			
and to all the congregation	of the children	of Israel	H413	unto the wilderness			
	H5712		H3478	H4057			
וּפָאֵךְ	קֵדְשָׁה	וַיָּשׁוּבּוּ	אֶת־	דְּבַר	וְאֵת	כָּל	
of Paran	to Kadesh	and brought back	H853	word	H853	H3605	
	H6290	H6946		H1697			
וְהָעֵדָה	וַיִּזְאֹם	אֶת־	פְּרִי	הָאָרֶץ			
and to all the congregation	and shewed	H853	them the fruit	of the land			
	H5712		H6529	H776			

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 32:8 (Parallel theme): Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land.

Numbers 20:1 (References Israel): Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

Deuteronomy 1:19 (Parallel theme): And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the

mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

Numbers 33:36 (Parallel theme): And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh.

Numbers 20:16 (Parallel theme): And when we cried unto the LORD, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border:

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