

# Numbers 14:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

## Analysis

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God promises an unprecedented sign: 'if the LORD make a new thing' (Hebrew 'beriah', create something new) and the earth swallows the rebels, then Israel will know 'these men have provoked the LORD.' This creative miracle would unmistakably demonstrate divine judgment, removing any doubt about who was truly God's representative. The phrase 'go down quick into the pit' (alive into Sheol) indicates conscious descent into death.

## Historical Context

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No recorded instance exists of the earth opening to swallow people alive prior to this event. This 'new thing' served as supernatural vindication of Moses' authority and warning against rebellion.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. Why does God sometimes use unprecedented miracles to vindicate His servants and judge rebellion?
2. How do divine judgments in Scripture serve as warnings to future generations?

## Interlinear Text

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in this wilderness	H4057	בָּזֶה	H2088	יַפְלֵל	H5307	פְּגַרְיִכְתֶּם	H3605	בְּמִדְבָּר	H6297	אֶכְלָת
and all that were numbered	H6485	פְּקַדְיִכְתֶּם	H3605	לְכָל	H4557	מִסְפָּרְכֶת	H4557	מִתְּבָרְכָת	H1121	וְאַתֶּם
from twenty years	H6242	שְׁנָת הָמִינָה	H8141	רַבָּע	H4605	שְׁנָת הַעֲלָה	H834	אֲשֶׁר	H3885	בְּלִינְתָּת מִתְּבָרְכָת
		and upward		רַבָּע		from twenty years		which have murmured		H5921

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 1:45** (Parallel theme): So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

**Hebrews 3:17** (Parallel theme): But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?

**Numbers 26:64** (Parallel theme): But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

**1 Corinthians 10:5** (Parallel theme): But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

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