

Numbers 14:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,

Analysis

The ten faithless spies died 'by the plague before the LORD'—divine judgment fell immediately on the ringleaders of rebellion. This swift punishment demonstrated that leading God's people into unbelief carries severe consequences. Their influential position magnified both their responsibility and their guilt.

Historical Context

The plague (literally 'stroke') was a direct divine intervention, distinguishing these men's deaths from natural causes. While the whole generation would die in the wilderness over forty years, these leaders died immediately, their judgment serving as a warning to all Israel.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does leadership responsibility affect accountability before God?
2. What warnings has God given about influencing others toward unbelief?

Interlinear Text

בְּאֶרֶץ: אֶת לְתֵת וְרַשְׁתְּ חָשָׁר וְבָנְשׁ יִם

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H834

שֶׁל הַמֹּשֶׁה

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מְשַׁחַת מֹשֶׁה

H4872

לְתֵת וְרַשְׁתְּ

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אֶת לְתֵת וְרַשְׁתְּ

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the land

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בְּעֵד הַמִּשְׁנֶה וְלֹא כָּל אֶת עַלְיוֹן תַּל וְנוֹתֵר וְנִשְׁתַּחַבְנָה בְּ

who returned to murmur and made all the congregation

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against him by bringing up a slander the land

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