

# Numbers 16:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

## Analysis

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Dathan and Abiram mockingly asked if Moses would 'put out the eyes of these men'—accusing him of blinding deception. This inverts reality: their rebellion demonstrated spiritual blindness while Moses consistently revealed God's will. Rebels often accuse others of the very faults they themselves possess, projecting their own deception onto faithful leaders.

## Historical Context

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The phrase 'put out eyes' may allude to treatment of captured kings or slaves (Judges 16:21, 2 Kings 25:7). By using such violent imagery, they portrayed Moses as a tyrant when he had led with exceptional meekness (12:3). False accusation is a standard tool of rebellion.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do you recognize projection when others accuse you of their own sins?
2. What role does truth-telling play in exposing and resisting spiritual rebellion?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאַתָּה	אֶל	לֵא	אֶל	אֶל	בְּכָל	כָּל	בְּכָל	וְאַבְשָׁר
Moreover	H3808	H413	us into a land	that floweth	with milk		and honey	
	H637			H776	H2100	H2461		H1706
thou hast not brought	H935	or given	H5414	H0	us inheritance	of fields	and vineyards	
					H5159	H7704		H3754
the eyes	H376	H1992	בְּעֵינֶיךָ רֹאשׁ יָמִינֶךָ	תַּנְאַקֵּר	לֹא	שָׁמַד הָנִיל תְּ	נִכְרֵם	תְּ
	H5869			H5365	H3808	H5159	וְאַתָּה: נִעְלָה;	
								H5927

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 20:24** (Parallel theme): But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.

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