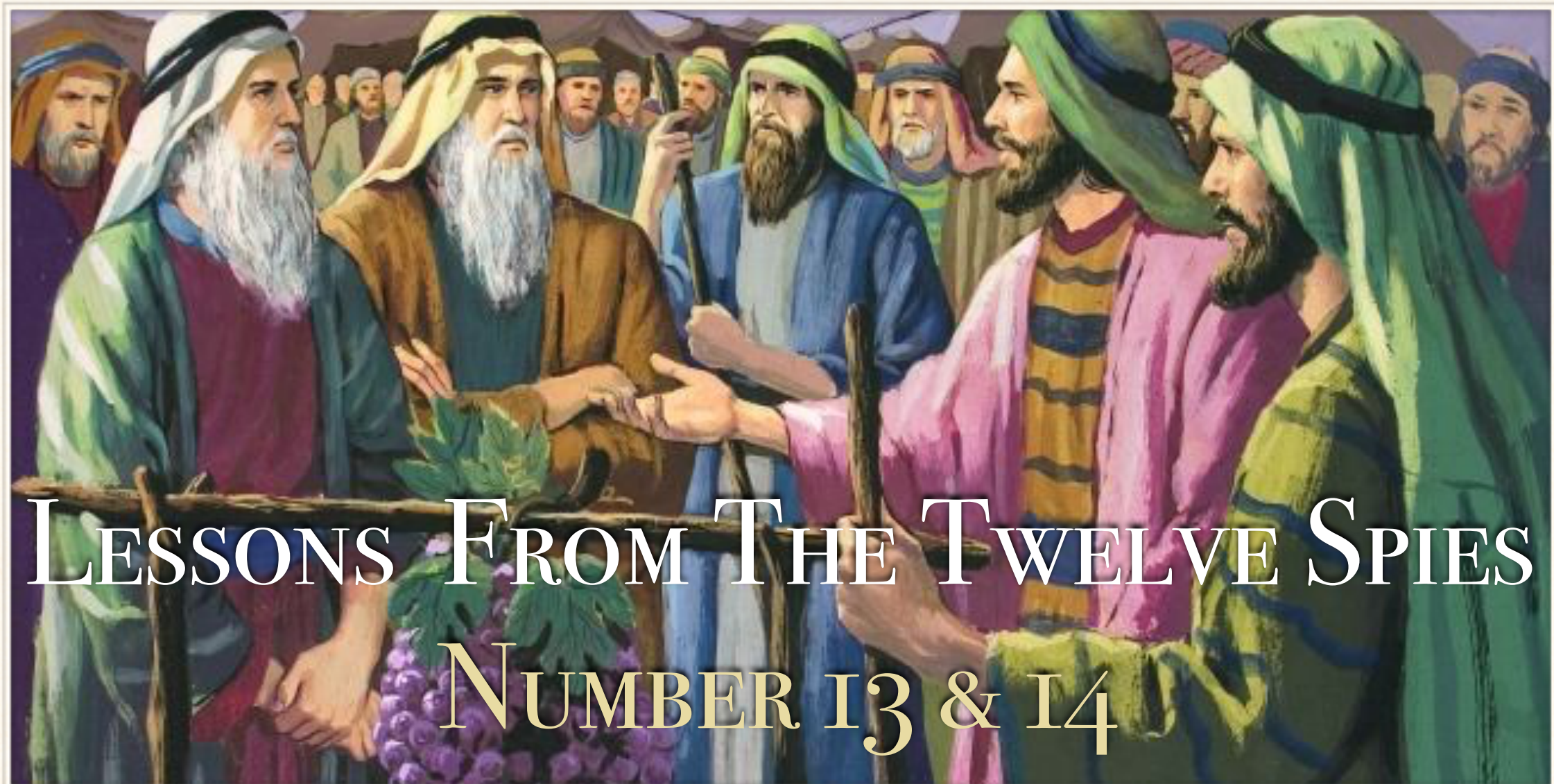



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LESSONS FROM THE TWELVE SPIES  
NUMBER 13 & 14



KEY	
	Possible route of the Exodus



Delivered from  
Egyptian bondage -  
Ex 14:30,31

The Lord  
Sends Quail -  
Num 11:31

The 2nd Passover -  
& departure - Num  
9:1-14; 10:11,12

Bread from  
heaven - Ex 16

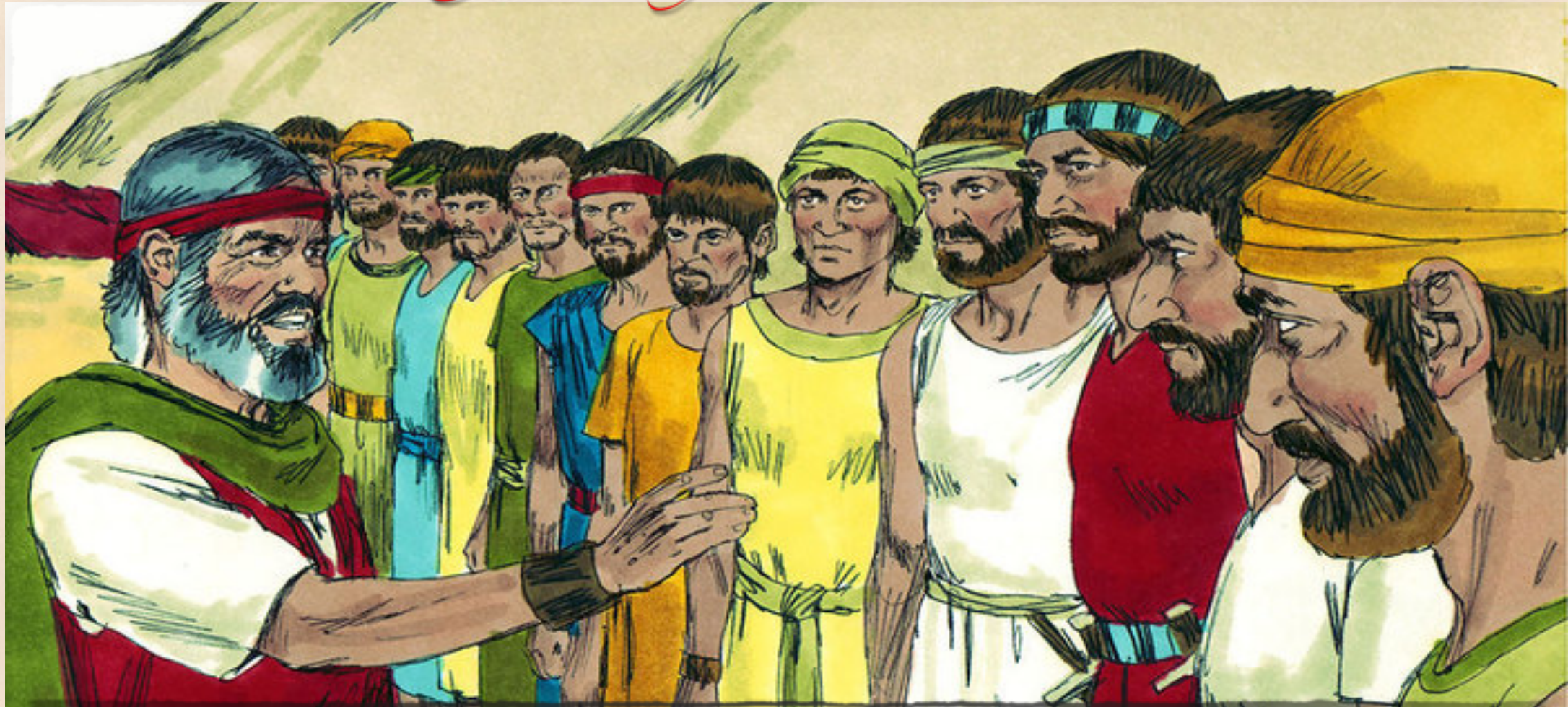
Water from the  
Rock - Ex 17

Spies sent  
into the  
land - Nu 13

Israel @  
Mount Sinai  
& the Law-  
Ex 19-33;  
Census  
603,550 "men  
of war" -  
Num. 1:46-47



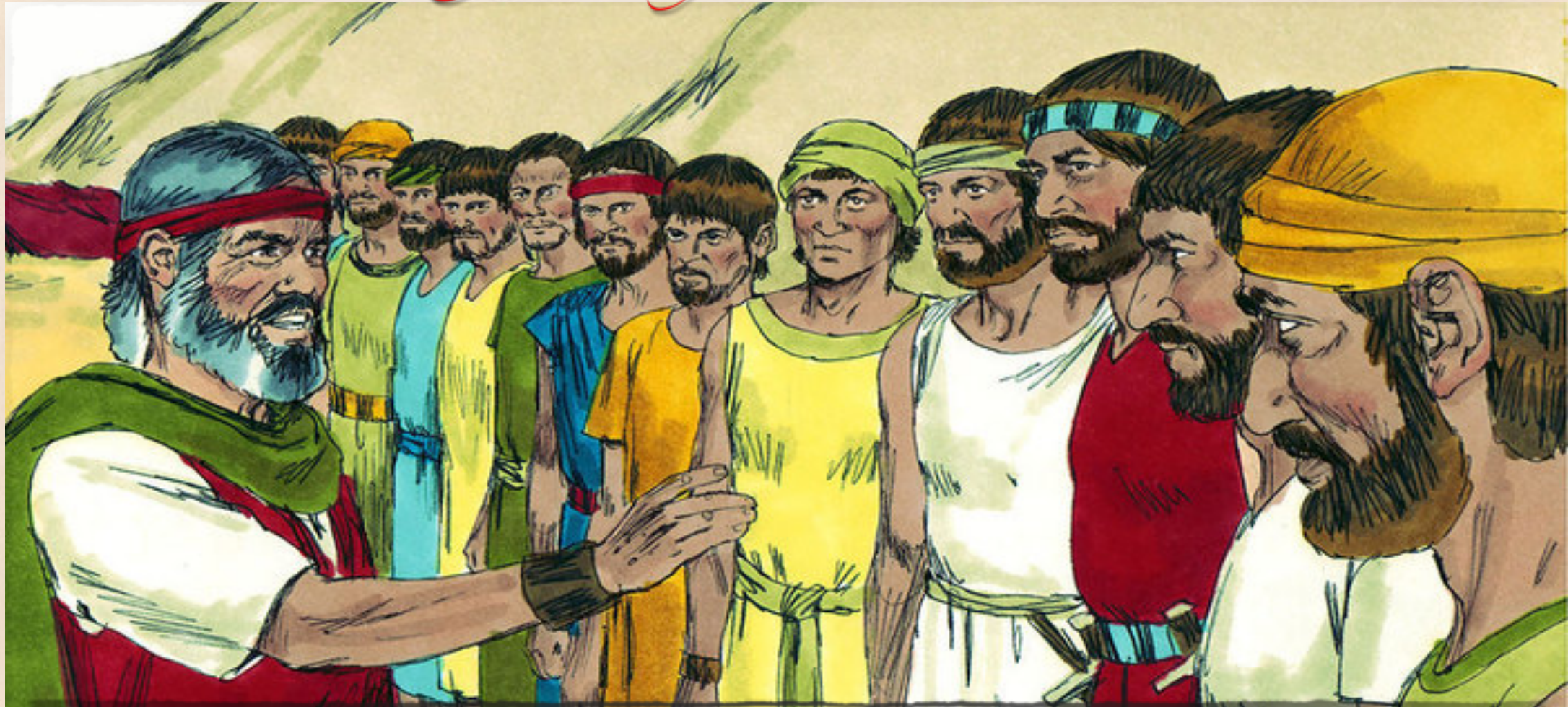
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The people & Moses agreed to send men to search the land - (Deut. 1: 20-23),  
God commanded them to choose a man from each tribe (12) to search the land - (Num 13:1,2).



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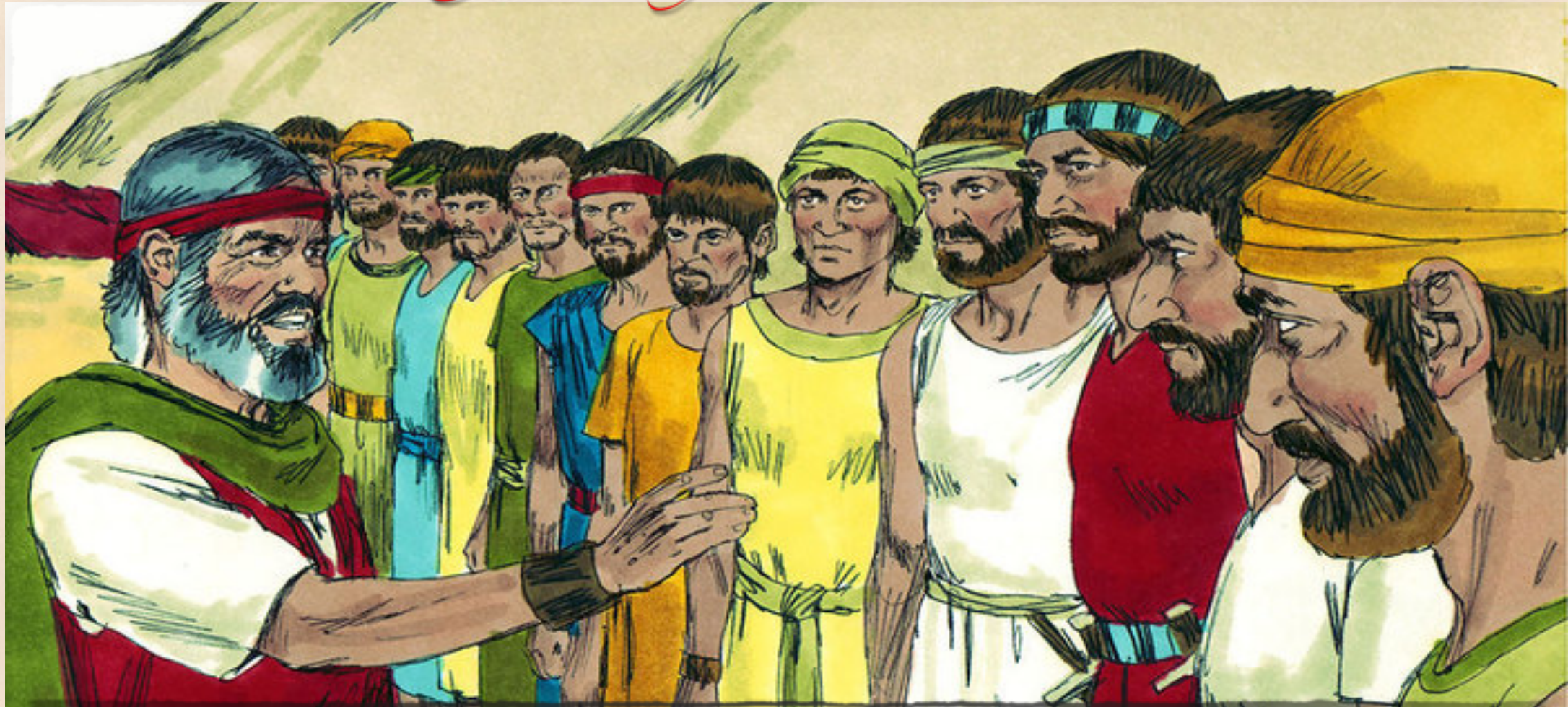


## **THE 12 MEN CHOSEN WERE:**

Shammua, Shaphat, Igal, Palti, Gaddiel, Gaddi, Ammiel, Sethur, Nahbi, Geuel, **Joshua & Caleb**



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After forty days, ten spies return with  
**“AN EVIL REPORT”**

Joshua & Caleb had a “different spirit ... ”



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## **NUMBERS 13:26-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup> Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit.



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## **NUMBERS 13:26-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”



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## **NUMBERS 13:26-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.” <sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we.”



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## **NUMBERS 13:26-33 (NKJV)**

<sup>32</sup> And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies *is* a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it *are* men of *great* stature. <sup>33</sup> There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”



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## **NUMBERS 14:1-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup> And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness!



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## **NUMBERS 14:1-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> Why has the Lord brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” <sup>4</sup> So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.” <sup>5</sup> Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.



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## **NUMBERS 14:1-10 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; <sup>7</sup> and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land. <sup>8</sup> If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’”



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## **NUMBERS 14:1-10 (NKJV)**

9 Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord *is* with us. Do not fear them.” 10 And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel.



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# Two Attitudes



**2 CORINTHIANS 5:7**  
(NKJV)

7 For we walk  
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"We are well able to overcome it" (13:30).

Obstacles are only stepping stones for those who trust God. (Rom 8:31)



Ten spies

## SIGHT

"We are not able" (13:31).  
Obstacles are bigger than us ... & our God. We are defeated before the battle.



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## **UNBELIEF**

### **Two Attitudes**

## **BELIEF**

### **DOUBT**

**GOD WON'T - 14:3**

God CAN'T do all that He has promised - He lacks either the ability or will! - (Numbers 14:3; 13:1; Heb 3:16-19)

They had already seen God's mighty power in the ten plagues and the crossing of the red sea & yet they doubted??



### **TRUST**

**GOD WILL - 14:8**

God can do all that He has promised - He is wise enough, strong enough & good enough! - (Numbers 13:30; 14:7-9; Rom 4:20,21; 8:31)

God is trustworthy because He is faithful - (1 Cor 10:13; Titus 1:1,2; Heb 6:13-19)



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## **UNBELIEF**

## **Two Attitudes**

## **BELIEF**

### **DOUBT**

**I CAN'T - 13:31;**

**MAT 14:31**

We see our inadequacies,  
but refuse to surrender  
control & strength to  
God. - (13:31,33; Heb  
3:16-18)



### **TRUST**

**I CAN - 13:2, 30;**

**PHIL 4:13**

We see our inadequacies,  
but trustingly surrender  
control & strength to  
God. - (Eph 6:10-18; Heb  
3:12-14; 4:11)

When God promises something & commands us to do  
something to receive it - we can do it! We can obtain what  
He promises - 1 Cor 10:13; 2 Tim 1:12; 4:6-8



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## **UNBELIEF**

### **Two Attitudes**

## **BELIEF**

### **FEAR**

They were afraid of those BIG GIANTS -  
(13:28,29; 31-33; 14:3,4)

Compare the Israelites against the Philistines -  
(1 Sam 17:11,24)

Fear & anxiety are the results of lacking faith,  
(Mat 6:30-34; John 12:42,43; Luke 22:56-61; Gal 2:11-13).



### **COURAGE**

Those BIG giants were small when compared to the MIGHTY GOD! -  
(13:30; 14:6-9)

Compare David - (1 Sam 17:37, 45-47; Ps 27:1)

It takes courage to serve the Lord, do what is right - to stand for what is right & against what is wrong! - (Josh 1:5-9)



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## UNBELIEF

## Two Attitudes

## BELIEF

### FEAR

The ten spies emotional & carnal perspective was their reality - (Prov 23:7)

Their fear was contagious - (*fear is a powerful motivational emotion*) - (14:1-4)

Paralyzed by fear - they could not receive what God had promised - (Prov 14:12; Eph 5:6)



### COURAGE

Let us view our obstacles through faith, i.e., a spiritual perspective - trusting God's word & promises - (2 Cor. 4:16-5:7; Heb 11:1)

By faith, we can bravely face our giants - (*suffering, hardship, etc.*). - (Luke 12:4-9; 2 Tim 1:7; Rev 2:10; Heb 13:6)



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## **UNBELIEF**

## **Two Attitudes**

## **BELIEF**

### **COMPLAINT**

Negativism - i.e., the emphasis of obstacles, problems or difficulties -  
(Num 14:2-4)

The people were ready to choose leaders to take them back to Egypt, where it was so much better, (*sarcasm*) -  
(Exodus 16:2,3; cf. 1 Co 10:10; Rom 1:21)



### **GRATITUDE**

“Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done”

Think of what we have in Christ, (Eph 1:3-14; Phil 4:8)

Compare the present suffering with the reward - (Rom 8:17,18; 2 Co 4:18)



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## UNBELIEF

## Two Attitudes

## BELIEF

### REBELLION

The preceding attitudes contributed their unwillingness to take possession of the land by faith & thus they rebelled against God & faithful leadership - Num 14:3,4,9,10; Deut 1:26; Heb 3:16-19  
When told of their punishment - they rebelled again - 14-39-45



### OBEDIENCE

Joshua & Caleb "*wholly followed the Lord*" - Num. 32:11-12; Deut. 1:36; Joshua 14:8-14  
Faith produces the firm expectation of what God has promised thus motivating obedience from the heart, which purifies it - Jam 2:14-26; Rom 6:16-18; Heb 11:1; 1 Pet 1:22,23; 1 John 3:3)



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Like The Ten  
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## SIGHT

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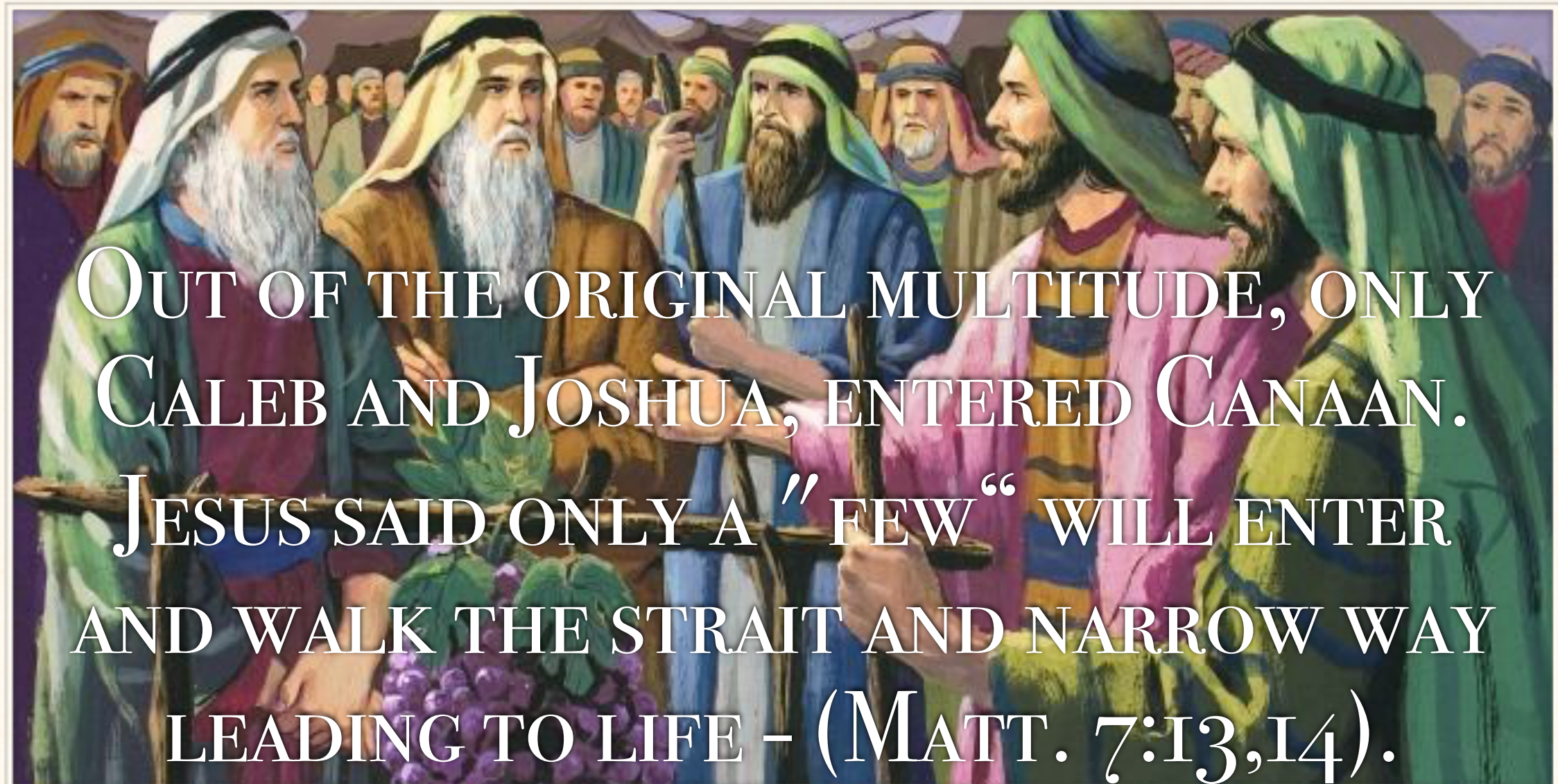
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## **SIGHT**

Living unholy,  
disobedient,  
unfaithful lives -  
trusting &  
following our ways,  
emotions & lust -  
forfeiting heaven.



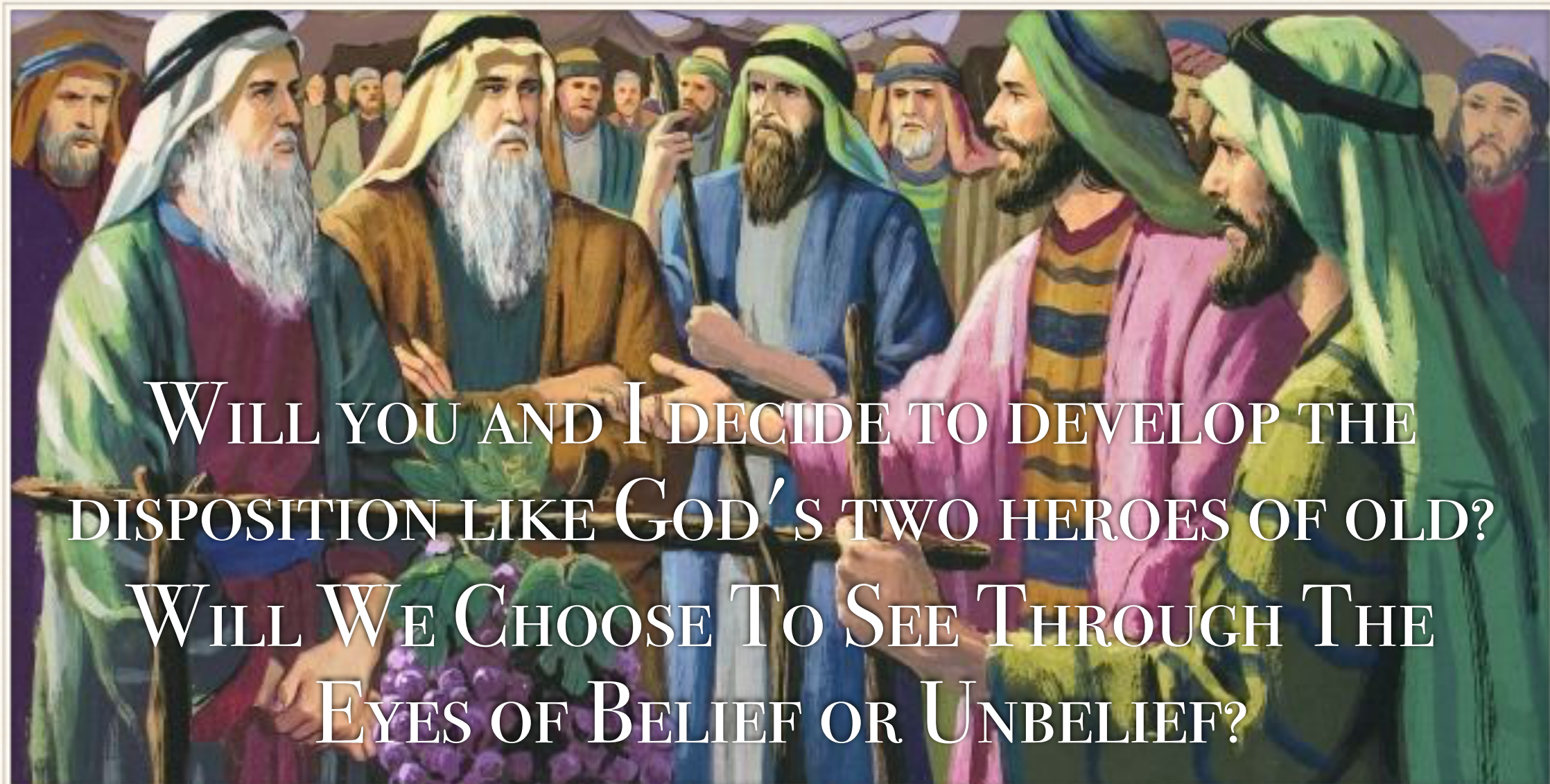
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OUT OF THE ORIGINAL MULTITUDE, ONLY  
CALEB AND JOSHUA, ENTERED CANAAN.  
JESUS SAID ONLY A "FEW" WILL ENTER  
AND WALK THE STRAIT AND NARROW WAY  
LEADING TO LIFE - (MATT. 7:13,14).



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WILL YOU AND I DECIDE TO DEVELOP THE  
DISPOSITION LIKE GOD'S TWO HEROES OF OLD?  
WILL WE CHOOSE TO SEE THROUGH THE  
EYES OF BELIEF OR UNBELIEF?







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## Hebrews 3:12-19 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called "*Today*," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.





## Hebrews 3:12-19 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, <sup>15</sup> while it is said:

*“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”* <sup>16</sup> For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, *was it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses?





## Hebrews 3:12-19 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Now with whom was He angry forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>

And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.