

# Our Response to His Gifts

“Shelach” - Numbers 13 - 15

וידבר יהוה אל-משה לאמר  
שלח-לך אנשים ויתרו את-ארץ כנען  
אשר-אני נתן לבני ישראל  
איש אחד איש אחד למטה אבתיו  
תשלחו כל נשיא בהם

- ▶ Va-Ye-Da-Ber Ye-Ho-Va El-Mo-She Le-Mor:  
**She-Lakh**-Le-Kha A-Na-Shim Ve-Ya-Tu-Ru Et-E-Rets Ke-Na-An  
A-Sher-A-Ni No-Ten Liv-Nei Yis-Ra-El  
Ish E-Khad Ish E-Khad Le-Ma-Te A-Vo-Tav  
Tish-La-Khu Kol Na-Si Va-Hem

# Numbers 13:1-3

- ▶ 1 And YHVH spoke to Mosheh, saying,
- ▶ 2 **Send** men to spy out the land of Kena'an, which I am giving to the children of Yisra'ěl. Send one man from each tribe of their fathers, every one a leader among them.
- ▶ 3 And by the mouth of YHVH Mosheh **sent them** from the Wilderness of Paran, all of them men who were heads of the children of Yisra'ěl.

# Numbers 13:17-20

- ▶ 17 And Mosheh **sent them to spy out the land** of Kena'an, and said to them, "Go up here into the South, and go up to the mountains,
- ▶ 18 and see **what the land is like**, and **the people** who dwell in it, whether **strong or weak**, whether **few or many**,
- ▶ 19 and whether **the land they dwell in is good** or evil, whether the cities they inhabit are in **camp or strongholds**,
- ▶ 20 and whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are **forests** there or not. And you shall be strong, and **bring some of the fruit** of the land." Now the time was the season of the first-fruits of grapes.

# Numbers 13:21, 23

- ▶ 21 So they went up and spied out the land...
- ▶ 23 And they came to the wadi Eshkol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes. And they bore it between two of them on a pole, also of the pomegranates and of the figs.
  - ▶ They could “check off” obedience to everything they were commanded to do.

# Questions

- ▶ WHAT was YHVH giving them?
  - ▶ The land of Kana'an. A land of milk and honey.
- ▶ What were they to DO?
  - ▶ Spy out the land...
  - ▶ The people: Strong or weak? Few or many?
  - ▶ The land: Good? Are there *forests*?
  - ▶ Are they in camps? Or strongholds?
- ▶ WHY were they to do this?
  - ▶ To PLAN how to take it!
- ▶ But what did they do?
  - ▶ ...

# Numbers 13:27-29

- ▶ 27 And they reported to him, and said, “We **went** to the land **where you sent us**. And truly, it flows with milk and honey, and **this is its fruit**. (WE did everything right...)”
- ▶ 28 “**But** the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are walled, very great. And we saw the descendants of Anaq there too.
- ▶ 29 “The Amalēqites dwell in the land of the South, while the Ḥittites and the Yebusites and the Amorites dwell in the mountains. And the Kena’anites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Yardēn.”

# Numbers 13:30-33

- ▶ 30 And Kalēḇ silenced the people before Mosheh, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are certainly able to overcome it.”
- ▶ 31 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.**”
- ▶ 32 And they gave the children of Yisra’ēl an evil report of the **land** which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies is **a land eating up its inhabitants**, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size.
- ▶ 33 And we saw there the Nephilim, sons of Anaq, of the Nephilim. And **we were like grasshoppers in our own eyes**, and so we were in their eyes.

# Numbers 14:8-9

- ▶ (Yehoshua's response...)
- ▶ 8 “If YHVH has delighted in us, then **He** shall bring us into this land and **give it to us**, ‘a land which is flowing with milk and honey.’
- ▶ 9 “Only, do not rebel against YHVH, nor fear the people of the land, for **they are our bread**. Their defense has turned away from them, and **YHVH is with us**. Do not fear *them.*”
- ▶ 10 But all the congregation said to stone them with stones.

# Numbers 14:11, 27

- ▶ 11 And YHVH said to Mosheh, “How long shall I be **scorned** by these people? And how long shall I **not be trusted** by them, with all the signs which I have done in their midst?
  - ▶ Yes, it WAS impossible. But they should have *expected miracles!*
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ 27 “How long shall this evil congregation have this **grumbling** against Me? I have heard the grumbings which the children of Yisra’ël are grumbling against Me.
  - ▶ They were discontent, ungrateful, covetous

# Numbers 14:28-29

- ▶ 28 Say to them, ‘As I live,’ declares YHVH, ‘as you have spoken in My hearing, so I do to you.’”
- ▶ 29 The carcasses of you who have grumbled against Me are going to **fall in this wilderness**, **all** of you who were registered, according to your **entire** number, from twenty years old and above.
  - ▶ The rest is history.

# WHAT Has He Promised to GIVE US?

- ▶ To KNOW Him (His Word, His presence)
- ▶ To provide for us, everything we need
- ▶ To protect us from harm
- ▶ A *blessed* life in every way
- ▶ A *long* life (eternal!)
- ▶ Freedom! From slavery, sin, death!
- ▶ A purpose, a PLAN, to be His *priests*
- ▶ Authority in the earth, in HIS Name
- ▶ A harvest that is ripe for the picking
- ▶ A vision for the future...

# How are we responding?

- ▶ To KNOWING Him...
  - ▶ Do we spend time with Him? Learn His Word?
- ▶ To His provision and protection...
  - ▶ Are we *grateful*? Or grumbling? Waiting...
- ▶ To His Freedom...
  - ▶ Are we just using it for ourselves?
- ▶ To His Purpose, His PLAN...
  - ▶ Are we being intercessors? Trusting in His plan?
- ▶ To His Authority...
  - ▶ Are we learning to exercise it? Or *profaning* it?
- ▶ To His Harvest...
  - ▶ Are we **reaping** what He is giving us?

# What *Should* Our Response Be?

- ▶ Numbers 13-14 is a sad story.
- ▶ 2 Other Stories:
- ▶ **Yeshoshua** (The student/protegé of Moshe)
- ▶ **Yeshoshua** (The prophet *like* Moshe)

# Joshua 2:1,23-24

- ▶ 1 And Yehoshua son of Nun secretly sent out two men from Shittim to spy, saying, “Go, see the land, and Yeriho.”
- ▶ ...
- ▶ 23 Then the two men returned and came down from the mountain, and passed over. And they came to Yehoshua son of Nun, and related to him all that had befallen them.
- ▶ 24 And they said to Yehoshua, “**Truly YHVH has given all the land into our hands**, and also, all the inhabitants of the land have melted away because of us.”

# Joshua 6:2-4

- ▶ 2 And YHVH said to Yehoshua, “See! **I have given** Yeriho and its sovereign, mighty brave men, into your hand.
- ▶ 3 “And you shall go around the city, all the men of battle going around the city **once**. Do this **for six days**.
- ▶ 4 “And let seven priests bear seven of the shopharot of the Yobelim before the ark, and **on the seventh day** go around the city **seven times** while the priests blow with the shopharot.

# Joshua 6:5

- ▶ 5 “And it shall be, when they make a long blast with the horn of a yobel, and when you hear the voice of the shophar, that all the people shout with a great sound. And the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him.”
- ▶ This was THE PLAN!
  - ▶ WHO’s plan was it?
  - ▶ How did they know the plan would succeed?
  - ▶ Did they have to follow it *exactly*?

# Joshua 6:15-16

- ▶ 15 And it came to be **on the seventh day** that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and went around the city seven times in this way. Only on **that day** they went around the city **seven times**.
- ▶ 16 And it came to be at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the shopharot, that Yehoshua said to the people, “Shout, for YHVH has given you the city!”

# Joshua 6:20

- ▶ 20 And the people shouted when the *priests* blew the shopharot. And it came to be when the people heard the voice of the shophar, and the people shouted with a great shout, that **the wall fell down flat. And the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city.**
- ▶ Right response, Miraculous results.

# Matthew 14:15-16

- ▶ (Yehoshua Messiah)
- ▶ 15 And when evening came, His taught ones came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Dismiss the crowds, so that they might go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”
- ▶ 16 But Yehoshua said to them, “They do not need to go away, give them to eat yourselves.”

# Matthew 14:17-18

- ▶ 17 And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”
- ▶ 18 And He said, “**Bring them here to Me.**”
  - ▶ “Bring...*whatever* you have... to ME.”
    - ▶ The WORD, and the Authority of YHVH
    - ▶ Expecting a **MIRACLE.**

# Matthew 14:19-20

- ▶ 19 And commanding the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to the heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the taught ones. And the taught ones gave to the crowds,
- ▶ 20 and **all** ate and were **satisfied**. And they picked up the **pieces left over** - *twelve baskets, filled*.
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