


Moses Intercedes for Israel

Numbers 14:5 - 45


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Israel's Leadership Laments Sin

- **Numbers 14:5-7**


Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, "The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land."



Rebellious Israel


- **Numbers 14:8-10**

"If the Lord is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us a land which flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them." But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then the glory of the Lord appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.

 **Unbelief!**


■ **Numbers 14:11, 12**

The Lord said to Moses, “How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst? I will smite them with pestilence and dispossess them, and I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they.”

 **Moses appeals to the Lord’s reputation**

■ **Numbers 14:13, 14**

But Moses said to the Lord, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for by Your strength You brought up this people from their midst, and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, O Lord, are in the midst of this people, for You, O Lord, are seen eye to eye, while Your cloud stands over them; and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.”

 **Moses appeals to the Lord’s reputation**

■ **Numbers 14:15, 16**

Now if You slay this people as one man, then the nations who have heard of Your fame will say, “Because the Lord could not bring this people into the land which He promised them by oath, therefore He slaughtered them in the wilderness.”



God's power revealed in forgiveness

■ **Numbers 14:17, 18**

“But now, I pray, let the power of the Lord be great, just as You have declared, ‘The Lord is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generations.’

Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness, just as You also have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.”



Yahweh answers Moses' prayer

■ **Numbers 14:20, 21**


So the Lord said, “I have pardoned them according to your word; but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.”



Caleb believed God


■ **Numbers 14:22-24**

Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it. But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.



Numbers 14:28 - 35


- All over 20 shall die in the wilderness
- Only Joshua and Caleb will enter the promised land
- The children will enter the land



Judgment on the unbelievers


- **Numbers 14:36 - 38**

As for the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land and who returned and made all the congregation grumble against him by bringing out a bad report concerning the land, even those men who brought out the very bad report of the land died by a plague before the Lord. But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive out of those men who went to spy out the land.




Numbers 14:39-45

- They decide on their own to go into the land
- Moses predicts failure
- Neither Moses nor the Lord goes with them
- They are defeated


 **Implications and Applications**

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- 2) We should pray that God will bring honor to His name by saving His people
- 3) The forgiveness of sins is the greatest revelation of God's power

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
■ **2Peter 1:4**

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

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
■ **2Corinthians 6:18; 7:1**

“And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,” Says the Lord Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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
■ **Psalm 23:3**

He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

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■ **Ezekiel 36:22, 23**

Therefore say to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God, 'It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord,' declares the Lord God, 'when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.'"

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■ **Ephesians 1:7**

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace



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■ **Acts 26:18**

to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.



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