

# Numbers

Chapter 14

Student

## Disobedience and the Quest for Power

**Contents:** Fear, lack of faith and complaining from the spies. The result of their actions.

**Characters:** **GOD**, Moses, Aaron, Caleb, Joshua.

**Conclusion:** All the dangers that we are in are from our own distrust. We would succeed against all enemies if we did not make **GOD** our enemy. We are excluded from **GOD**'s blessing only by excluding ourselves.

**Key Word:** Murmuring and complaining, 2.

**Strong Verses:** 8, 9, 18.

**Striking Facts:** 13-19. The best pleas in prayer are those taken from Christ's honor. The more danger there is of others reproaching Christ's power, the more desirous we should be to see it glorified.

### Word study:

**Usurp** - take (a position of power or importance) unlawfully or by force:

**Presume** - suppose that something is the case on the basis of probability, or to take for granted that something exists or is the case:

**Presumptuous** - of a person or their behavior) failing to observe the limits of what is permitted or appropriate

**Stupidity** - behavior that shows a lack of good sense or judgment

### Questions:

1. How was Israel's speech prophetic?
2. How did Israel seek to usurp Moses' authority?
3. How did Joshua analyze the situation?
4. What was the congregation's response?
5. What was GOD's response?
6. What did Moses do?
7. How did the spies suffer for their disobedience?

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8. How did the people suffer?
9. What “stupid” act did Israel take?
10. How many times did Israel disbelieve GOD?

**Bonus Question: What is the reason/source/cause for Israel’s continued disobedience? How does that relate to today for believers....or you?**