

NUMBERS 14 CONTINUED



- The Fall of Israel
- The report of 10 scouts put the people of Israel into despair and panic
- The people openly wished to go back to Egypt
- God saw this as rebellion against Him

CULTURAL EXPRESSION

- Israel wailing and weeping all night
- But ALSO grumbling and threatening rebellion
- Cultural expression and sincerity are not necessarily connected
- Vss.1 – 4 are an example of the **WRONG** attitude to approach God!!



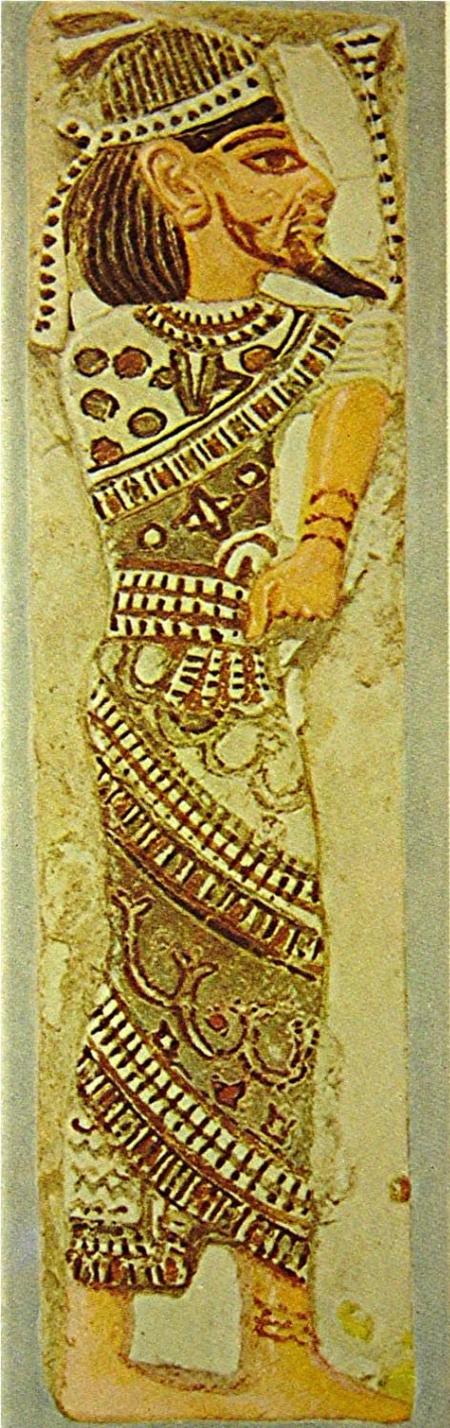
JOSHUA AND CALEB STAND WITH MOSES AND AARON

- Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in disbelief
- Joshua had been silent, but now speaks
- Joshua and Caleb together remind the people of the Promise
- DON'T fear
- DON'T rebel
- DON'T disobey



PROTECTION OVER CANAAN REMOVED

- Word translated as protection = tse**l**
- **Tsel** = shade (like shade from a tree)
- Protection over Canaan was of a divine nature
- Bible says little about Angels
- Most of what we know is from Rabbis and Tradition



DANIEL 10: THE PRINCE OF PERSIA

- Direct confrontation between “Prince of Persia” and an Angel
- Archangel Michael also intervened
- Bible speaks of angels and evil spirits assigned to nations
- Joshua’s proclamation of “no more protection” over Canaan was literal



MOSES PLEADS WITH GOD

- Moses ask Yehoveh not to annihilate the guilty
- Uses same argument as at Golden Calf incident
- Argues that the gentile nations will see God as UNABLE to accomplish what He has promised
- God relents
- God was SWAYED by Moses



PRAYER MATTERS BUT ACTION IS ALSO NEEDED FOR REPENTENCE



- Bible Principle:
Mediators and Intercessors can curb divine retribution
- God is interactive
- We are NOT hapless Marionettes
- When certain righteous men approach God, he will alter plans and intents
- Without this principle, where is the relationship?

VERTICAL RETRIBUTION

- **PRINCIPLE:** God may move the punishment from the guilty father to the son
- Or.... He may apply the mercy due the father to the son
- **NAS Numbers 14:18** *'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.'*
- Moses is asking God to transfer the punishment of the guilty adults, to their children!
- Principle of Vertical Retribution existed long before Moses

MERCY CAN ALSO BE “PASSED FORWARD”

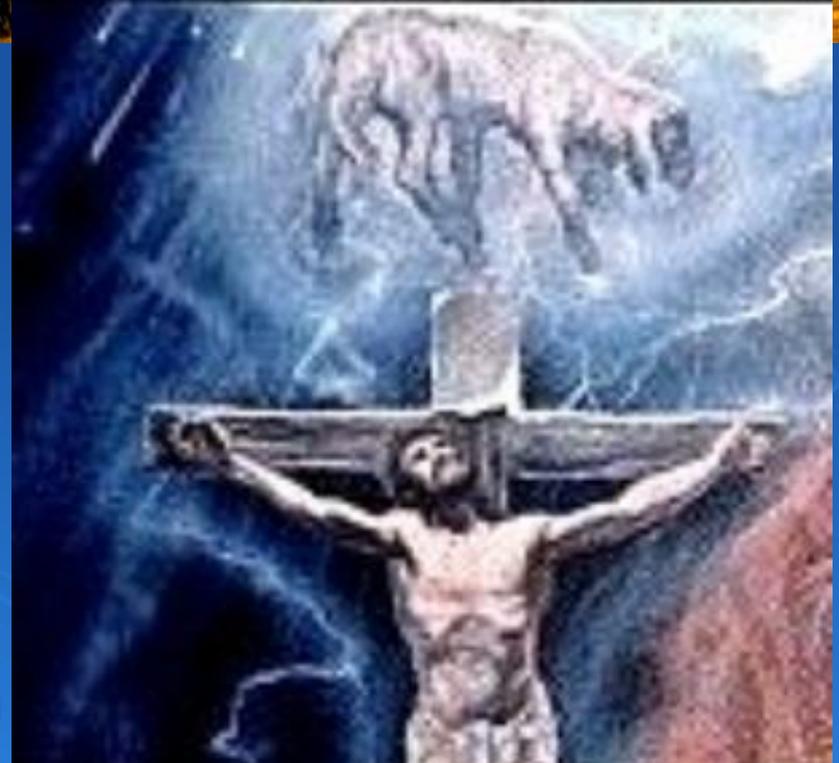
- **NAS Psalm 103:17** *But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, 18 To those who keep His covenant, And who remember His precepts to do them.*
- Punishment CAN get POSTPONED to a later time (to a later generation)
- Conditional on the guilty party being repentant
- **NAS 1 Kings 21:29** *"Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, but I will bring the evil upon his house in his son's days."*
- God says that He will not kill the Israelites, but neither will He allow them to enter the Promised Land

AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY

- **NAS Numbers 14:32** *'But as for you, your corpses shall fall in this wilderness. 33 'And your sons shall be shepherds for forty years in the wilderness, and they shall suffer for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness.*
- Pardon OR forgive usually translates the Hebrew SALACH
- Principle of the word Salach: 1) Only applies to DIVINE pardon, never human 2) ONLY the punishment is pardoned, NOT the sin! 3) There is an element of reconciliation
- By Moses requesting SALACH, and God granting it, the relationship between Israel and Yehoveh continues
- “According to your kindness” = according to your chesed
- Chesed refers to the covenant, and God’s commitment to it
- The punishment is pardoned, but Israel will remain guilty!

TWO KINDS OF PARDON

- The type of SALACH available is different by means of the Mediator Moses VS. the Mediator Yeshua
- Under Moses, the guilt remains
- Under Christ, the guilt is erased
- Under Christ, He bears the punishment, so BOTH the punishment AND the sin are pardoned!
- No one over 20 years old will enter the Promised Land



ISRAEL TO WANDER FOR 40 YEARS



- 1 year for each day the scouts were gone scouting the land
- The 10 scouts immediately died by a “Plague”
- In response the people decide to go to Canaan anyway
- Neither Moses nor Ark went with them, so neither God’s Presence nor the Mediator was with them
- The Amelikites attacked and crushed them
- All timing is the Lord’s