

The Spies and Canaan

Sequence:

- Israel left Sinai around May 20th (10:11)
- Israel was in Kibroth-hattaavah for about one month (11:20)
- Israel spent 7 days at least at Hazaorth (11:35-12:16)
- It is about the first part of July when the spies entered Canaan (13:20)

The Journey to Canaan

The journey from Kadesh to Hebron and back was about a 500 mile journey. It took the spies 40 days to complete the journey. This means that they traveled about 12.5 miles per day. (13:20)

Report of the Spies

1. The land is as God has said, one that flows with milk and honey. (26-27)
2. The people are very strong (28)
3. The cities are walled and very great (28)
4. Giants occupy the land (28, 29, 32, 33)
5. We are not able to go against these people, for they are stronger than we are (31)

After listening to the pessimistic report of the ten, the people rebelled against Moses and begin to long for Egypt again. Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in anguish (v.5) while Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes and pleaded with Israel (vs. 6-9)

While the people rebelled against Moses, God glorified him (10) and even offered to kill them and give Moses a greater nation (12). Moses rejected God's offer (13-20)

A New Plan Due to Rebellion
God had counted the rebellious acts of Israel and concluded that they had tempted him 10 times (v.22) and now he would prohibit them from inheriting the promise.


