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GOD CANNOT LIE

Exodus 3:8,17 NLT

8 So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt INTO THEIR OWN FERTILE AND SPACIOUS LAND. IT IS A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY-the land where the canaanites, hittites, amorites, perizzites, hivites, and jebusites now live.

17 I have promised to rescue you from your oppression in Egypt. I WILL LEAD YOU TO A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY-THE LAND WHERE THE CANAANITES, HITTITES, AMORITES, PERIZZITES, HIVITES, AND JEBUSITES NOW LIVE."

Numbers 13:1-3,17-21,23-24 NLT

- 1 The LORD now said to Moses,
- 2 "Send out men to explore the land of Canaan, the land I am giving to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of the twelve ancestral tribes."
- 3 So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He sent out twelve men, all tribal leaders of Israel, from their camp in the wilderness of Paran.

- 17 Moses gave the men these instructions as he sent them out to explore the land: "Go north through the Negev into the hill country.
- **18** See what the land is like, and find out whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many.
- 19 See what kind of land they live in. Is it good or bad? Do their towns have walls, or are they unprotected like open camps?
- 20 Is the soil fertile or poor? Are there many trees? Do your best to bring back samples of the crops you see." (It happened to be the season for harvesting the first ripe grapes.)
- 21 So they went up and explored the land from the wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near Lebo-hamath.
- 23 When they came to the valley of Eshcol, they cut down a branch with a single cluster of grapes so large that it took two of them to carry it on a pole between them! They also brought back samples of the pomegranates and figs.
- 24 That place was called the valley of Eshcol (which means "cluster"), because of the cluster of grapes the Israelite men cut there.

Numbers 13:25-33 NLT

25 After exploring the land for forty days, the men returned

- 26 to Moses, Aaron, and the whole community of Israel at Kadesh in the wilderness of Paran. They reported to the whole community what they had seen and showed them the fruit they had taken from the land.
- 27 This was their report to Moses: "We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country-a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces.
- 28 But the people living there are powerful, and their towns are large and fortified. We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak!
- 29 The Amalekites live in the Negev, and the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hill country. The Canaanites live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan Valley."
- 30 BUT CALEB TRIED TO QUIET THE PEOPLE AS THEY STOOD BEFORE MOSES. "LET'S GO AT ONCE TO TAKE THE LAND," HE SAID. "WE CAN CERTAINLY CONQUER IT!"
- 31 But the other men who had explored the land with him disagreed. "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!"
- 32 So they spread this bad report about the land among the Israelites: "The land we traveled through and explored will devour anyone who goes to live there. All the people we saw were huge.

33 WE EVEN SAW GIANTS THERE, THE DESCENDANTS OF ANAK. NEXT TO THEM WE FELT LIKE GRASSHOPPERS, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY THOUGHT, TOO!"