



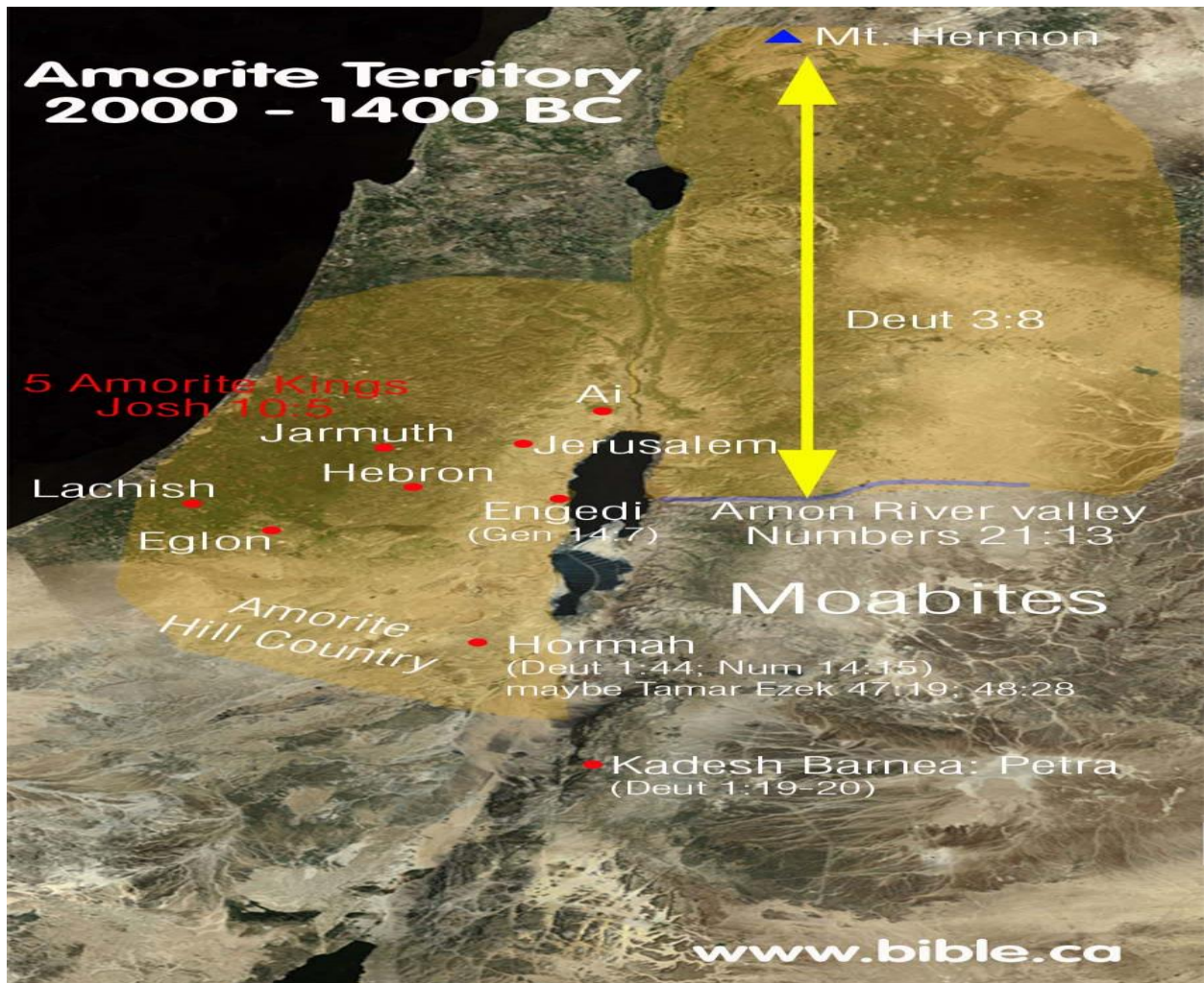
Step into the arena where fierce heroes stand tall!

## GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN!

Sometimes it is easy to take the path of least resistance, to walk away from the fight, but we have a choice! We do not have to surrender to our fears. The Holy Spirit invites us into the arena where fierce Heroes stand tall. Choose to be BOLD!

### THE CONTEXT:





Tribes of Israel	Numbers of fighting men
1. Ruben	46,500
2. Simeon	59,300
3. Gad	45,650
4. Judah	74,600
5. Issachar	54,400
6. Zebulun	57,400
7. Ephraim	40,500
8. Manasseh	32,200
9. Benjamin	35,400
10. Dan	62,700
11. Asher	41,500
12. Naphtali	53,400
Total tribe count men 20 years or older who are eligible for military service.	603,550

## THE TEXT: NUMBERS 14:1-38

14 So all the Congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the People wept that night. <sup>2</sup> And all the Children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole Congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why has Yahweh brought us to this Land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt."

<sup>5</sup> Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the Assembly of the Congregation of the Children of Israel.

- "Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. <sup>30</sup> Yahweh your Elohim, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, <sup>31</sup> and in the wilderness where you saw how Yahweh your Elohim carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.' <sup>32</sup> Yet, for all that, you did not believe Yahweh your Elohim, <sup>33</sup> who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day (DUETERONOMY 1:29-33).

<sup>6</sup> But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the Land, tore their clothes; <sup>7</sup> and they spoke to all the Congregation of the Children of Israel, saying: "The Land we passed through to spy out is an Exceedingly Good Land. <sup>8</sup> If Yahweh delights in us, then He will bring us into this Land and give it to us, 'a Land which flows with milk and honey.' <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against Yahweh, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and Yahweh is with us. Do not fear them." <sup>10</sup> And all the Congregation said to stone them with stones.

Now the Glory of Yahweh appeared in the Tabernacle of Meeting before all the Children of Israel. <sup>11</sup> Then Yahweh said to Moses: "How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? <sup>12</sup> I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

<sup>13</sup> And Moses said to Yahweh: "Then the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your might You brought these People up from among them, <sup>14</sup> and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this Land. They have heard that You, Yahweh, are among these People; that You, Yahweh, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. <sup>15</sup> Now if You kill these People as one man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame will speak, saying, <sup>16</sup> 'Because Yahweh was not able to bring this People to the Land which He swore to give them, therefore He killed them in the wilderness.' <sup>17</sup> And now, I pray, let the power of my Yahweh be great, just as You have spoken, saying, <sup>18</sup> 'Yahweh is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation (EXODUS 34:5-7).' <sup>19</sup> Pardon the iniquity of this people, I pray, according to the greatness of Your mercy, just as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now."

<sup>20</sup> Then Yahweh said: "I have pardoned, according to your word; <sup>21</sup> but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the Glory of Yahweh — <sup>22</sup> because all these men who have seen My Glory and the Signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, <sup>23</sup> they certainly shall not see the Land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. <sup>24</sup> But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the Land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it. <sup>25</sup> Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley; tomorrow turn and move out into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea."

1. Exodus 14:11 – Wanted to be left in Egypt – at the Red Sea
2. Exodus 15:22 – Grumbled about no water – Marah.
3. Exodus 16:3 – Grumbling about food
4. Exodus 17:2 – Again grumbling about no water – Massah/Meribah
5. Exodus 32:1 – Golden Calf – Mount Sinai
6. Leviticus 10:1 – Nadab and Abihu – Mount Sinai
7. Numbers 11: 1 – Complained about hardships – Taberah
8. Numbers 11: 4 – Complained about the food – Kibroth Hattaavah
9. Numbers 12: 1 – Miriam and Aaron talked against Moses' marriage
10. Numbers 13 + 14 – The story of the spies – Kadesh Barnea

<sup>26</sup> And Yahweh spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>27</sup> "How long shall I bear with this Evil Congregation who complain against Me? I have heard the complaints which the Children of Israel make against Me. <sup>28</sup> Say to them, 'As I live,' says Yahweh, 'just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: <sup>29</sup> The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. <sup>30</sup> Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the Land which I swore I would make you dwell in. <sup>31</sup> But your little ones, whom you said would be victims, I will bring in, and they shall know the Land which you have despised. <sup>32</sup> But as for you, your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. <sup>33</sup> And your sons shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and bear the brunt of your infidelity, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness. <sup>34</sup> According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection. <sup>35</sup> I Yahweh have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this Evil Congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.'"

<sup>36</sup> Now the men whom Moses sent to spy out the Land, who returned and made all the Congregation complain against him by bringing a bad report of the Land, <sup>37</sup> those very men who brought the evil report about the Land, died by the plague before Yahweh. <sup>38</sup> But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the Land.

### **FORTY-FIVE YEARS LATER: JOSHUA 14:1-15**

These are the areas which the Children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed as an inheritance to them. <sup>2</sup> Their inheritance was by lot, as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes and the half-tribe. <sup>3</sup> For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe on the other side of the Jordan; but to the Levites he had given no inheritance among them. <sup>4</sup> For the children of Joseph were two tribes: Manasseh and Ephraim. And they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except cities to dwell in, with their common-lands for their livestock and their property. <sup>5</sup> As the Lord had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; and they divided the land.

<sup>6</sup> Then the Children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: "You know the word which the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. <sup>7</sup> I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart. <sup>8</sup> Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the Lord my God. <sup>9</sup> So Moses swore on that day, saying, 'Surely the land where your foot has trodden shall be your inheritance and your children's forever, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God.' <sup>10</sup> And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years, ever since

the Lord spoke this word to Moses while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, here I am this day, eighty-five years old. <sup>11</sup> As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. <sup>12</sup> Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said."

<sup>13</sup> And Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. <sup>14</sup> Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel. <sup>15</sup> And the name of Hebron formerly was Kirjath Arba (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim). Then the land had rest from war.