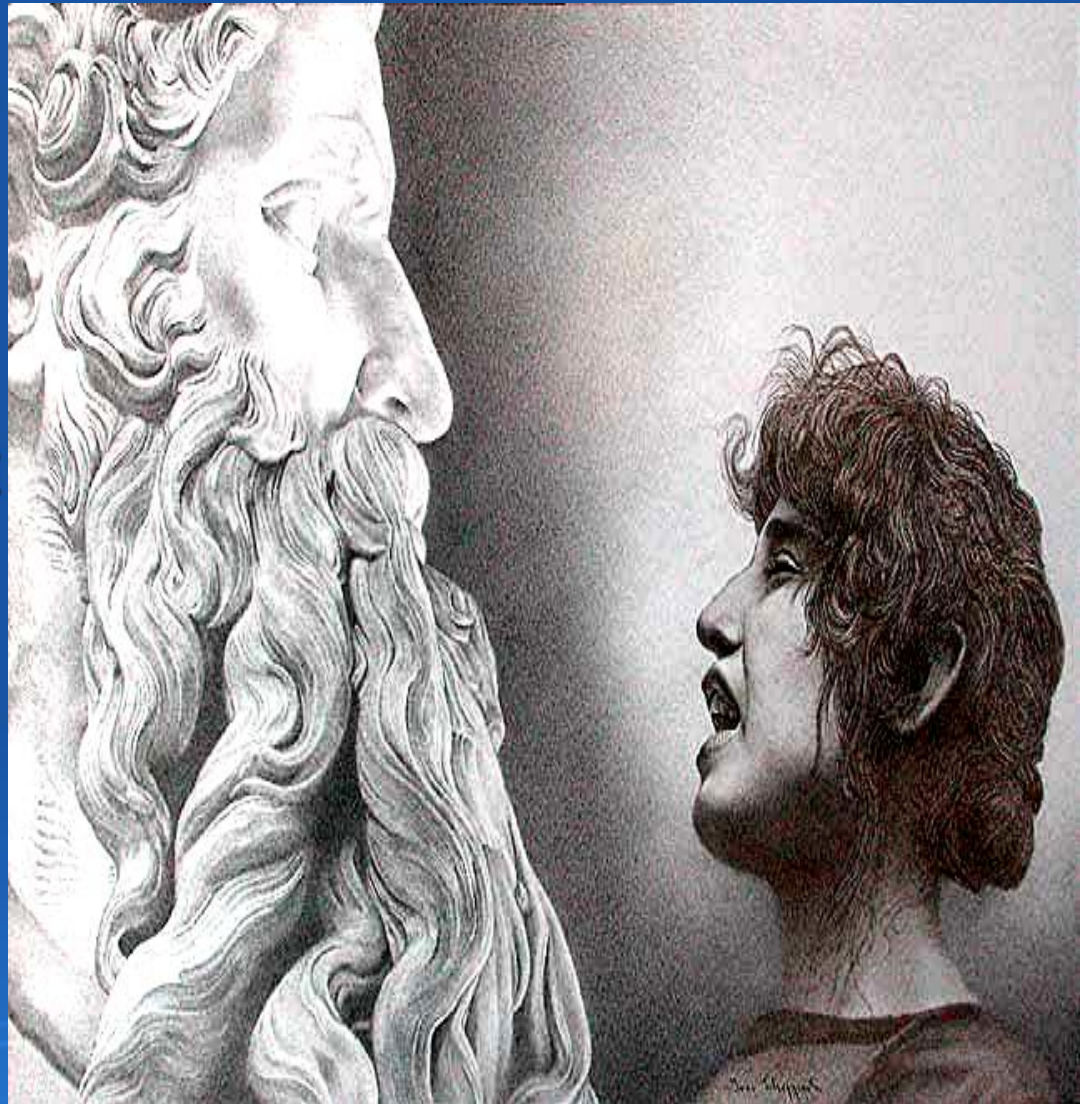


# NUMBERS 13

- Numbers 12 ends with the rebellion of Aaron and Miriam
- Miriam divinely punished with Tzara'at
- Put outside-the-camp for 7 days for purification procedure
- Kadesh = Kadesh-Barnea = Ein-Mishpat







# REBELLION: THE 1<sup>st</sup> FALL OF ISRAEL

- Not unlike the Fall of Man
- Men gave in to their evil inclinations
- Just weeks earlier, Israel had been consecrated to God
- Now, they turn their backs and refuse to enter into the Promised Land



# WHO SENT OUT THE SPIES?

- Numbers 13 says Moses ordered spies to go
- Deuteronomy 1:22 says: ***“Then all of you approached me and said, ‘let us send men before us, that they may search out the land’...”***
- ***Shelah lekha*** = “send for YOURSELF”
- God responds to request from Moses, who was responding to request from the people, to send out some scouts



# SCOUTS, NOT SPIES

- Their mission was to scout out the land and reassure the people
- Key leaders were sent, not expendable troops
- NO representative from Levi is sent (Levi not part of Israel any more)





# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- Hoshea, son of Nun, has his name changed to “Joshua”.....actually YEHOShUA
- Hoshea = God saves
- Yehoshua = Yehoveh saves
- Israel did not KNOW God's name (Y-H-W-H) back in Egypt, when Hoshea was born.....learned it at Mt. Sinai
- Yeshua is a contraction of Yehoshua
- Jesus, Joshua, Yehoshua, Yeshua are the same name, different eras, different dialects and languages
- PARALLEL: **Moses** leads people UP TO the Promised Land, but **Yehoshua** leads them into it
- Torah of Moses leads people UP TO the ultimate “promised land”, but **Yeshua** leads them into it



# MISSION WAS TO CHECK OUT THE NATURAL RESOURCES

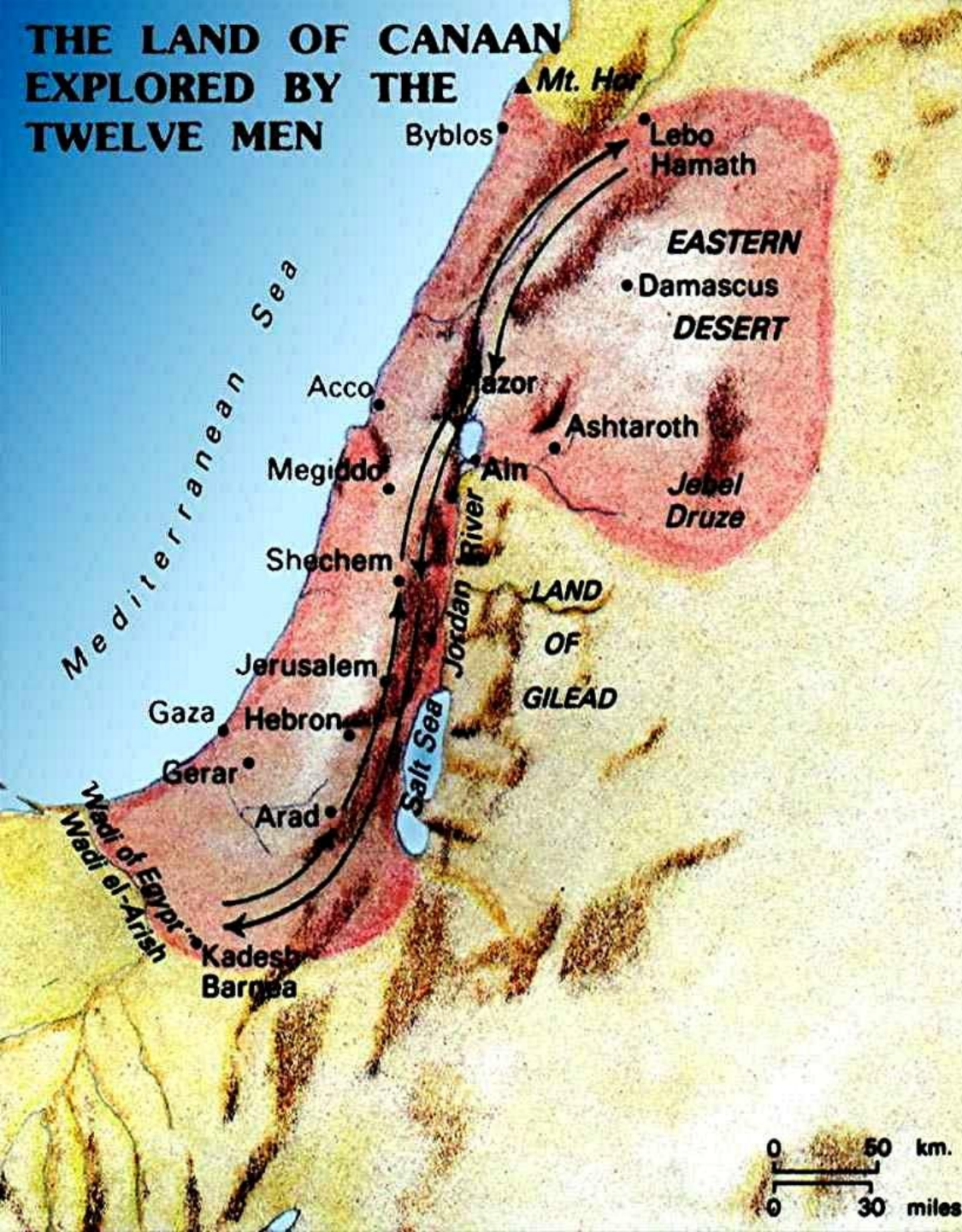


**They had seen the  
same enemies  
the other spies  
had seen.**

- Numbers 13:18 – 20
- This was about climate, fertility, and the soil
- Mission occurred at the first grape ripening, about July/August



**THE LAND OF CANAAN  
EXPLORED BY THE  
TWELVE MEN**

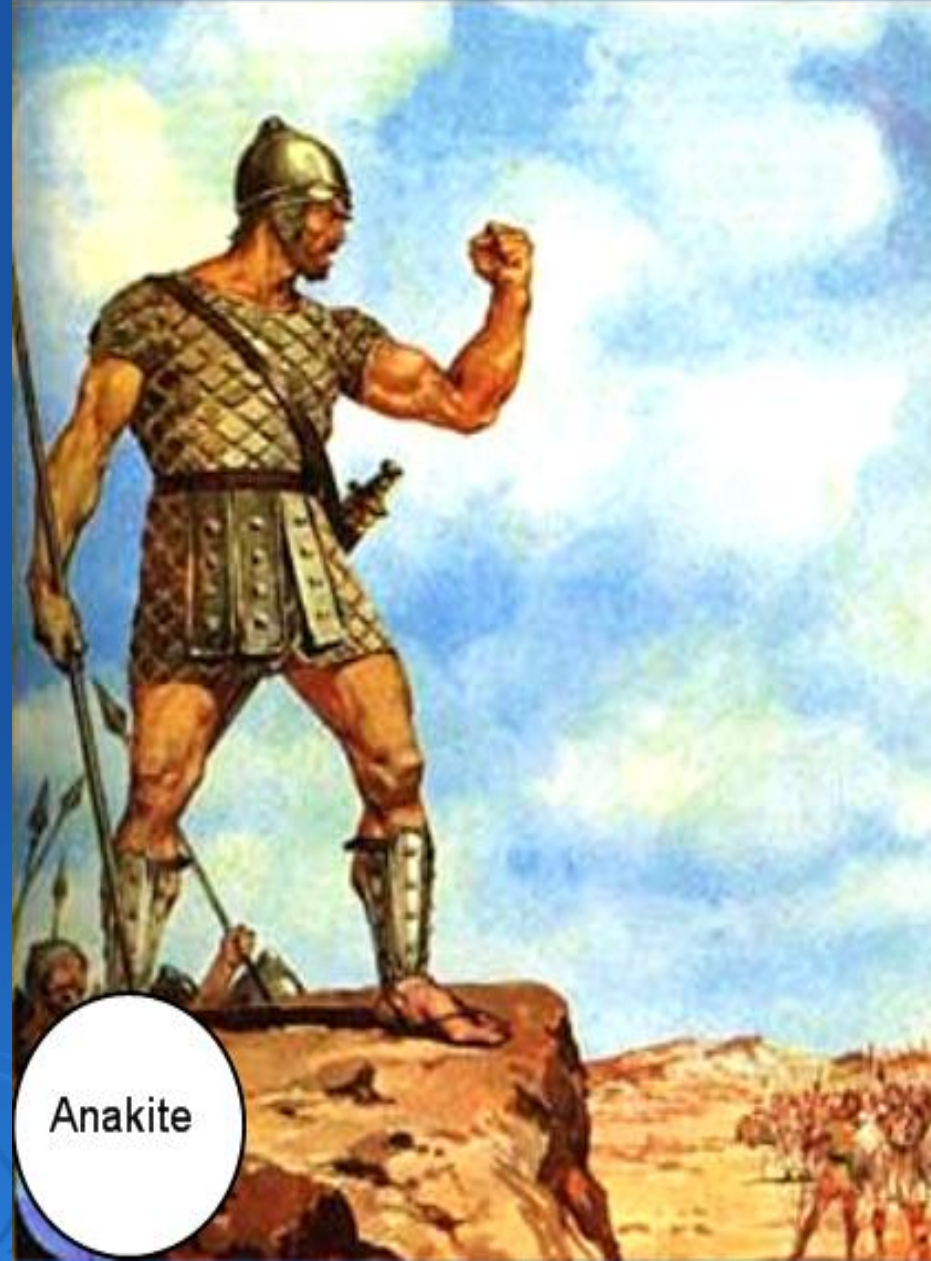


**SCOUTS GO  
FROM KADESH,  
TO HEBRON,  
TO  
LEBO-HAMATH  
(BY SYRIA AND  
LEBANON)**



# THE ANAKITES

- A race of tall people
- Compared to Nefillim and Refaim
- The Anakites scared the scouts
- Hebron founded 7 years before Zoan
- Zoan = Tanis, Egypt





# ESHKOL



And they came unto the brook  
of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch  
with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between  
two upon a staff;  
Numbers . XIII . 23.

- Eshkol = (grape) cluster
- Not intended to be taken literally
- This was a metaphor to explain the extreme fertility of the land
- Sometimes places named after the story, or the story is named after the place



# SCOUTS REPORT TO MOSES



- The “whole community” only means elders and leaders
- Scouts referred to Canaan as “the land where YOU sent us”
- They disassociated themselves from the Promise
- They FIRST explain that the fertility, climate, soil, is everything one could hope for
- They reported that the people of Canaan were powerful, and the cities well fortified



**Canaanite walled cities were 30 – 50 feet high**  
**Walls 10 – 15 feet thick**  
**Scouts were telling the truth, as they saw it!**





# “WE LOOKED LIKE GRASSHOPPERS NEXT TO THEM”

- Caleb finally speaks up and “hushes” the people
- Says, go forward because God will overcome the obstacles
- The scouts and leaders say it’s a hopeless situation
- This rebellion was against GOD, not against Moses!
- One of our greatest rebellions is to NOT do something that we clearly SHOULD DO!



# THE LEADERS CAUSED GOD TO TURN AWAY THE PEOPLE FROM THE PROMISED LAND



- 10 leaders lacked faith and courage
- This caused 3 million Israelites to pay the price
- Half of the modern Church disavows Israel's inheritance
- Half of the modern Church OFFICIALLY sides with Israel's enemies
- The consequences are going to be enormous!





# NUMBERS 14:

## THE CONSEQUENCES OF REBELLION



- The leaders argued and the people went into panic; they wept all night
- All Israel united against Moses and Aaron....and God
- “WHY GOD?” did you do this to us? Just to KILL us!
- Elder’s solution: “Let’s go back to Egypt!”
- We’ll often go back to familiar slavery, even after we’ve been rescued
- When we accept our Salvation, and then go back to the ways of the world, do we take God with us?