

Numbers 14

King James Version (KJV)

14 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. (Cowards. God already promised that He would go before them to guarantee them the victory. They don't believe Him)

²And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! (They're accusing God of leading them to die in Canaan. They are wishing they had just died in the wilderness. They'll get their wish)

³And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? (They prefer to return to slavery in Egypt, worshipping Pharaoh and the Egyptian gods)

⁴And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. (Rebellion against God)

⁵Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. (They were openly praying to change the peoples' minds) se Deuteronomy-1:29 (Moses and Aaron had done this before when the people rebelled)

⁶And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: (They believed God and wanted to obey him, regardless of the huge numbers in opposition to them. They are a type for the two witnesses that will stand against antichrist)

⁷And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land. (This is a great gift from Almighty God)

⁸If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. (God promised to do just that) Exodus-23

⁹ Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

¹⁰ But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. (They were ready to kill Joshua and Caleb for siding with God)

¹¹ And the LORD said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have shewed among them? (They had already witnessed so many miracles, yet they still doubted God)

¹² I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they. (God has had it with these losers. HE wants to kill them all, and start over with Moses)

¹³ And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them;)

¹⁴ And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou LORD art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and that thy cloud standeth over them, and that thou goest before them, by day time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. (The heathen would turn this into propaganda against God – in that He couldn't deliver Israel)

¹⁵ Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying,

¹⁶ Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness. (It would turn the other nations back to their idols. They knew of God's strength already)

¹⁷ And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, Exodus-34:6-7

¹⁸ The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. Esodus-20:5 (The sin passes to the children only if the children also continue in the sins of their fathers. If they repent and love God, all is

forgiven and God blesses them. We all determine our own fate by our actions) (longsuffering = patient)

(This verse is often misquoted out of context by ignorant preachers. The entire verse is in Exodus-20:5-6)

¹⁹ Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. (Moses is still playing intercessor for the people)

²⁰ And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word:

²¹ But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. (God agrees with Moses) (Let all people hear of God and some might want to join Him and abandon their idols)

²² Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; (They had provoked God 10 major times. They just had their last chance and they blew it)

²³ Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: (They will get the wish that they made in verse 2)

²⁴ But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land where into he went; and his seed shall possess it. (God remembers those that remain loyal to Him)

²⁵ (Now the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) Tomorrow turn you, and get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea. (God is sending them back into the wilderness)

²⁶ And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

²⁷ How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. (This hurt God's feelings)

²⁸ Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: (Judgment)

²⁹Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against me. (They determined their own punishment in verse 2)

³⁰Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. (Because they sided with God against the people)

³¹But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

³²But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.

³³And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.

³⁴After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. (It was not God's idea to send the spies. HE already knew what the Promised Land was like. HE allowed it, but then they turned that against God and used it as a reason to return to Egypt)

³⁵I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

³⁶And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, (They lied in their report)

³⁷Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD. (Their sentence for lying about the land was served immediately. They died right there and then)

³⁸But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of the men that went to search the land, lived still.

³⁹And Moses told these sayings unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. (It's too late. They refused to obey God, even after He guaranteed their success)

⁴⁰ And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be here, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned. (Again, they defy the Lord. Now they want to go into the Promised Land, after He told them they can't go)

⁴¹ And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. (You cannot win without God's help)

⁴² Go not up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies.

⁴³ For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

⁴⁴ But they presumed to go up unto the hill top: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. (presumed to go up = they were delighted to go up – better translation) (They didn't take the Ark of the Covenant before them; neither did Moses join them)

⁴⁵ Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah. (Hormah = destruction <Hebrew>)