

# The Report of the 12 Spies

(Numbers 13-14)

- Introduction:
1. The Bible contains so many great stories that the Lord saw fit to record and preserve... men like Shammua, Gaddi, and Sethur?
  2. What? You don't remember the names of these men? There's a reason.
  3. These are three of the ten faithless spies who thought Israel could not conquer the Promised Land.
  4. Let's examine a few facts from this story and see what we can learn.

## I. Leaders Aren't Immune to Faithlessness

- A. (Numbers 13:2).
- B. The spies were all leaders among the people.
- C. Don't place your faith in men, but in God. Men can and do fail.
- D. Making wrong comparisons (Numbers 13:33).

## II. Their Mistake Impacted Others

- A. (Numbers 14:22-23,34).
- B. Had to wander for 40 years.
- C. No one over the age of 20 would enter the promised land.

## III. We Can Wait Too Long To Do The Right Thing

- A. (Numbers 14:40).
- B. Think of how many people will be lost throughout all eternity due to procrastination.

- Conclusion:
1. The 12 spies teach us several valuable lessons.
  2. We can learn from both the faithful as well as the unfaithful spies.
  3. Let's make sure that we take to heart the events of this account and resolve to serve the Lord faithfully!