



## Introduction

*The results of the bad report of the spies.*



## Questions

1. What do the people say they want to do when they hear the report of the spies?
2. Why does Moses argue that it's a bad idea for God to strike down all the unfaithful Israelites?
3. Why does Moses say they will fail, when the Israelites change their mind, and attempt to go into the land anyway?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 4** After the bad report of the spies, the people want to go back to Egypt
- **v 5 to 10** Two spies (Joshua and Caleb) show their faith and protest that with God's help they can conquer the land, but their opinion is rejected and the people talk of stoning them
- **v 11 to 19** God threatens to destroy the people, but Moses pleads with God not to do so
- **v 20 to 35** God agrees not to destroy the nation, but says that the nation will wander for forty years in the wilderness. All those who don't believe (see theme) that God will help them will die, but their children will go into the land
- **v 36 to 38** The ten spies who brought the bad report die by a plague
- **v 39 to 45** Despite Moses' warnings, the people decide to try and start to conquer the land. They fail in their attempt

**Timeline** 1500 BC (see below)



## Theme

### Belief and faith

*A selection of verses showing that God wants us to believe that he will do what he has promised.*

The letter to the Hebrews makes it clear that God regards faith in him as vital:

*Hebrews 11 verse 6*

This faith comes from reading and thinking about God's message to us:

*Romans 10 verse 17*

Abraham is a good example of faith in action. He believes God can do what he says when he promises that Abraham's ageing wife will have a baby:

*Romans 4 verses 19 to 22*

We are justified (made right with God) by believing in Jesus Christ:

*Galatians 2 verse 16*

The apostle Paul tells us belief in the Scriptures leads us to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus:

*2 Timothy 3 verse 15*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 15 and 16, Q 3: v 42

### Bible timeline

