

## **EPISODE NO. 88**

### **Num. 13:25-33**

#### **Conflicting Reports**

25 They had explored the land for 40 days. At the end of that time, the men returned to the Israelite camp.

26 They traveled and came to Moses, to Aaron, and to the whole group of the Israelites at Kadesh. This was in the Desert of Paran. The men gave a report to the entire community. And, they showed everyone the fruit from the land. 27 They told Moses, “We went to the land where you sent us. It surely IS a land where abundant food grows! Here is some of the fruit that comes from it! 28 But, the people who live in that land are powerful. Their cities are fortresses inside big walls; they are huge! We even saw some Anakites there. 29 The Amalekites live in the southern area. And, the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites live in the hills. The Canaanites live beside the Mediterranean Sea and near the Jordan River.”

30 Then, in the presence of Moses, Caleb told the people to be calm. Caleb said, “We should certainly go up and capture the land, because we surely have the power to do it!”

31 But, the other men who had gone up to Canaan with him said, “We are NOT able to attack those people! They are stronger than we are!” 32 So, those other men gave a discouraging report to the Israelites about the land that they had explored. They said, “The land that we passed through to spy on is dangerous — it would eat us up! All the people we saw there are very tall. 33 We saw the Nephilim people there. (The Anakites come from the Nephilim people.) We felt like grasshoppers. And, we looked like grasshoppers to them.”