- 1. The Lord spoke to Moses saying,
- "Send out for yourself men who will scout the Land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel. You shall send one man each for his father's tribe; each one shall be a chieftain in their midst."
- 3. So Moses sent them from the desert of Paran by the word of the Lord. All of them were men of distinction; they were the heads of the children of Israel.
- 4. These are their names: For the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zakkur.
- 5. For the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori.
- 6. For the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jepphunneh.
- 7. For the tribe of Issachar, Yigal the son of Joseph.
- 8. For the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun.
- 9. For the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu.
- 10. For the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi.
- 11. For the tribe of Joseph, the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.
- 12. For the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli.
- 13. For the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael
- 14. For the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi.
- 15. For the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.
- 16. These are the names of the men Moses sent to scout the Land, and Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua.
- 17. Moses sent them to scout the Land of Canaan, and he said to them, "Go up this way in the south and climb up the mountain.
- 18. You shall see what [kind of] land it is, and the people who inhabit it; are they strong or weak? Are there few or many?
- 19. And what of the land they inhabit? Is it good or bad? And what of the cities in which they reside are they in camps or in fortresses?
- 20. What is the soil like is it fat or lean? Are there any trees in it or not? You shall be courageous and take from the fruit of the land." It was the season when the first grapes begin to ripen.

- א וידבר יהוה אל־משה לאמר:
- ב שְׁלַח לְדָּ אָנְשִׁים וְיָלֻרוּ אֶת־אֶרֶץ כְּנֹעוּ אֲשֶׁר־אֲנִי נֹתַו לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵישׁ אֶחָד אִישׁ אֶחָד לְמַשָּה אֲבֹתִיוֹ תִּשְׁלָחוּ כְּל נְשִׂיא בְהֵם:
  - ג וַיִּשְׁלַח אֹתֶם משֶה מִמִּדְבֶּר פָּארֶן עַל־פִּי יְהֹוֶה פָּלֶם אָנָשִׁים רָאשַׁי בְּנֵי־יִשְׁרָאֵל הַמָּה:
  - ד ואלה שמותם למטה ראובן שמוע בן־זכור:
    - ה לְמַשָּה שִׁמְעוֹן שָׁפֶט בֶּן־חוֹרֵי:
    - ו למטה יהודה כלב בודיפנה:
    - ז למטה יששבר יגאל בּן־יוֹסף:
    - ח לְמַשֵּׁה אֶפְרָיִם הוֹשֵׁעַ בִּן־נְוּן:
    - ט לְמַטֵּה בִנְיָמִׁן פַּלְטֵי בֶּן־רְפִּוּא:
    - י למטה זבולן גדיאל בו־סודי:
    - יא לְמַשָּה יוֹסֵף לְמַשֵּה מְנַשֶּה גַּדִי בֶּן־סוּסִי:
      - יב למטה דון עמיאל בּן־גִּמְלִי:
      - יג לְמַשֵּׁה אֲשֵׁר סְתוּר בֵּן־מִיכָאֵל:
      - יד למטה נפתלי נחבי בן־ופסי:
        - טו לְמַשָּה גָּד גְאוּאֵל בֶּן־מְכִי:
- טז אַלֶּה שְׁמִוֹת הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלָּח משֶׁה לְתִּוּר אַת־הַאָּרִץ וַיִּקָרָא משֶׁה לְהוֹשֵׁעַ בַּן־נַוּן יְהוֹשַׁעַ:
- יז וַיִּשְׁלַח אֹתָם משָׁה לְתִוּר אֶת־אֶרֶץ כְּגְעַן וַיָּאמֶר אַלָהָם עַלִּוּ זָל בָּנָגָב וַעַלִּיתֵם אַת־הָהָר:
- ית וּרְאִיתֶם אֶת־הָאֶרֶץ מָה־הֵוֹא וְאֶת־הָעָם הִישַׁב עַלִّיהַ הַתַזָּק הוּא הַרְפָּׁה הָמַעָט הָוֹא אָם־רֵב:
- יט וּמָה הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־הוֹא ישַׁב בְּּה הַטוֹבֶה הָוֹא אִם־רְעֵה וּמָה הַעָרִים אֲשֶׁר־הוֹא יוֹשַׁב בְּהַׁנָּה הַבְּמַחֲנִים אָם בִּמְבָצְרִים:
- כ ומֶה הָאָרץ הַשְּׁמִנְּה הֹוֹא אִם־רְּזְה הַנְשׁ־בֵּה עֵּלְ
  אִם־אֹז וְהַתְּחַזְקְהָּם וּלְקַחְתֶּם מִפְּרֵי הָאֵרֶץ וְהַיְּמִים יְמִי בְּבּוֹרֵי מַנְבִים:

- 21. So they went up and explored the land, from the desert of Zin until Rehov, at the entrance to Hamath.
- 22. They went up in, the south, and he came to Hebron, and there were Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of the giant. Now Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan of Egypt.
- 23. They came to the Valley of Eshkol and they cut a branch with a cluster of grapes. They carried it on a pole between two [people] and [they also took] some pomegranates and figs.
- 24. They called that place the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster [eshkol] the children of Israel cut from there.
- 25. They returned from scouting the Land at the end of forty days.
- 26. They went, and they came to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the desert of Paran, to Kadesh. They brought them back a report, as well as to the entire congregation, and they showed them the fruit of the land.
- 27. They told him and said, "We came to the land to which you sent us, and it is flowing with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.
- 28. However, the people who inhabit the land are mighty, and the cities are extremely huge and fortified, and there we saw even the offspring of the giant.
- 29. The Amalekites dwell in the south land, while the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountainous region. The Canaanites dwell on the coast and alongside the Jordan."
- **30.** Caleb silenced the people to [hear about] Moses, and he said, "We can surely go up and take possession of it, for we can indeed overcome it."
- 31. But the men who went up with him said, "We are unable to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.
- **32.** They spread an [evil] report about the land which they had scouted, telling the children of Israel, "The land we passed through to explore is a land that consumes its inhabitants, and all the people we saw in it are men of stature.
- 33. There we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, descended from the giants. In our eyes, we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we were in their eyes.

- כא וַיְעַלְּוּ וַיְּתֵרוּ אֶת־הָאֵרֶץ מִמְּדְבֵּר־צָן עַד־רְחְב לָבִא חַמֵּת:
- כב וַיִּעֶלִי בֹנֶּנֶבׁ וַיְבָא עַד־חָבְרוֹן וְשֶׁם אֲחִימְן שַׁשִּׁי וְחַלְּמִׁי וְלִיבֵי הָעָנֵק וְחָבְרוֹן שֶׁבע שָׁנִיםׁ נְבְנִּלְּה לְפְּנֵי צָעו מִצְרֵים:
  - כג וַיְבַאוּ עָד־נַחָל אֶשְׁכֹּל וַיִּכְרְאוּ מְשֵׁם וְמוֹרָה וְאֶשְׁכִּוֹל עֲנָבִים אֶּחָד וַיִּשְׁאָהוּ בְּמְוֹט בִּשְׁנֵיִם וּמִן־הַרְמֹנֵים וּמִן־הַתָּאַנִים:
  - כד לַמְקוֹם הַהֹּוּא קְרֶא נָחַל אֶשְׁכִּוֹל עֻל אֹדְוֹת הָאֶשְׂכּוֹל אֲשֶׁר־בַּרְתִּוּ מַשֵּׁם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרְאֵל:
  - כה וַיַּשֶׁבוּ מִתְּוּר הָאָרֵץ מְקַץ אַרְבָּעֵים יִוֹם:
- כו נַילְכוּ וַיְבּאוּ אֶל־משָׁה וְאֶל־אָהַרוֹ וְאָל־כְּל־עֲבְת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־מִדְבָּר פְּארֶן קְדַשָׁה וַיְשִׁיבוּ אֹתֶם דְּבָר וְאָת־כְּל־תַעַלָּה וַיִּרְאִים אֶת־פְּרֶי הָאֶרֶץ:
  - כז וַיְסַפְּרוּ־לוֹ וַיָּאמְרוֹ בְּאנוּ אֶל־הָאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר שׁלחתנוּ וֹגُם זבֹת חלב וּדבשׁ הוא וזה־פּריה:
- כח אֱפֶס כִּי־עֵז הָעָׁם הַיּשֵׁב בְּאֵרֶץ וְהֶעָרִים בְּאַרְוֹת גִּדֹלֹת מָאֹד וְגִם־יִלְדֵי הַעָנֵק רָאֵינוּ שֵׁם:
- כט עַמְלֵק יוֹשֵׁב בְּאָרֵץ הְנָגֶב וְהָחִאֵּי וְהִיבוּסִי וְהָאֵמֹרִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּהָר וְהַבְּנְעֵנִי יוֹשֵׁב על־הַיְּס וְעָל יֵד היִרְדֵּו:
- ל וַיָּהַס כָּלֶב אֶת־הָעֶם אֶל־מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר עָלָה גַעֲלֶה וְיַרֶשְׁנוּ אֹתָה כַּי־יִכְוֹל נוּכֵל לֶה:
- לא וְהָאֲנְשִׁים אֲשָׁר־עָלָוּ עִמּוֹ אֲמְרוּוּ לְא נוּכֵל לַעְלְוֹת אֶל־הָעֶם כִּי־חָזֶק הָוּא מִמֶּנוּ:
- לב וַיּצִׁיאוּ דָּבָּת הָאָרֶל אֲשֶׁר תָּרָוּ אֹתְה אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְּרָאֵל לַאמֶר הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר עָבַּרְנוּ בְּהּ לְתָוּר אֹתְהּ אֱרֶץ אַבֶּלֶת יִוֹשְבֶּיהָ הְוֹא וְכְל־הָעֵם אֲשֶׁר־רָאִינוּ בִתוֹכָה אַנִשִּׁי מִדּוֹת:
- לג וְשֶׁם רָאִׁינוּ אֶת־הַנְּפִילֵים בְּנֵי עֲנֶק מִן־הַנְּפַלֵּים וַנְּהֵי בִשִּינִינוּ בַּחַגָּבִים וְכֵן הַיֵּינוּ בְּעֵינִיהַם:

- 1. The entire community raised their voices and shouted, and the people wept on that night.
- 2. All the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the entire congregation said, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this desert.
- 3. Why does the Lord bring us to this land to fall by the sword; our wives and children will be as spoils. Is it not better for us to return to Equpt?"
- 4. They said to each other, "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt!"
- 5. Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the entire congregation of the children of Israel.
- 6. Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had scouted the land, tore their clothes.
- They spoke to the entire congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "The land we passed through to scout is an exceedingly good land.

- א וַתִּשָּׂא כָּל־הֲעֵדָּה וַיִּתְנָּוּ אֶת־קוֹלֶם וַיִּבְכָּוּ הָעֵם בלילה ההוא:
- ב וַיִּלְּנוֹ עַל־מֹשֶׁה וְעַל־אַהָרוֹ כְּל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרְאֵל וַיְּאֹקְרֹּוּ אֲלַהֶּם כְּל־תַעַדָּה לּוּ־מַתְנוֹ בְּאֵרֶץ מִצְרִים אָוֹ בּמִּדְבֵּר הזה לוּ־מתנו:
- ג וְלְמֵה יְהוֹה מַבִּיא אֹתָנוּ אֶל־הָאֶרֶץ הַּזּאֹת לְנְפְּל בַּחָרֶב נְשִׁינוּ וְטַפְנוּ יָהְיִּוּ לְבֵּז הַלְוֹא טֵוֹב לֵנוּ שִׁוּב מורמבי
  - ד וַיְאמְרָוּ אֵישׁ אֶל־אָחֵיו נִתְנֵה רְאשׁ וְנֶשְׁוּבָה מִצְרֵימַה:
- ה וַיַּפְּל משֶה וְאָהַרְוֹ עַל־פְּנֵיהֶם לְפְנֵּי כְּל־קְהַל עֲדֶת בִּנִי יִשִּראֵל:
  - ו וְיהוֹשָׁעַ בְּן־נֹּוּ וְכָלֵב בֶּן־יְפָּנֶּה מִן־הַתְּרֵים אַת־הַאָּרִץ קַרְעוּ בִּגְדִיהַם:
- ז וַנִּאמְרוּ אֶל־כְּל־עָדֶת בְּנֵ־יִשְׁרָאֵל לַאמְר הָאָרֶץ אָשֶׁר עָבַרְנוּ בָהּ לְתָוּר אֹתָהּ טוֹבֵה הָאֶרֶץ מְאָד מוז---

- 8. If the Lord desires us, He will bring us to this land and give it to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.
- 9. But you shall not rebel against the Lord, and you will not fear the people of that land for they are [as] our bread. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them."
- 10. The entire congregation threatened to pelt them with stones, but the glory of the Lord appeared in the Tent of Meeting to all the children of Israel.
- 11. The Lord said to Moses, "How long will this people provoke Me? How much longer will they not believe in Me after all the signs I have performed in their midst?
- 12. I will strike them with a plague and annihilate them; then I will make you into a nation, greater and stronger than they."
- 13. Moses said to the Lord, "But the Egyptians will hear that You have brought this nation out from its midst with great power.
- 14. They will say about the inhabitants of this land, who have heard that You, O Lord, are in the midst of this people; that You, the Lord, appear to them eye to eye and that Your cloud rests over them. And You go before them with a pillar of cloud by day and with a pillar of fire by night,

- ח אַס־חָפַץ בְּנוֹ יְהוֹה וְהַבֵּיא אֹתָנוֹ אֶל־הָאֶרֶץ הּוֹאתוּנְהָנֵה לַנוֹ אַרֶץ אַשְּר־הָוֹא זְבֵת חָלֶב וּדְבַשׁ:
- ט אַד בֵּיהוְהֿ אַל־תִּמְרֹדוּ וְאַהָּם אַל־תִּירְאוּ אֶת־עֵם הָאָרֶץ כִּי לְחָמֵנוּ הַם סֵר צַלֶּם מַעַלִּיהֶם וְיהוָה אִתָּנוּ אַל־תִּירָאָם:
  - י וּיָאמְרוֹּ כְּל־הָעֵלָּה לִרְגִּוֹם אֹתֶם בֵּאֲבָנֵים וּכְבָוֹד יְהוָה גִרְאָה בְּאַהֶּל מוֹעַׁד אֶל־כָּל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:
- יא וַיָּאַמֶר יְהוְּהֹ אֶל־מֹשָׁה עַד־אָנָה יַנְאָצֵר הְעָם הֹוֶה וְעַד־אָנָה לֹא־יָאֲמִינוּ בִּי בְּכֹל הֱאֹתוֹת אֲשֶׁר עָשֶׂיתי בקרבו:
  - יב אַכֵּנוּ בַדֶּבֶר וְאִוֹרְשֵׁנוּ וְאֵעֶשֶׁהֹ אְתְדְּ לְגִּוֹי-גְּדְוֹל וְעֵצֵּוּם מִמֵּנוּ:
- יג וַיָּאמֶר משֶה אֶל־יְהוֹוָה וְשֶׁמְעִּוּ מִצְרַיִּם כִּי־הֵעֶלְיתִּ בְּלָחַדָּ אֶת־הָעֵם הַוֶּה מִּקְרבָּו:
- יד וְאֶמְלוֹי אֶל־יוֹשׁבּ הָאָרִץ הַזֹּאת שְׁמְעוֹ כְּי־אַתָּה יְהוֹה בָּקַרֶב הָעָם הַזֶּה אֲשִׁר־עִׁין בְּעִין נְרְאָה | אַתָּה יְהוֹה וַאַנְגְּדְּ עִמָּד אָלָהָם וּבְעַאֶד עְנָּוְ אַתָּה הֹלֶד לִבְּנִיהָם יוֹמְם וִבְעַמִּד אֲשׁ לֵיְלָה:

- 15. and if You kill this nation like one man, the nations who have heard of Your reputation will say as follows:
- 16. 'Since the Lord lacked the ability to bring this nation to the Land which He swore to them, He slaughtered them in the desert.'
- 17. Now, please, let the strength of the Lord be increased, as You spoke, saying.
- 18. 'The Lord is slow to anger and abundantly kind, forgiving iniquity and transgression, Who cleanses [some] and does not cleanse [others], Who visits the iniquities of parents on children, even to the third and fourth generations.'
- 19. Please forgive the iniquity of this nation in accordance with your abounding kindness, as You have borne this people from Egypt until now."
- 20. And the Lord said, "I have forgiven them in accordance with your word.
- 21. However, as surely as I live, and as the glory of the Lord fills the earth...
- 22. that all the people who perceived My glory, and the signs that I performed in Egypt and in the desert, yet they have tested me these ten times and not listened to My voice,

- טו וְהַמַתֵּה אֶת־הָעֵם הָזֶה כְּאִישׁ אֶחֵד וְאֵמְרוּ הַגּוֹיִם אַשִּׁר־שַׁמִעוּ אֵת־שָׁמִעָּךּ לַאמַר:
  - טז מִבּלְתִּי יְכָלֶת יְהוָה לְהָבִיאׁ אֶת־הָעֶם הַּזֶּה אֶל־הָאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּע לְהֵם וַיִּשְׁחָטֵם בּמִּדְבֵּר:
  - יז וְעַתָּה יִגְדַל־נָא כַּח אֲדֹנֵי כַּאֲשֵׁר דְבַּרָתָ לַאמְר:
- יח יָהוָה אֱרֶד אַפּּיִּל וְרִבּ־חָּטֶד נִשְׂא עָוֹן וְפֵשׁע וְנַקּה לָא יְנַלֶּה פֹלֵד עָוֹן אָבוֹת עַל־בְּנִים עַל־שָׁלַשֶׁים וְעַל־רָבַעִים:
- יט סְלַח־נָּא לַעְנוֹ הָעֶם הַזֶּה כְּנֶדֶל חַסְדֵּדְּ וְכַאֲשֶׁר נָשְׂאתָה לָעֲם הַזָּה מִפּצְרֵים וְעַדּהַנָּה:
  - כ וַיָּאמֶר יְהוָה סְלַחְתִּי בִּדְבֶרֶדְּ:
- כא וְאוּלֶם חַי־אֵנִי וְיִמְּלֵא כְבוֹד־יְהוָה אֶת־כָּל־הָאֵרֶץ:
- כב כֵּי כָל־הָאָנְשִׁים הַרֹּאֵים אֶת־כְּבֹדְיֹ וְאָת־אָתֹתִי אֲשֶׁר־עְשִׁיתִי בְּמִצְרַיִם וּבִּמְדְבֵּר וַיְנַסְּוּ אֹתִי זָה עֲשֶׁר פָּעַמִּים וַלָּא שֵׁמְעִּוּ בְּקוֹלִי:

- 23. if they will see the Land that I swore to their fathers, and all who provoked Me will not see it.
- 24. But as for My servant Caleb, since he was possessed by another spirit, and he followed Me, I will bring him to the land to which he came, and his descendants will drive it[s inhabitants] out.
- 25. The Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley. Tomorrow, turn back and journey into the desert toward the Red Sea."

- כג אָם־יִרְאוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבֶּעְתִּי לַאֲבֹתֵם וכל-מנאצי לא יראוּה:
- כד וְעַבְדִּי כָלֵב עַקָב הֵיְתָּה רְוּח אָחָׁרֶת עַמֹּו וְיְמַלֵּא אָחָרֵי וָהָבִיאֹתִיו אֶל־הָאָרֶל אֲשֶׁר־בֵּא שְׁמָּה וְזְרְעִוּ יִוֹרשֵׁנָה:
- כה וְהַעְמֵלֵקִי וְהַכְּנַעֵנִי יוֹשֵב בְּעַמֶּק מְחָׁר פְּנֹוּ וּסְעִּוּ לָכֵם הַמִּדְבֵּר דֵּרָדִּ יִם־סִוּף: