

Parashah 37 Shlach L'kha - שלח
“Send on your behalf”



Torah: B'midbar (Numbers) 13:1-15:41

- Aliyah 1 - 13:1 - 20 12 men selected by Moshe per Adonai, and instructed to scout out the land
Aliyah 2 - 13:21 -14:7 After 40 days, 10 men bring back a bad report, Y'hoshua and Kalev a good one
Aliyah 3 - 14:8 - 25 The people rebel, God forgives for His name's sake, only 2 will see the land...
Aliyah 4 - 14:26 - 15:7 The people sentenced to 40 years, try to go up but are defeated
Aliyah 5 - 15:8 - 16 Voluntary offering described; same Torah applies to Israel and foreigners w/them
Aliyah 6 - 15:17 - 26 Challah of the bread of the land; offering for mistaken sin of leadership
Aliyah 7 - 15:27-41 Punishment for intentional sin; of man gathering wood on Shabbat; tzitzit

Haftarah: Y'hoshua (Joshua) 2:1-24

B'rit Hadashah: Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 3:7-19

1. There are two accounts of the sending of the spies – 13:2 and D'varim 4:22-23. What is different about them? What is at the root of this desire to send out spies?
2. How is this "sending" paralleled in Mattityahu 10?
3. What historical landmark is located in Hevron? What should this have meant to the spies? What did they see and report?
4. To what does Moshe appeal when interceding on behalf of the rebellious people? What is God's response? Why is Kalev singled out?
5. Is there yet a promise in the punishment? (14:24 and 14:31) How did the people respond to their sentence? Why are the laws regarding sacrifice and offering placed here?
6. What is a "foreigner?" In 15:16 says, "The same Torah and standard of judgment will apply to both you and the foreigner living with you." What does that mean to you?

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7. What was the purpose of the tzitzit? What is the importance of the blue thread? How does that speak to us today? Did Yeshua wear tzitzit?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (13:2) Do you have a desire to know what lies ahead? Is it based in faith, or in fear? Do you put your hope and trust in God's promises for your future? (Deu 1:22, Exo 3:8, 17, Jer 29:11, Luk 1:18, Mat 14:28-31, Jud 6:36-40, Rom 5:1-5)
2. (13:21) What do you search for with your eyes? Do you see what God sees in the circumstances of your life? (Exo 20:17, Mat 5:29, Mat 6:22-24, Eph 5:3-5)
3. (14:8) Does God “delight” in you? Do you trust that He can (and will!) get you through? (2Sa 22:19-20, Psa 147:10-11, Joh 10:27-29, Rom 8:31)
4. (14:27) Do you complain “against” God or to Him? Put another way, do your complaints turn you away from God, or towards Him? (Isa 6:10, Jer 5:20-25, 2 Pe 3:8-9, Act 3:18-21)
5. (15:8) Do you “prepare” your offerings (time, talent, resources)? Do they reflect your response to God's love for you? (Lev 22:17-25, Mal 1:13, 1Co 15:58, 2Co 9:5-7, Luk 9:23)
6. (15:18) “When” is as, if not more important than “where.” Have you entered the Kingdom of God, or are you still waiting for... something? (Joh 5:24, Col 2:12-13, Col 3:1-3, Rom 6:1-4, Rom 8:11, Eph 2:5-6)
7. (15:19) Everyone misses the mark despite best efforts, and we all experience the consequences of sin. But are you walking in the forgiveness that is available through Yeshua? (Lev 16:29-31, Heb 10:12-14, Rom 1:16, Rom 2:9-11, Rom 3:29-30, Act 4:12)

We'd like to know you were here!