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Num	11	11-12	Provision
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Num	20	20-21	Lack of Trust
Num	22	22-30	God's Plan
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Deut	6	5-11	Love
Deut	12	12-26	Undivided Worship
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Deut	30	30	Committed
Deut	33	31-34	God's Power

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Numbers 13:30

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**“We should go up &
take possession of**

**THE LAND, for we can
certainly do it.”**

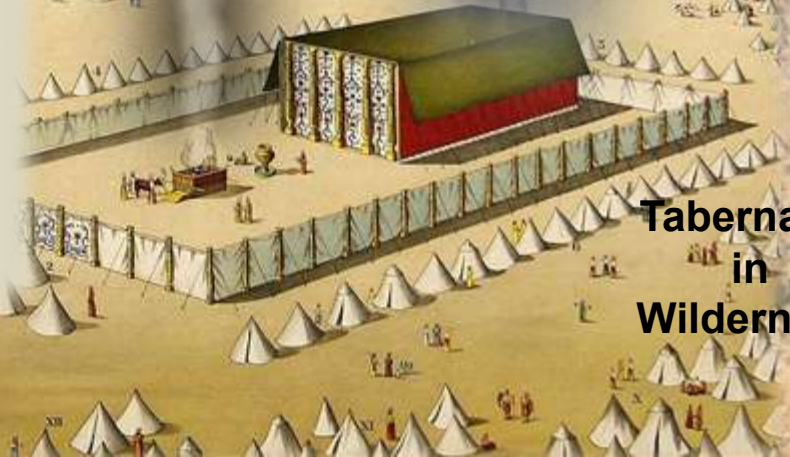


Moses, 1513-15
by Michelangelo
Church of San Pietro
in Vincoli, Rome

View of Mt. Nebo
east of Dead Sea

13:33 We seemed like
GRASSHOPPERS
in our own eyes ...
SAME to them

NOTICE:
Sunday, Sept 28
Class @ Orchard
9:15 – 10:15



Tabernacle
in
Wilderness

Numbers

Num	1–6	First Census & Consecration of Israel at Sinai
Num	7–10	Preparation for Departure to the Promised Land
Num	11–15	Feeding w Quail then from Mount Sinai to Kadesh 13 – Moses sends 12 leaders to SPY out Land
Num	16–19	Rebellion Against Aaron's Priesthood
Num	20–25	From Kadesh to the Plains of Moab
Num	26–30	Second Census & Preparation of the New Generation
Num	31–36	Preparation for Entering the

**Today
13**

Deuteronomy

Deut	1–4	1st Address of Moses
Deut	5–26	2nd Address of Moses
Deut	27–30	3rd Address of Moses
Deut	31–34	Final Days of Moses



Numbers 13 –

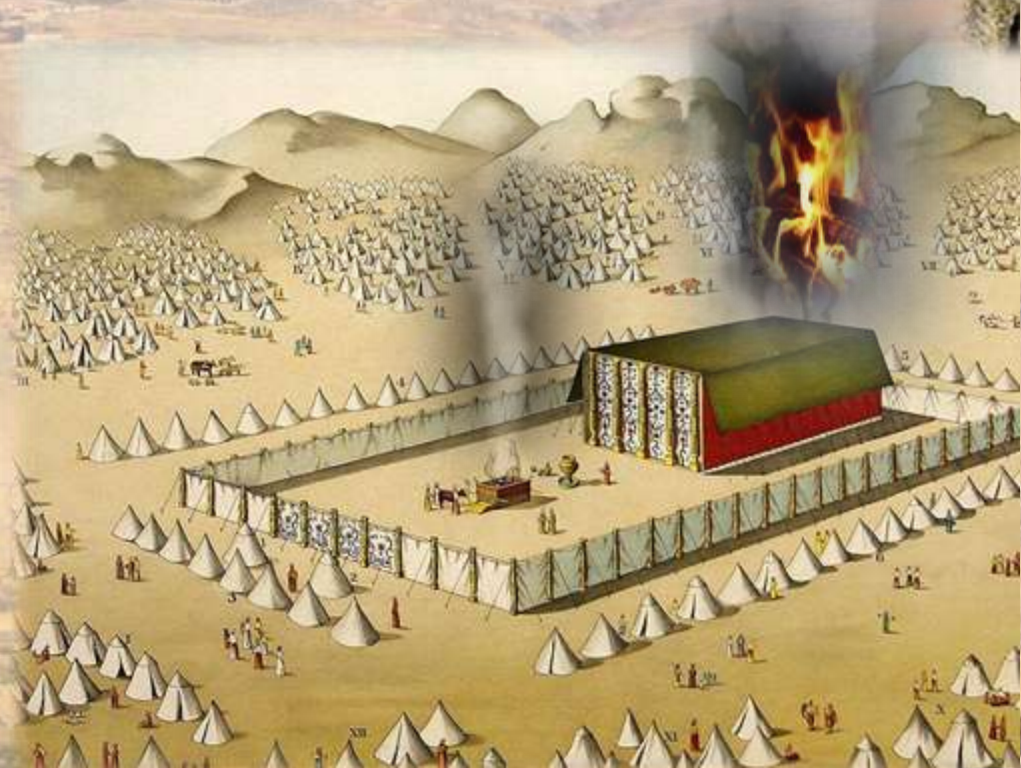
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- 13:1-16** **Moses Sends 12 to Spy Land**
- 13:17-20** **Moses' Spy Instructions**
- 13:21-25** **12 Spy out Land**
- 13:26-29** **12 Spies' Good Report**
- 13:30** **Caleb's Call to Arms**
- 13:31-33** **10 Spies *AFRAID***

EVERYONE knows this story

We finish week after next ...

This drama is for the MOVIES



Numbers 13 - Famous Spy Story

We believe it HISTORY and more than that
10/2 – 10 Stepped Back & 2 Stepped Forward
I suppose in the history of the world,
It is ALWAYS the FEW who lead

While we want to chide the 10, but WHO KNOWS?

2 is 16% of 12 – you can bet THIS

- ❖ 16% do the Lion's Share @ First Baptist
- ❖ 16% do the Lion's Share in MOST Churches

Numbers 14, for the 40 Days the 12 Spied

So 40 Years they will **WANDER**



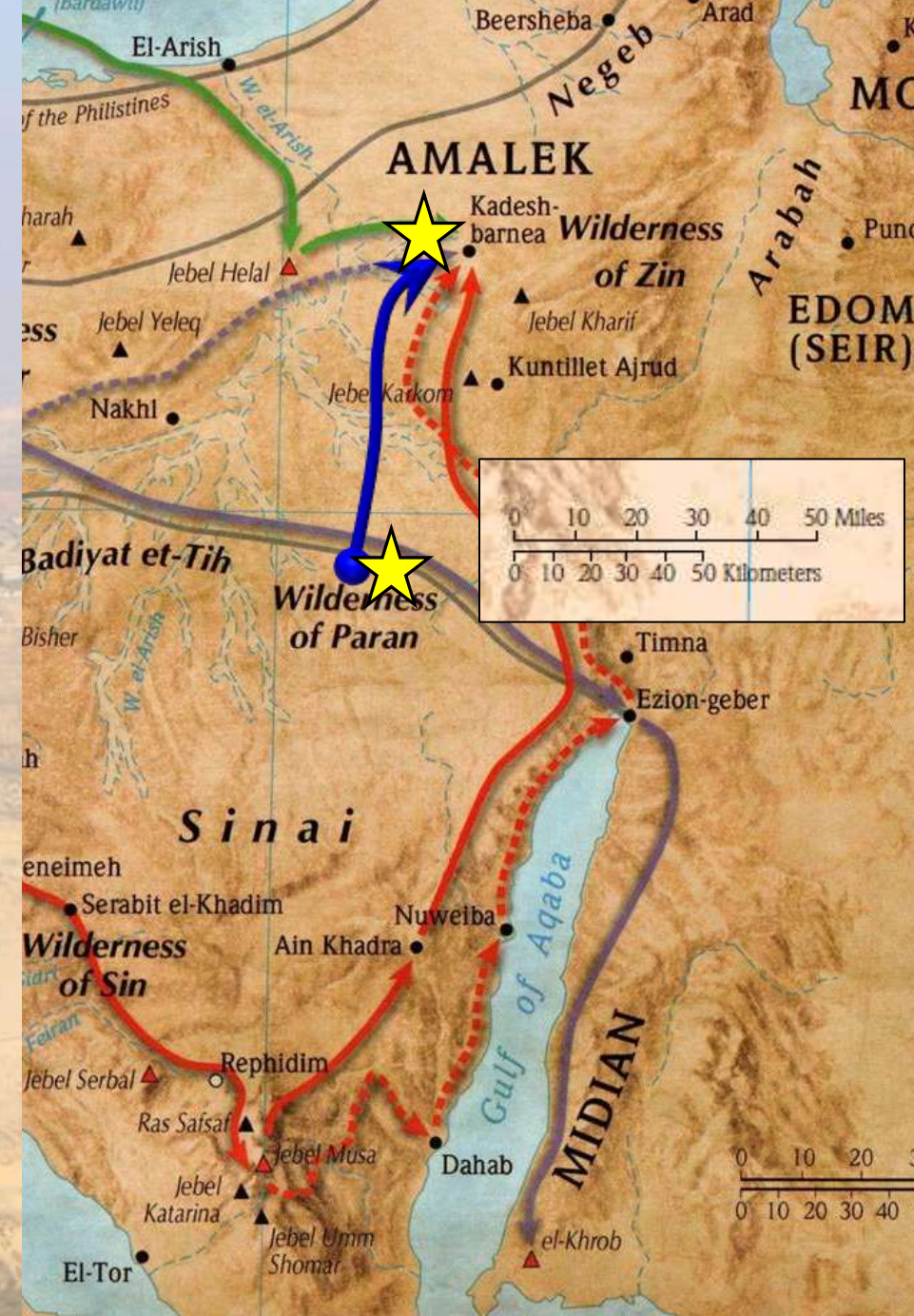
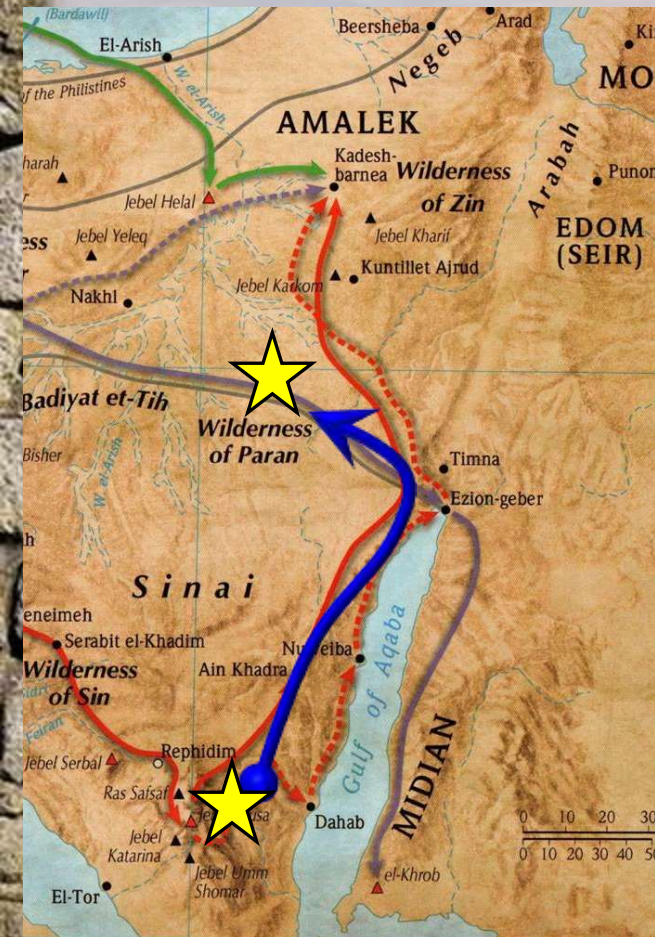
10 Spies were totally afraid – 10 Leaders of Tribes
They COULD NOT see a way to take the Promised Land
Kinda remind



10 of 12 Reported ***FEAR***
Did NOT KNOW What to DO
Joshua & Caleb ***NEVER*** wavered

END of Numbers 12
Miriam was healed &
Israelites headed to
Desert of Paran

Numbers 13:1
12 Spies sent from
Desert of Paran
In Num 13:26
Spies return to
moved camp
ALL in Kadesh



Numbers 13:1-16 – Moses Sends 12 to Spy Land

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to put the parable as simply as I can,

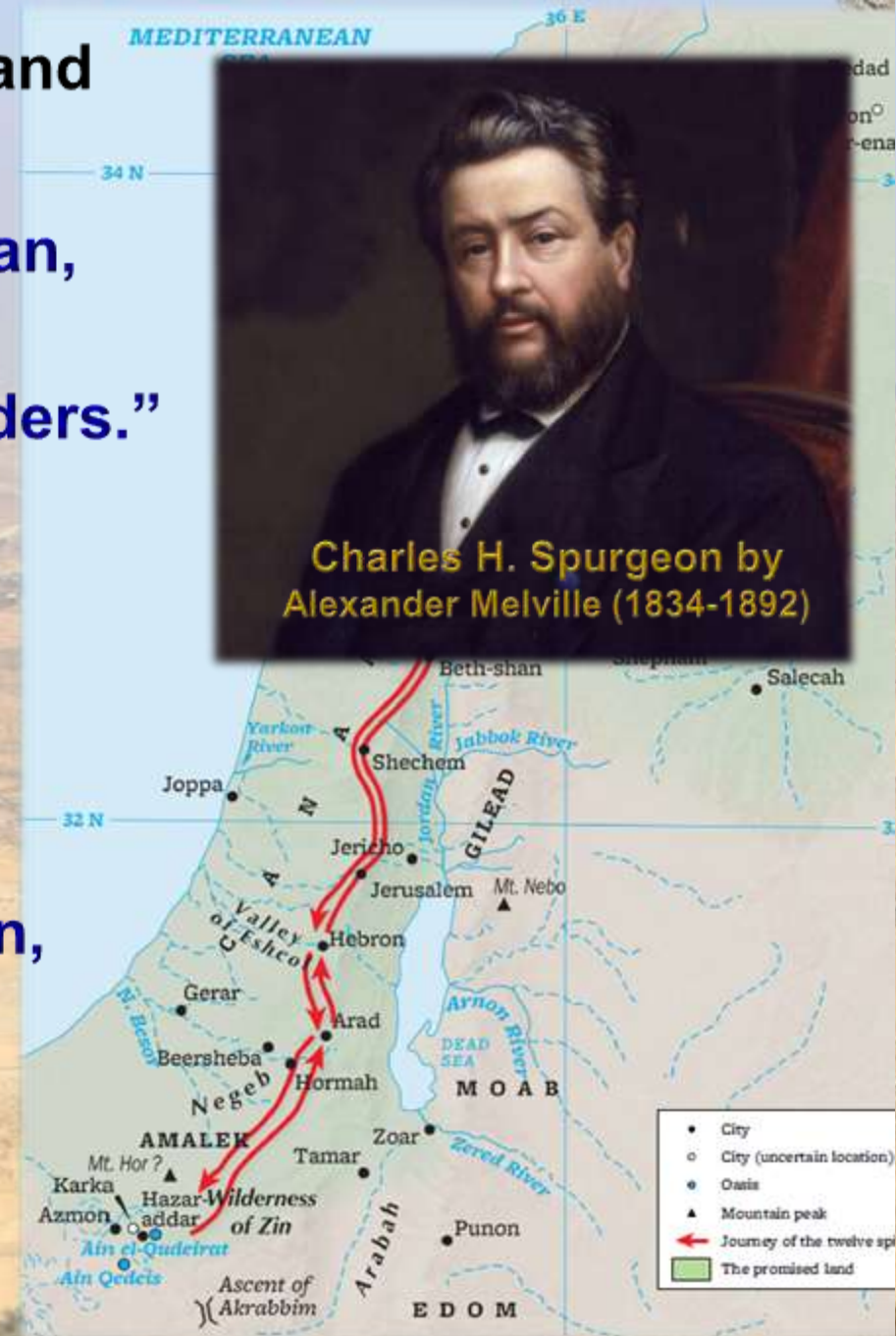
I am about to make every Christian
man & woman here to be a SPY

who has entered into the good land of religion,

who by his conduct & conversation brings
either an evil or a good report....

Spurgeon on Num 13 “The Spies” (1858)

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brings either an Evil or a Good REPORT
of this good land, and

either moves the world to murmur at
and to despise religion,

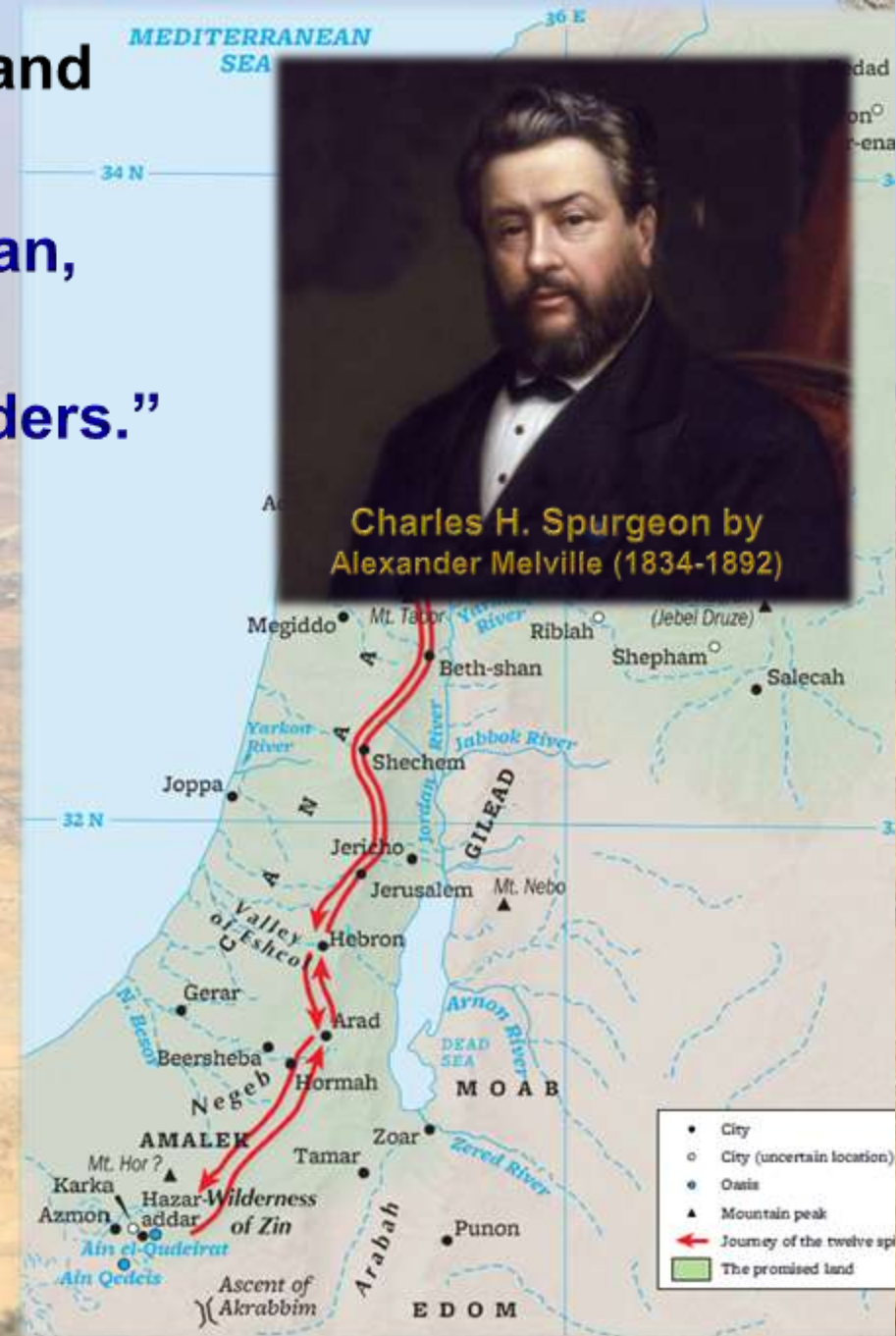
or else inspires the Land with a holy dread of
goodness & something of a longing....

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SEA

34 N

32 N



Charles H. Spurgeon by
Alexander Melville (1834-1892)

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- Oasis
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Journey of the twelve spies
- The promised land

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**Canaan never intended to be a picture of heaven,
for there are no Canaanites in heaven,**

certainly in heaven there are no sons of Anak,

NO giants to be driven out,

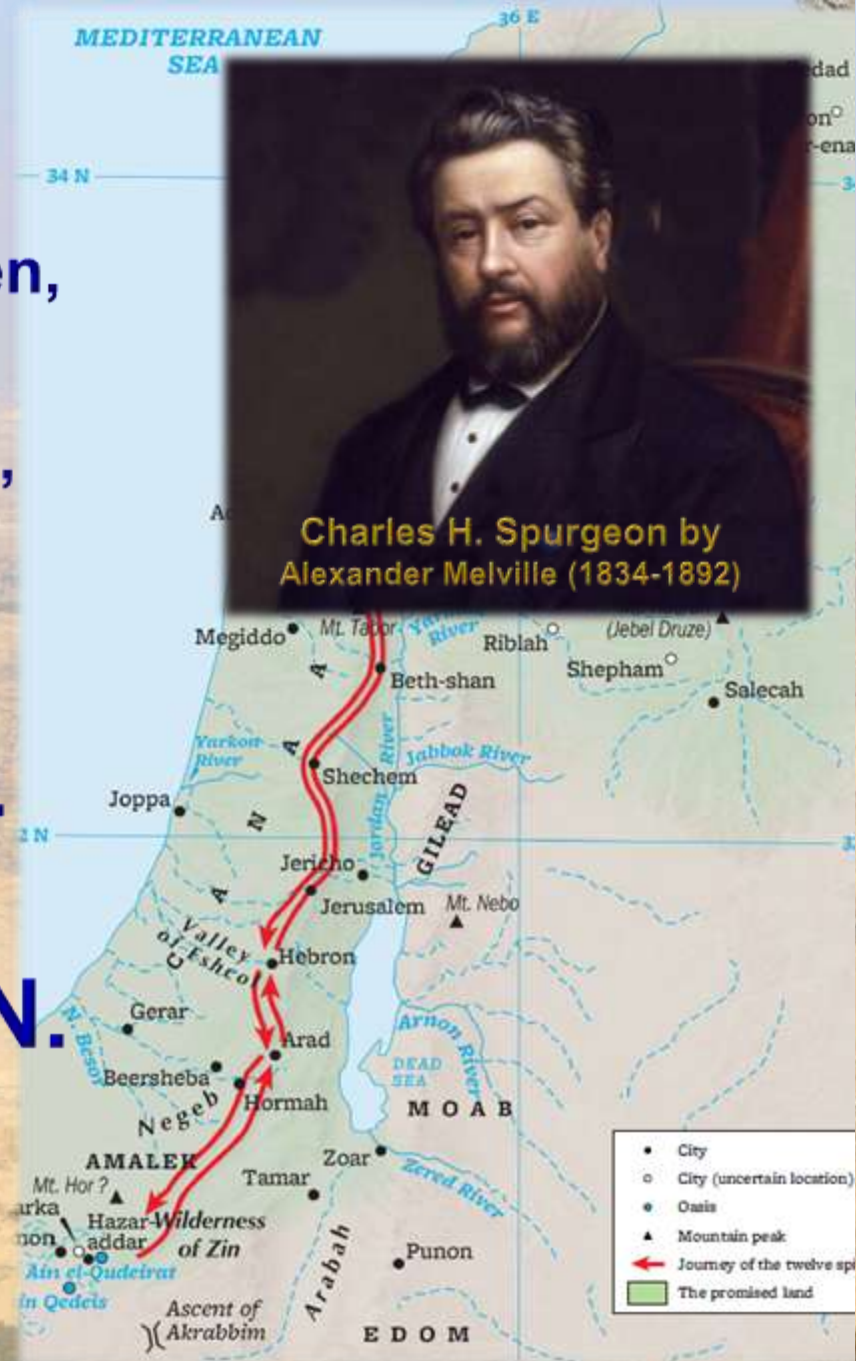
NO walled cities to TAKE, and

NO kings with chariots of iron.

Canaan is ...

excellent picture of RELIGION.

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Numbers 13:1-16 – Moses Sends 12 to Spy Land

1. Tribe of Reuben,
2. Tribe of Simeon,
3. Tribe of Judah,
4. Tribe of Issachar,
5. Tribe of Ephraim,
6. Tribe of Benjamin,
7. Tribe of Zebulun,
8. Tribe of Manasseh,
a Tribe of Joseph,
9. Tribe of Dan,
10. Tribe of Asher,
11. Tribe of Naphtali,
12. Tribe of Gad,

Shammua son of Zakkur
Shaphat son of Hori
CALEB son of Jephunneh
Igal son of Joseph
JOSHEA son of Nun
Palti son of Raphu
Gaddiel son of Sodi

Gaddi son of Susi
Ammiel son of Gemalli
Sethur son of Michael
Nahbi son of Vophsi
Geuel son of Maki



Numbers 13:17-20 – Moses' Spy Instructions

17 When Moses sent them to explore Canaan,
he said, "Go up through the Negev ..."

SPY out Land &
whether People strong or weak

Good or **Bad** Land

Towns Fortified or Not

Fertile or Not

Are there **TREES**

Bring back some **FRUIT**



Numbers 13:21-25 – 12 Spy out Land

²¹ So they went out....

Desert of Zin as far as Rehob,
toward Lebo Hamath.

²² ... thru the Negev ... Hebron, where

Ahiman, Sheshai & Talmi,
descendants of Anak,

13:23 ... Valley of Eshkol ... cut off a branch
bearing a single cluster of grapes.

TWO carried it on a pole between them,
along with some pomegranates & figs.

13:25 ... end of 40 days they returned....

Interesting: 40 days



Interestingly how often 40 appears in Bible:

- ❖ Rains fell in Noah's day for 40 days nights
Genesis 7:4
- ❖ Israel wandered for 40 years - Exodus 16:35
- ❖ Moses on Mt. Sinai 40 days & nights getting LAW
Exodus 24:18, 34:28
- ❖ 12 Spy Canaan for 40 days - Numbers 13:25
- ❖ 40 lashes MAX penalty - Deuteronomy 25:3
- ❖ God allowed the land to rest for 40 years
Judges 3:11, 5:31, 8:28
- ❖ Abdon, a judge in Israel, had 40 sons (Judges 12:14)
- ❖ When Israel did evil, God gave them to an enemy for 40 years - Judges 13:1



Interestingly how often 40 appears in Bible:

- ❖ Eli judged Israel for 40 years - 1 Samuel 4:18
- ❖ Goliath before to Israel for 40 days - 1 Samuel 17:16
- ❖ Saul reigned for 40 years - Acts 13:21
- ❖ Ishbosheth (Saul's son) 40 years old when he began to reign - 2 Samuel 2:1
- ❖ David reigned over Israel for 40 years 2 Samuel 5:4, 1 Kings 2:11
- ❖ Solomon reigned 40 years - 1 Kings 11:42
- ❖ Holy Place in Temple 40 cubits long - 1 Kings 6:17
- ❖ Elijah's ONE meal strength for 40 days - 1 Kings 19:8



Interestingly how often 40 appears in Bible:

- ❖ Ezekiel lay on his side to bear iniquity of the House of Judah for 40 days - Ezekiel 4:6
- ❖ Joash reigned 40 years in Jerusalem – 2 Kings 12:1
- ❖ Egypt to be laid desolate for 40 years Ezekiel 29:11-12
- ❖ God gave Ninevah 40 days to repent - Jonah 3:4
- ❖ Jesus fasted in desert 40 days and nights Matthew 4:2
- ❖ Jesus was tempted 40 days - Luke 4:2, Mark 1:13
- ❖ Jesus remained on earth

**40 days after His resurrection
Acts 1:3**



Numbers 13:26-29 – 12 Spies' Good Report AFTER 40 days, the 12 Spies

- ²⁶ They came back to Moses at Kadesh ...
reported to whole assembly ...
- ²⁷ ... Land flows with milk & honey ...
- ²⁸⁻²⁹ But people POWERFUL ... Cities FORTIFIED
Sons of Anak ... Amalekites ... Hittites
Jebusites ... Amorites ... Canaanites

Indeed, just as God had promised
LAND was GREAT



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Canaan – excellent picture of RELIGION....

Children of Israel must stand this morning as the representatives of the great mass of mankind.

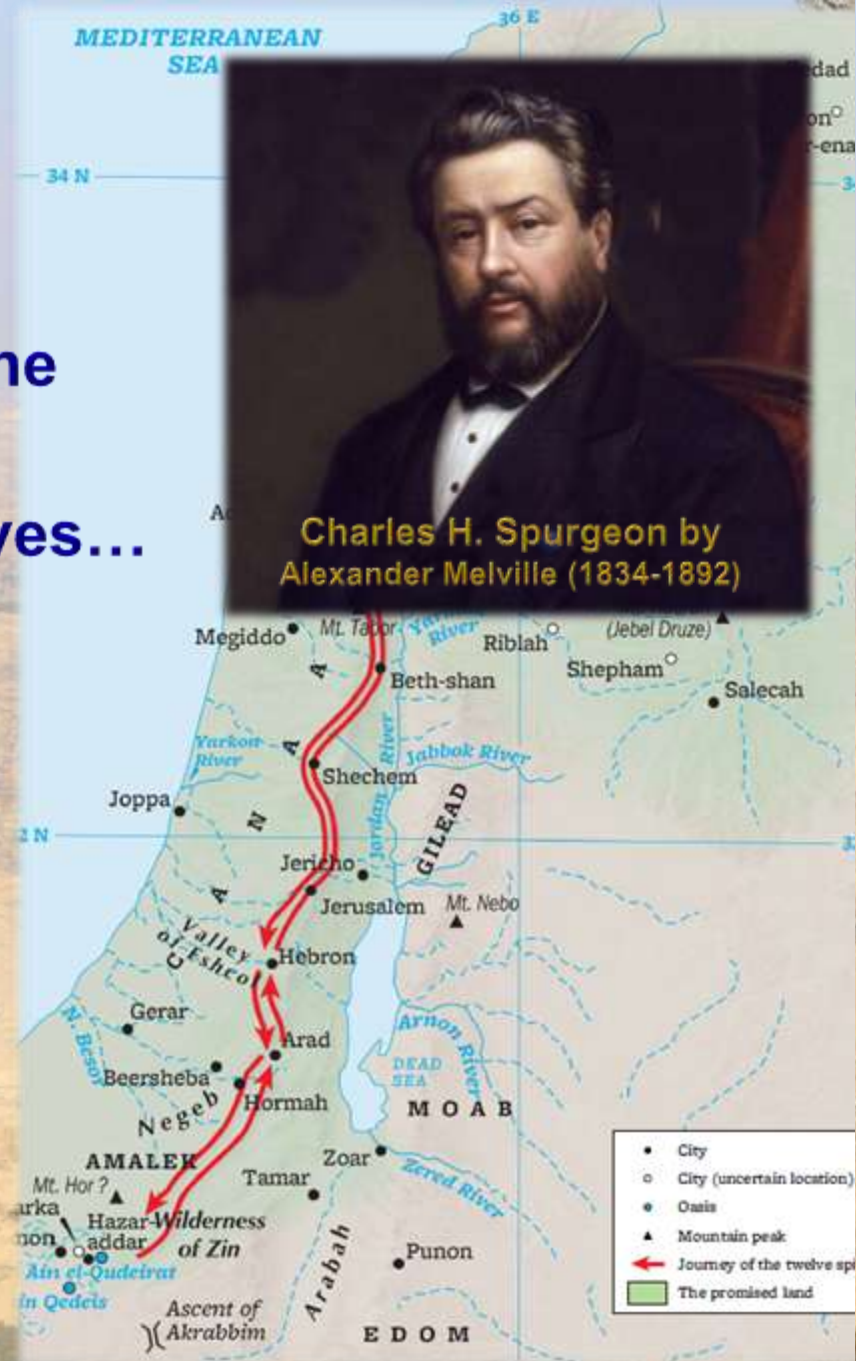
Great mass of mankind NEVER try for themselves...

Nor search our sacred books,
nor taste and try our religion.

Great Mass consider us SPIES ... who have entered THEIR land, and

they look upon our character & conduct as the message which we bring back to them.

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Ungodly man does not read his Bible to discover
the religion of Christ is holy & beautiful ...

NO, he reads the living Bible—Christ's church

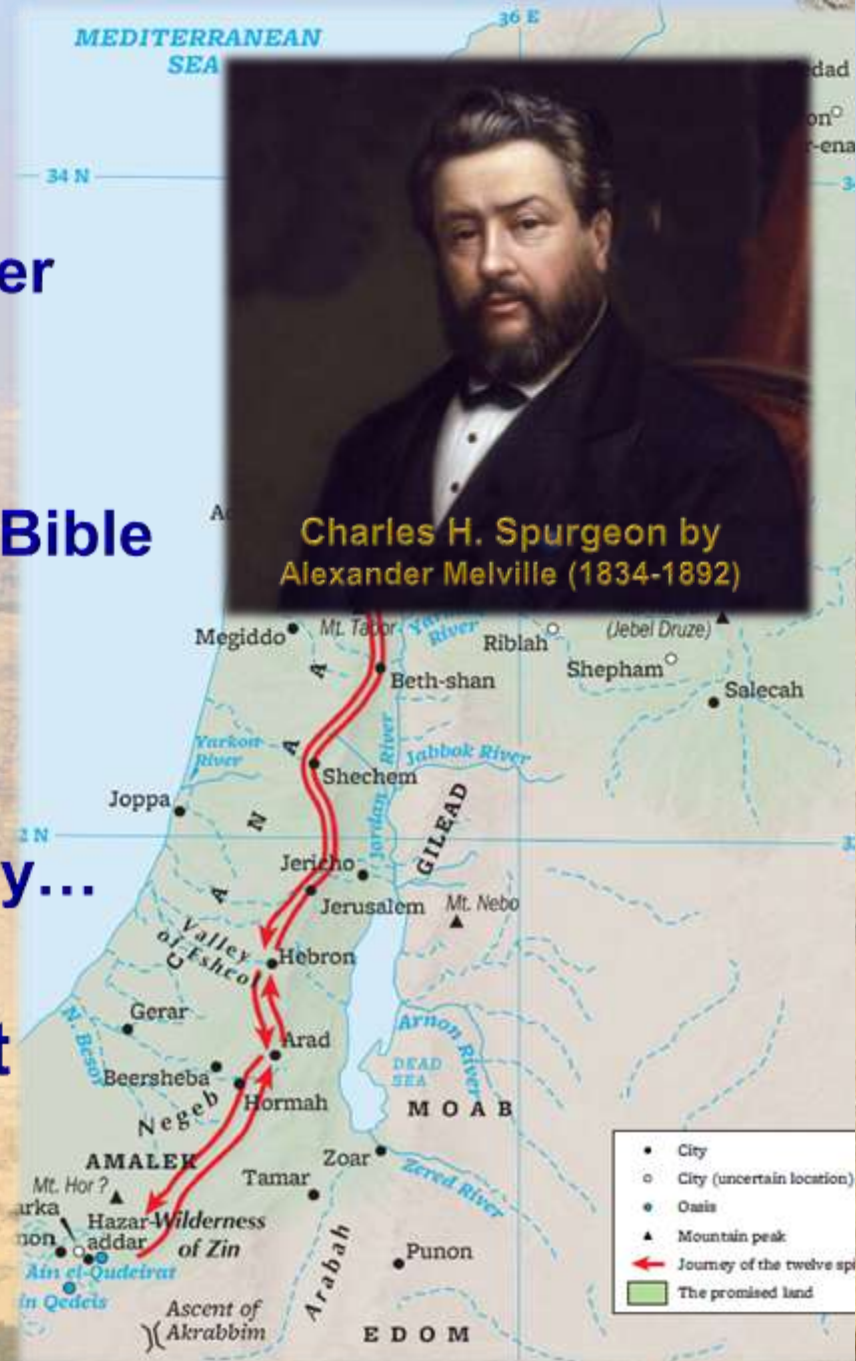
If the church is inconsistent, he condemns the Bible

Ungodly men ... do not come by repentance &
faith to make a trial of the love of Christ....

or else they would soon discover that it is a
GOOD LAND that floweth with milk and honey...

IF our report is a gloomy or an unholy one,
they turn aside ... will not enter into it

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Numbers 13:30 – Caleb Calls to ARMS

Caleb READY TO GO ...

³⁰ Caleb silenced the people before Moses, saying
“We should go up and take possession
of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

WHO today ...

WHO anywhere wants to be among the 10

WHO today ...

Does not wish they had Caleb's Courage?

That IS THE STORY, the Drama, the Tension

even the ENCOURAGEMENT

BE like Joshua & Caleb ... like Charlie Kirk



Numbers 13:31-33 – 10 Spies AFRAID

31 But the men who had gone up with Caleb said,
“We can’t attack those people;
they are **STRONGER** than we are.”

32 They spread ... bad report about the land....
“The land ... devours those living in it.
All the people we saw
there are of **GREAT SIZE**

Size intimidates – strong ARE STRONGER

Some REALITY here – Earthy – Animalistic

Samson – strongest of ALL



Numbers 13:31-33 – 10 Spies AFRAID

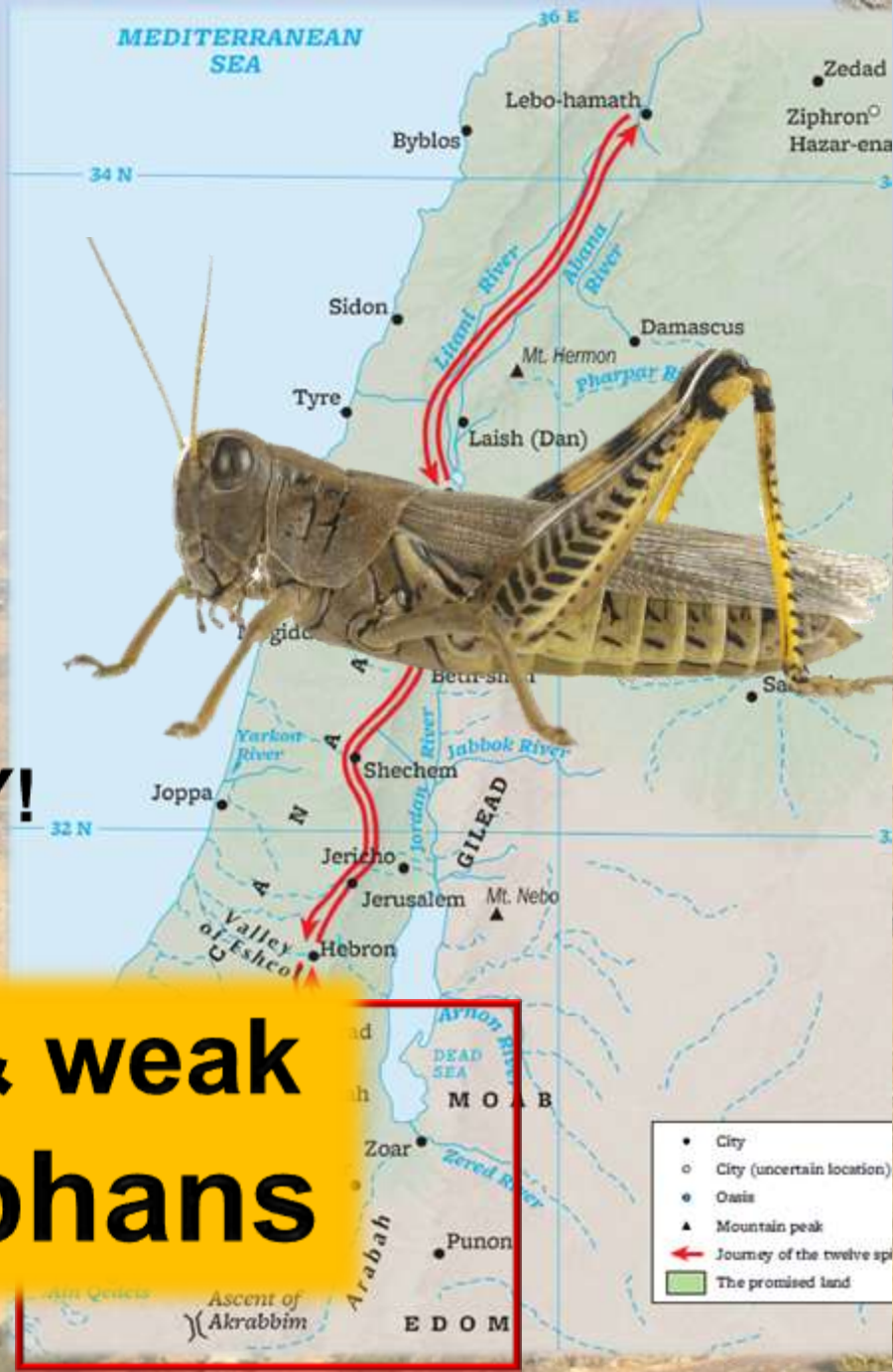
**33 We saw the Nephilim there, sons of Anak ...
We seemed like
grasshoppers in our OWN EYES,
and we looked the same to them.”**

I suppose ALL of us have felt that way
sometime in our lives ...

BEAR in mind, many millions do TODAY!

MILLIONS today feel small, helpless

**We have a duty to small & weak
to the widows & orphans**



Like GRASSHOPPERS to the Sons of Anak!



“Young Man, how is it that you DO NOT!”

do NOT underestimate the Grasshopper

Though small, Joshua & Caleb *never wavered*

Like the Grasshopper, Joshua & Caleb will

SWEEP the Land of Promise

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Your business is to ENTER THE LAND ...

NOT to take the representation of another man
concerning the Power of Grace to subdue
corruption & to sanctify the heart.

Your business is to enter into Land's valleys

Pluck its grapes;

YOU climb its hills &

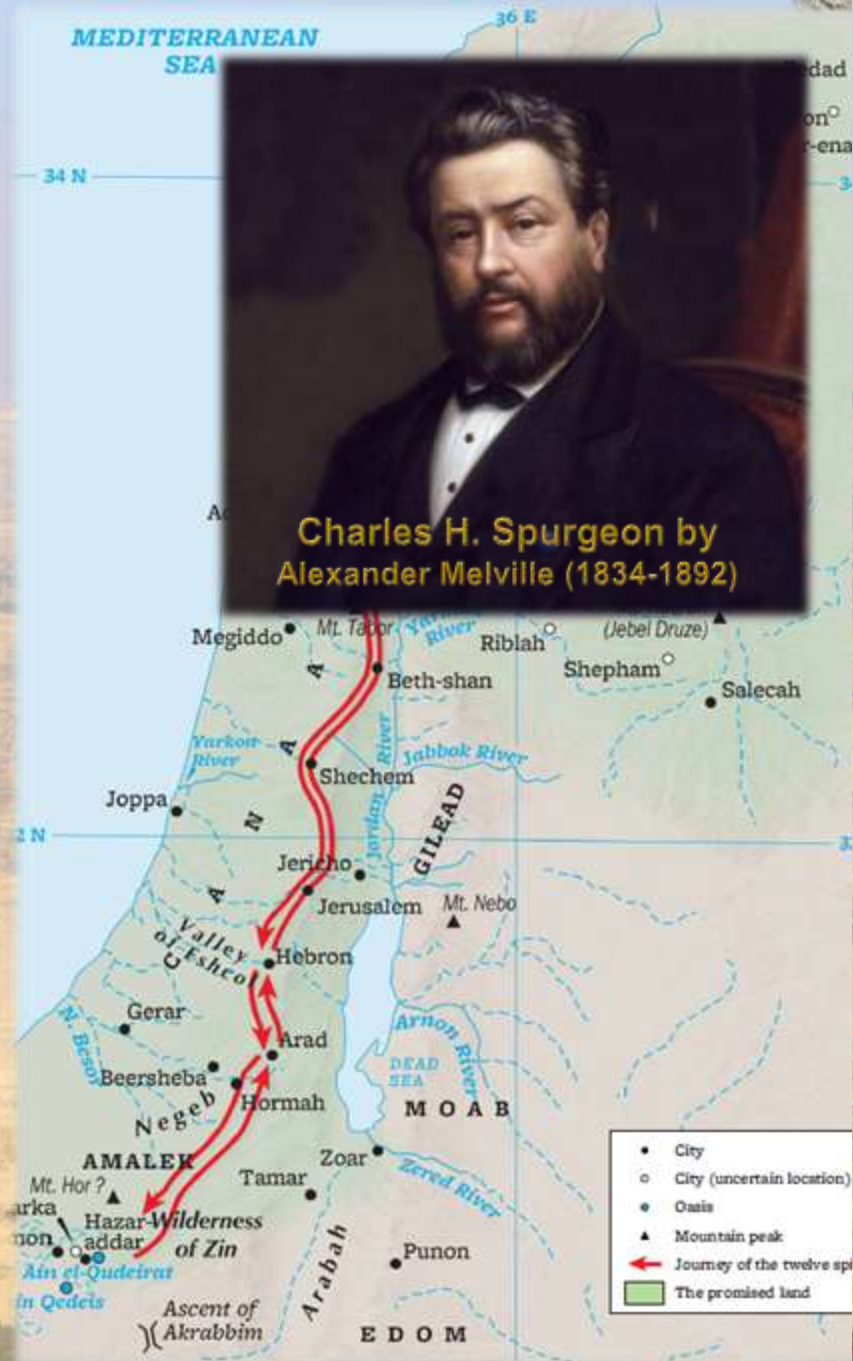
YOU see its people.

Inasmuch as God has given you a Bible,

God intended you to read it, and

NOT to be content with reading men.

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There is His Holy Spirit;

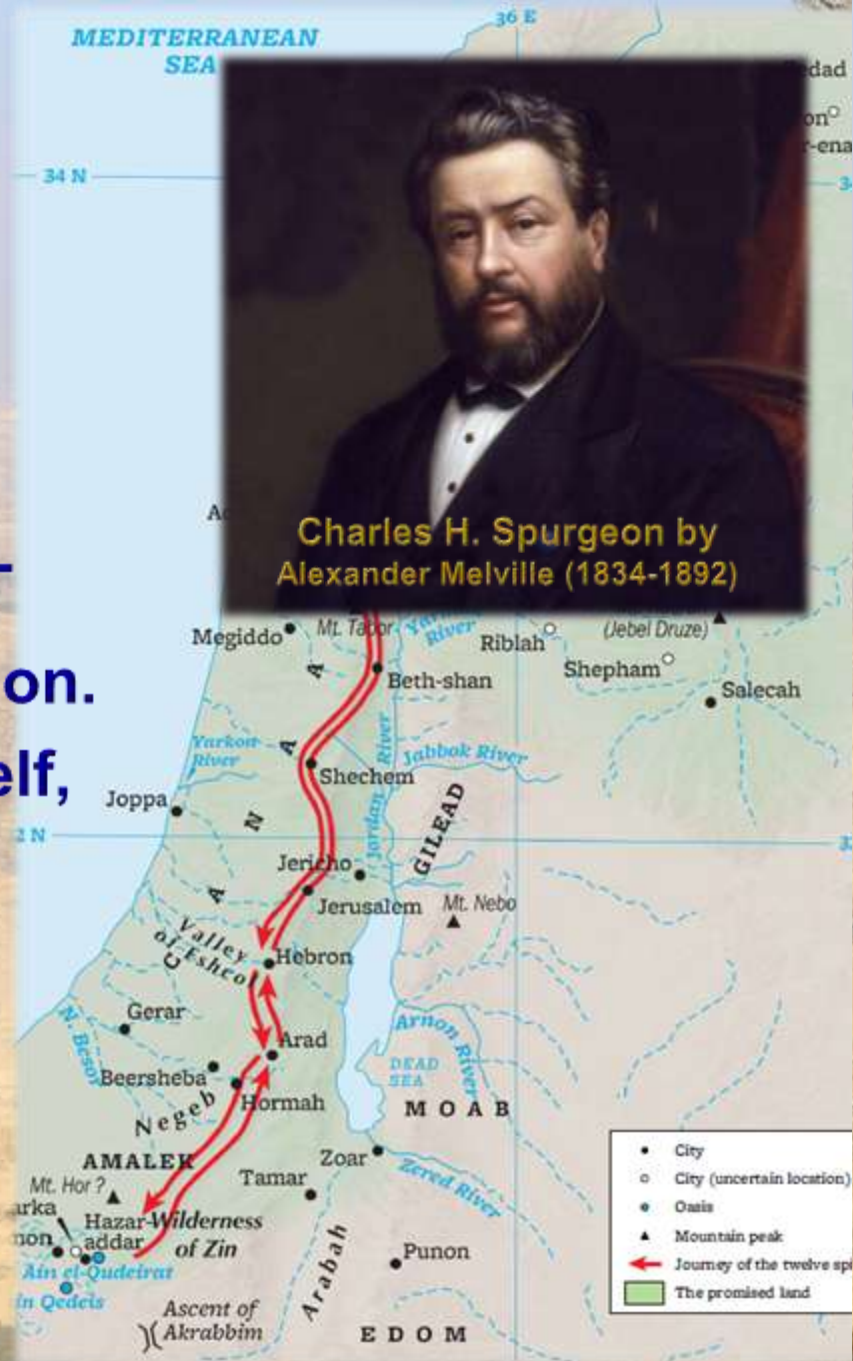
**you are NOT to be content with FEELINGS that
rise thru the conversation of others,**

**your only power to know true religion is having
that Spirit operating upon YOUR OWN HEART**

That you may KNOW what is the power of religion.

**IF you despise it before you have tried it yourself,
you stand confessed in this world as a fool,
and in the next world as a criminal.**

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And yet this is so with most men.

If you hear a man rail at the Bible,

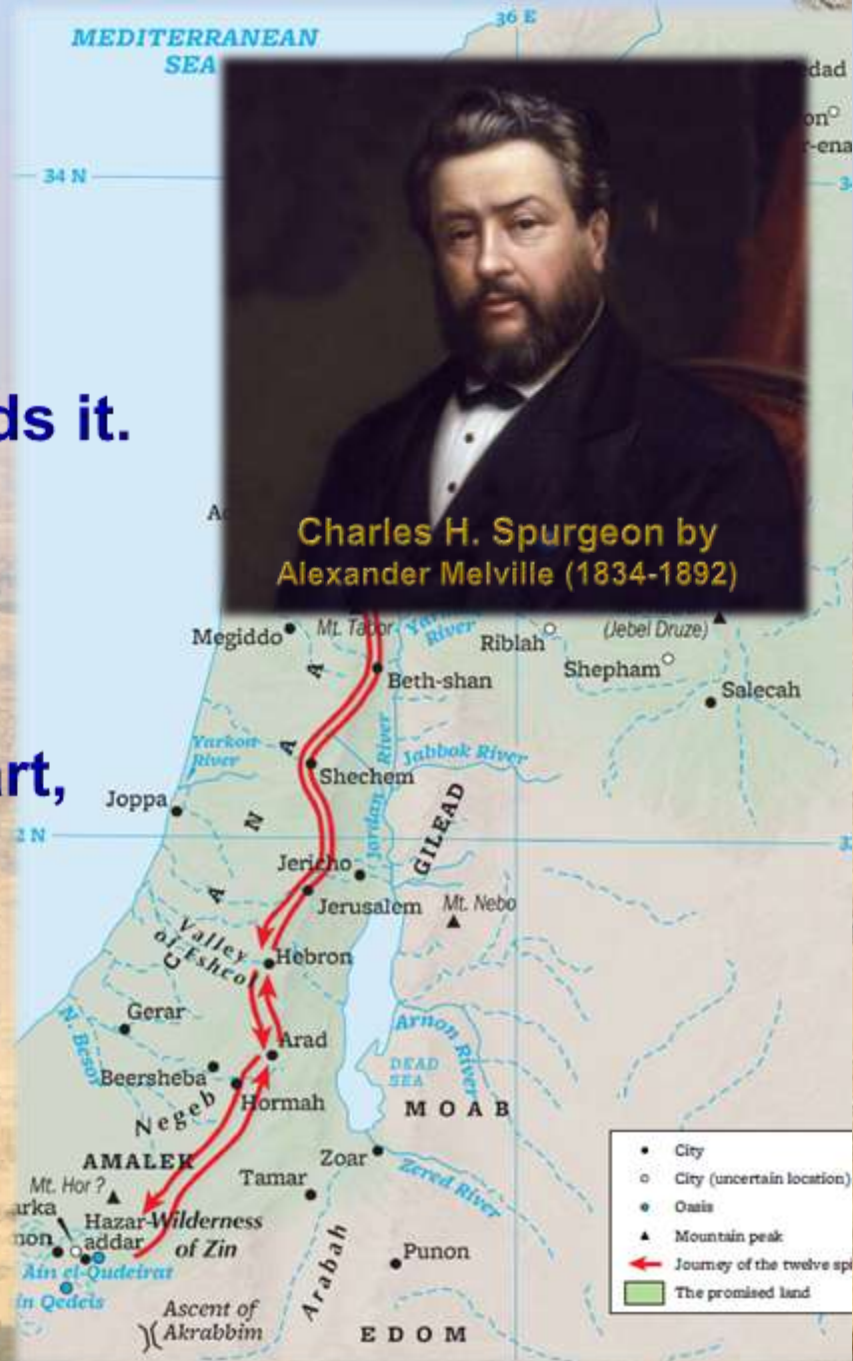
you can usually conclude that he never reads it.

And you may be quite certain if you
hear a man speak against religion,
that he never knew what religion was.

True religion, when once possessing of the heart,
never allows a man to quarrel with it.

That man will call Christ his BEST friend
who knows Christ at all.

Spurgeon on Num 13 "The Spies" (1858)



Numbers 13 – **10** Spies AFRAID & **2** BOLD

ALL of us have to duty to TRY and be like

Caleb & Joshua

Standing on God's Promises

OVER our FEARS

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King!

Through eternal ages let His praises ring.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail!

When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail

by the living Word of God I **SHALL PREVAIL**



Caleb & Joshua - Standing on God's Promises OVER our FEARS

Standing on the promises of Christ, the LORD,
bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord
overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword

Standing on the promises I cannot fall
list'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
resting in my Savior as my ALL in ALL

standing on the
Promises of God

