

## **NUMBERS 13-14:**

1. The Spies Are Sent (13:1-24)
2. Rebellion (13:25-14:10a)
3. Moses Intercedes (14:10b-38)
4. Rebellion Again (14:39-45)



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**Numbers 13:1–2**



“Be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land.”

**Numbers 13:20b**



<sup>23</sup> And they came to the Valley of Eshcol and cut down from there a branch with a single cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two of them; they also brought some pomegranates and figs. <sup>24</sup> That place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster that the people of Israel cut down from there.

**Numbers 13:23–24**



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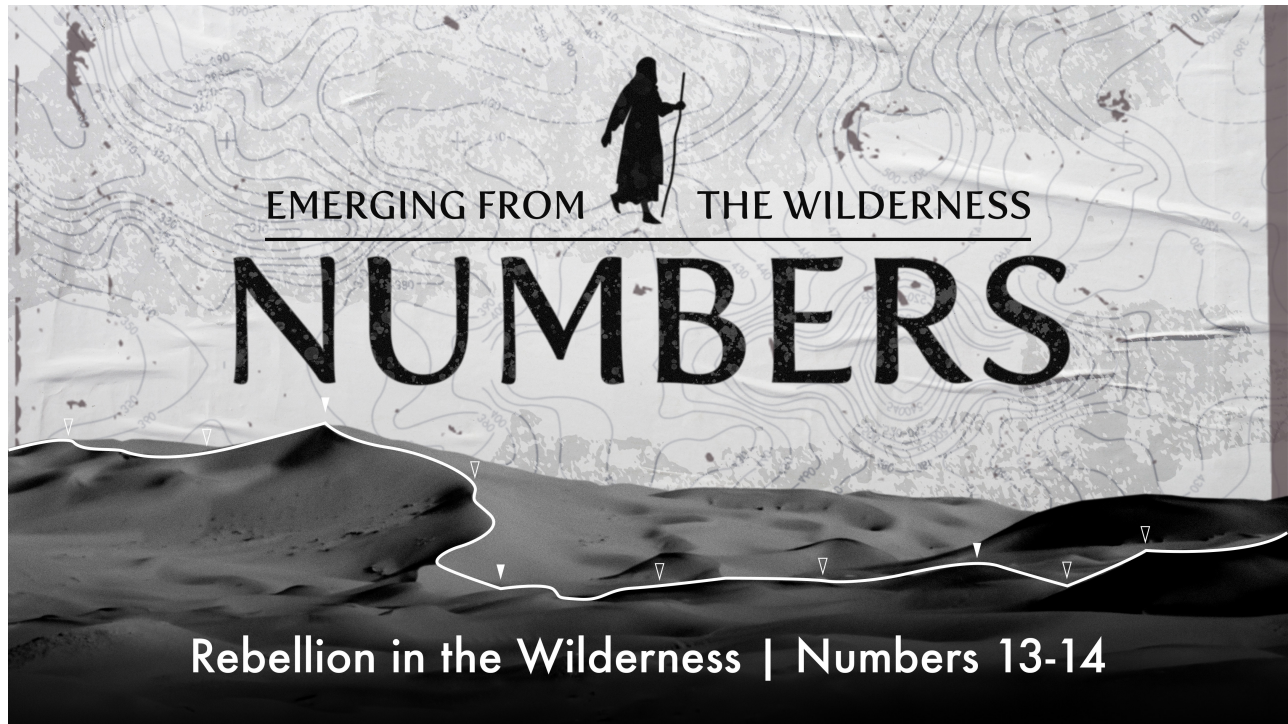
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<sup>27</sup> And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. <sup>28</sup> However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there.

**Numbers 13:27–28**



<sup>2</sup> And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” <sup>4</sup> And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

**Numbers 14:2–4**



## 2. Rebellion (13:25–14:10a)

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in the Promise-Keeper.



“The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. <sup>8</sup> If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.”

**Numbers 14:7b–9**



31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**Romans 8:31–32**

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### 3. Moses Intercedes (14:10b–38)



<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? <sup>12</sup> I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

**Numbers 14:11–12**



<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them, <sup>14</sup> and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O LORD, are in the midst of this people. For you, O LORD, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go before them, in a

**Numbers 14:13–19**



pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. <sup>15</sup> Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, <sup>16</sup> ‘It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.’

**Numbers 14:13–19**



<sup>17</sup> And now, please let the power of the LORD be great as you have promised, saying, <sup>18</sup> 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

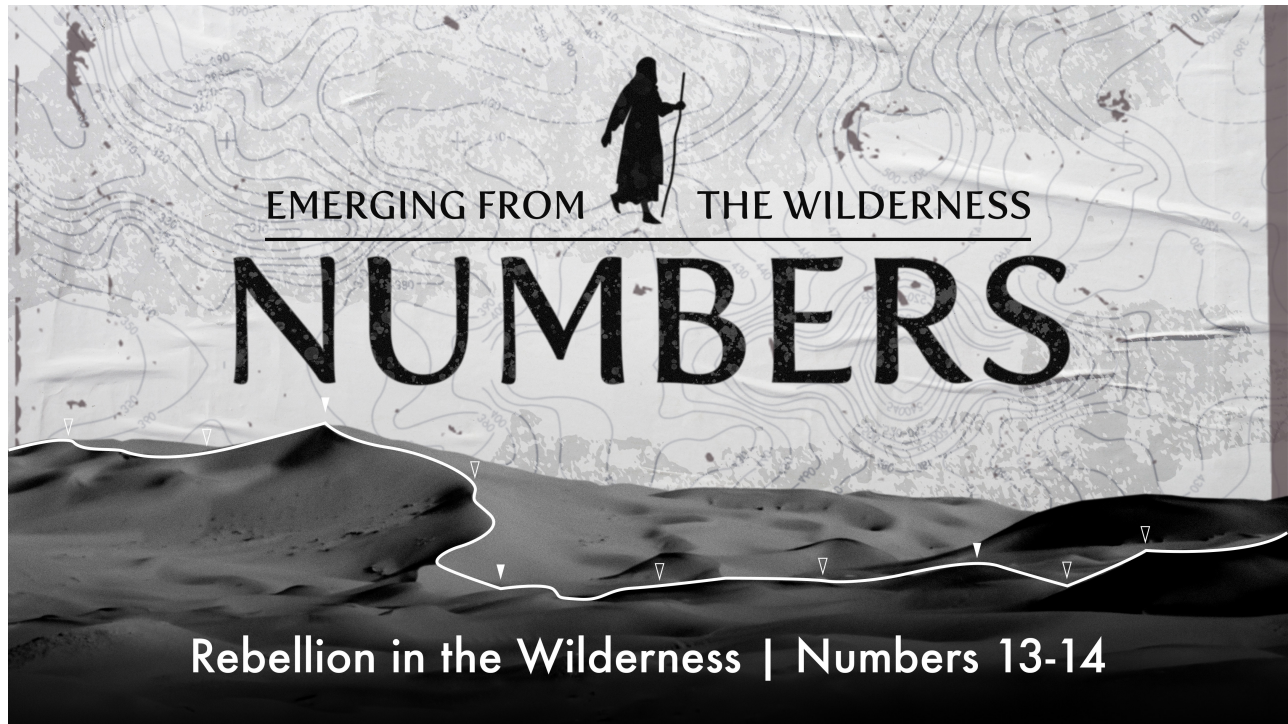
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<sup>21</sup> But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD, <sup>22</sup> none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, <sup>23</sup> shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it.

**Numbers 14:21–23**

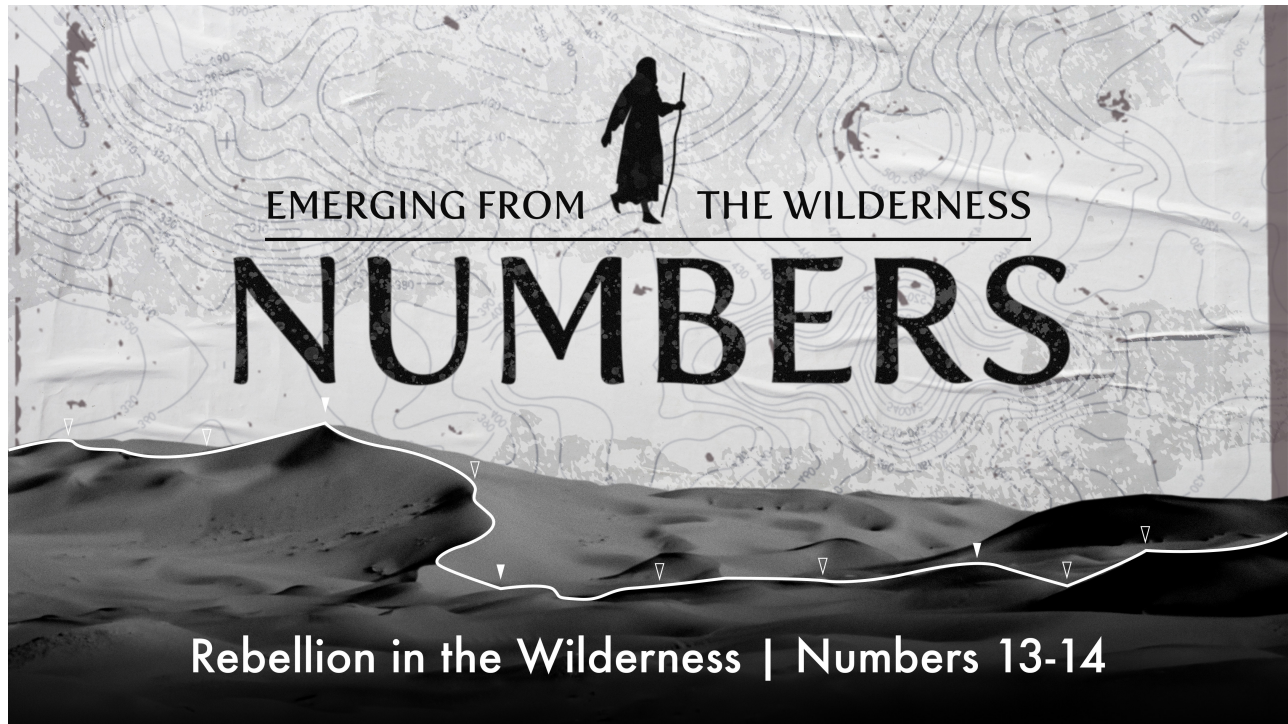




### **3. Moses Intercedes (14:10b–38)**

There is no promise without  
a mediator.





## **4. Rebellion Again (14:39–45)**



<sup>43</sup> For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned back from following the Lord, the Lord will not be with you.” <sup>44</sup> But they presumed to go up to the heights of the hill country, although neither the ark of the covenant of the Lord nor Moses departed out of the camp.

**Numbers 14:43–44**



## **4. Rebellion Again (14:39–45)**

There is no promise without the presence of the Promise-Keeper



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for **the LORD your God is with you** wherever you go.”

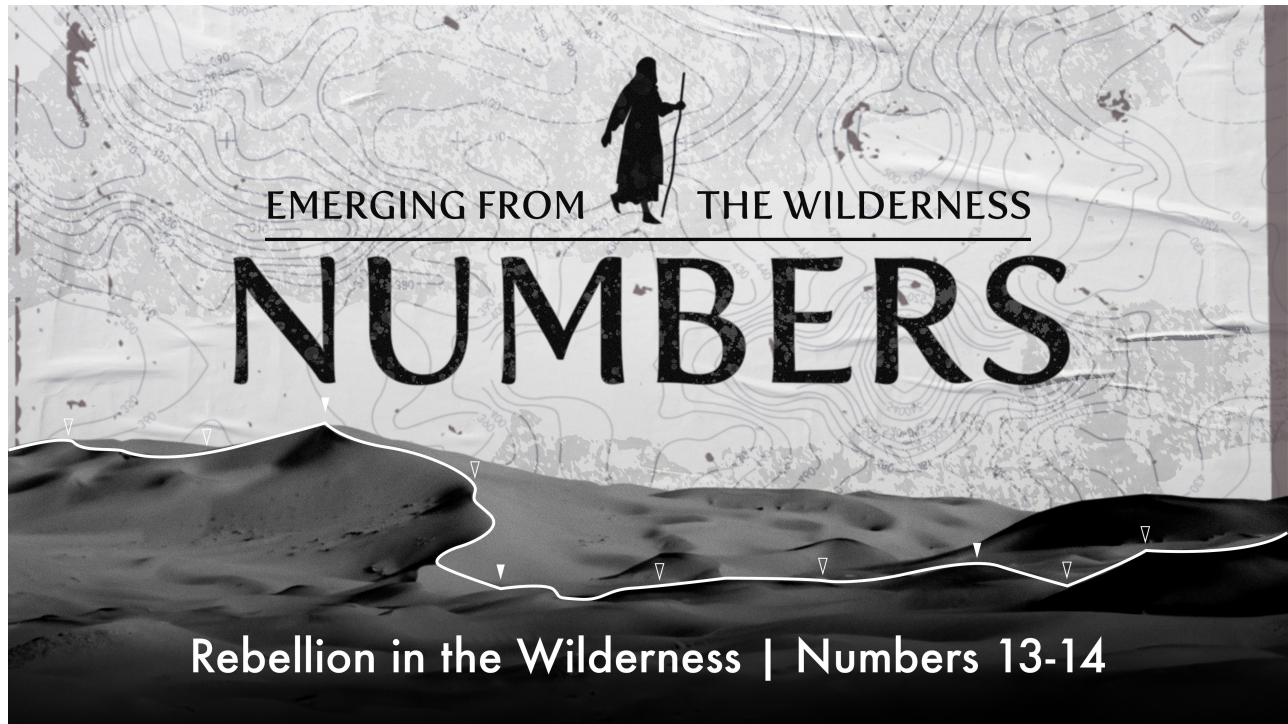
**Joshua 1:9**



And behold, **I am with you always**, to the end of the age.

**Matthew 28:20b**





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<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Revelation 21:1-4**



<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the **dwelling place of God is with man**. He will dwell **with them**, and they will be his people, and **God himself will be with them** as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

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