

Text: **Numbers 14**

THE REACTION OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

1. Upon hearing the report of the 10 spies
 - a) They wept (Numbers 14:1)
 - b) They complained against Moses and Aaron (Numbers 14:2)
2. Content of their complaint
 - a) If only we had died in the land of Egypt (Numbers 14:2)
 - b) If only we had died in the wilderness (Numbers 14:2)
 - c) Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword,
That our wives and children should become victims? (Numbers 14:3)
 - d) Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt? (Numbers 14:3)
3. Further thought
 - a) Choosing of another leader other than Moses
 - b) Let us select another leader and return to Egypt (Numbers 14:4)

RESPONSE OF MOSES AND AARON

1. They fell upon their faces before the whole assembly (Numbers 14:5)
2. They must have been aghast at this reaction

RESPONSE OF JOSHUA AND CALEB

1. These two men were part of the team of spies sent out (Numbers 14:6)
2. Their reaction
 - a) They tore their clothes
 - b) They spoke to the children of Israel
 - c) They were in protest

3. Content of what they said

- a) The land is an exceedingly good land (Numbers 14:7)
- b) If the LORD delights in us He will bring us into the land and give it to us
(Numbers 14:8)
- c) Only do not rebel against the LORD (Numbers 14:9)
- d) Nor fear the people of the land (Numbers 14:9)
- e) For they are our bread (Numbers 14:9)
- f) Their protection has departed from them (Numbers 14:9)
- g) And the LORD is with us (Numbers 14:9)
- h) Do not fear them (Numbers 14:9)

REACTION OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

They wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb (Numbers 14:10)

RESPONSE OF THE LORD

- 1. He made His presence felt
- 2. The glory of the Lord appeared in the Tabernacle of meeting (Numbers 14:10)