

The Poison Of An Evil Report

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Bamidbar/Numbers 13 And יהוה spoke to Moshe, saying,

2 Send men that they may search the land of Kanaan, which I give to the children of Yisrael: **from every tribe of their ahvot shall you send a man, every one a leader among them.**

3 And Moshe by the command of יהוה sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Yisrael.

17 And Moshe sent them to spy out the land of Kanaan, and said to them, Go up this way southward, and go up into the mountain:

18 And see the land, what it is; and the people that dwell there, whether they be strong, or weak, few, or many;
19 And what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be tov, or bad; and what cities there are that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strongholds;

20 And what the land is, whether it be fat, or lean, whether there is wood there, or not. **And be of tov courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.** (Shavuot)

21 So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Tzin to Rehov, as men come to Hamath.

22 And they ascended by the south, and came to Hevron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were. Now Hevron was built seven years before Tzoan in Mitzrayim.

23 And they came to the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bore it between the two of them on a pole; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs.

24 The place was called the Brook Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes that the children of Yisrael cut down from there.

25 **And they returned from searching the land after forty days.**

26 **And they went and came to Moshe, and to Aharon, and to all the congregation of the children of Yisrael, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word to them, and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land.**

27 **And they told him, and said, We came to the land where you sent us, and surely it flows with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.**

28 **Nevertheless the people are strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.**

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Yevusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Kanaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of the Yarden.

30 **And Kalev quieted the people before Moshe, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.**

31 **But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we are.**

32 **And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched to the children of Yisrael, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great size.**

33 **And there we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who came from the Nephilim: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.**¹

14 **And the entire congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night.**

Evil reports in an assembly cause:

- **FEAR**

¹ It is possible that these Nephilim were unclean spirits in the spirit realm after the flood, who later came back into the daughters of men. Or, Nephilim may simply be a term for fallen giants, not connected with the events of Genesis 6.

- STRESS
- UNBELIEF
- DEPRESSION IN THE CAMP
- CONFUSION
- REBELLION
- CRYING
- LOSS OF PERSPECTIVE
- SEEING THE ENEMY AS STRONGER THAN YHWH
- LOSS OF PURPOSE
- PARALYSIS TO THE VICTORY
- A LOSS OF THE SIGHT OF YHWH BY A FOCUS ON SELF
- LOSS OF THE FRUIT IN THEIR MIDST
- LOSS OF THE MILK (BASICS) AND HONEY (SWEETNESS OF UNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE AND LEADERS)

2 And all the children of Yisrael murmured against Moshe and against Aharon:

- MURMURING
- POOR EXAMPLES
- COMPLAINING

and the whole congregation said to them, Would to Elohim that we had died in the land of Mitzrayim! Or, would to Elohim we had died in this wilderness!

- DEATH WISH
- AMNESIA OF THE GREATNESS OF THEIR PAST AND FUTURE

3 And why has יהוה brought us to this land, to kill us by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? Is it not better for us to return to Mitzrayim?

- BLAMING YHWH FOR A SITUATION THEY HAVE CAUSED

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a leader, and let us return to Mitzrayim.

- FORGETTING WHO THE TRUE LEADER IS
- THOSE WHO BRING AN EVIL REPORT WANT TO REMOVE THE LEADER. BUT YHWH HAS OTHER PLANS.

5 Then Moshe and Aharon fell on their faces before all the congregation of the children of Yisrael.

6 And Yahoshua the son of Nun, and Kaleb the son of Yephunneh, who were from them that searched the land, tore their clothes:

- RIGHTEOUS LEADERSHIP DOES NOT ACCEPT THE EVIL REPORT ABOUT OTHERS, OR BY OTHERS, BUT PRAYS ON THEIR FACES FOR FORGIVENESS AND WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT TO MANIFEST AMONG THE PEOPLE.

7 And they spoke to all the company of the children of Yisrael, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceedingly tov land.

8 If יהוה delights in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us; a land that flows with milk and honey.

9 Only rebel not against יהוה, neither fear the people of the land; for they are lechem for us: their defense is departed from them, and יהוה is with us: fear them not.

10 But the entire congregation wanted to stone them with stones. And the tifereth of יהוה appeared in the Tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Yisrael.

11 And יהוה said to Moshe, *How long will this people provoke Me? And how long will it be until they believe Us,*² *for all the signs that I have shown among them?*

12 *I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a greater goy*³ *and mightier than they are.*

- **An evil report is in fact actually a rebellion and provocation against YHWH and not man.**

13 And Moshe said to יהוה, Then the Mitzrim shall hear it, for You brought up this people in Your might from among them;

14 And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that You יהוה are among this people, that You יהוה are seen face to face, and that Your cloud stands over them, and that You go before them, by day in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now if You shall kill this entire people as one man, then the nations who have heard of Your fame will speak, saying,

16 Because יהוה was not able to bring this people into the land which He swore to them, therefore He has slain them in the wilderness.

- **AN EVIL REPORT RUINS THE POWERFUL TESTIMONY OF YHWH TO OTHERS OUTSIDE YISRAEL. THIS CAN STIR HIS WRATH.**

17 And now, I beg You, let the power of יהוה be great, according as You have spoken, saying,

18 יהוה is longsuffering, and of great rachamim, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the ahvot upon the children to the third and fourth generation.

19 Pardon, I beg You, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your rachamim, and as You have forgiven this people, from Mitzrayim even until now.

20 And יהוה said, ***I have pardoned according to your word:***^{4 5}

21 ***But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the tifereth of יהוה.***

- **THE ONLY WAY TO END THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF AN EVIL REPORT IS TO PARDON THOSE WHO BROUGHT IT AND THOSE WHO ENTERTAIN IT.**

22 *Because all those men who have seen My tifereth, and My nisim, which I did in Mitzrayim and in the wilderness, and have tempted Me now these ten times, and have not listened to My voice;*

23 ***Surely they shall not see the land that I swore to their ahvot, neither shall any of them that provoked Me see it:***

- **AN EVIL REPORT CAN LEAD TO A LOSS OF REWARD AND LOSS OF THE PRIZE.**

24 ***But My eved Kalev, because he had another Ruach in him, and has followed Me fully, him will I bring into the land where he went; and his zera shall possess it.***

- **We must resist an evil report ...how??? By having a different Spirit. THE LISTENER IS GUILTIER THAN THE TALE BEARER. Why? If the listener doesn't listen, the evil reporter cannot achieve the desired results. I along with you have been guilty of listening to things about a person's background from 10 years back thus poisoning our heart, which in turn can poison our attitudes towards the accused and towards others.**

² HaAminu Believe Us - Plurality of YHWH.

³ Yisrael often called a goy, so why should it surprise some that goyim, or Efrayimites can also be Yisraelites?

⁴ Unmerited favor.

⁵ This does not negate the need for blood atonement as the anti-missionaries claim. Rather it reinforces the need for it. As seen in the Good News, it was YHWH's Word that pardoned Yisrael after it became flesh in the person of Yahshua. The word Moses spoke here was quoting YHWH's word back to Him as found in Exodus. So we see here that YHWH pardoned Yisrael by His Word back then, just as He does now.

27 *How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, who murmur against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Yisrael that they murmur against Me.*

- **YHWH CONSIDERS AN EVIL REPORT IN THE ASSEMBLY AS AN ATTACK AGAINST HIM. BECAUSE HE ONLY DESIRES US TO DWELL ON PURE AND UPLIFTING THINGS.**

28 *Say to them, As truly as I live, says יהוה, as you have spoken in My ears, so will I do to you:*

- **AN EVIL REPORT PRODUCES EVIL FRUIT AND EVIL RESULTS.**

29 *Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered among you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me,*

30 *For sure you shall not come into the land, concerning which I swore to make you dwell there, except Kaleb the son of Yephunneh, and Yahoshua the son of Nun.*

31 *But your little ones, who you said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land that you have despised.*⁶

- **CHILDREN CAN BE AFFECTED BY EVIL REPORTS ALSO.**

32 *But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness.*

33 *And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoring, until your carcasses are wasted in the wilderness.*

- **AN EVIL REPORT CAN CAUSE CHILDREN TO DEPART AND WANDER FROM YHWH'S LOVE.**

34 *After the number of the days in which you searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall you bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you shall know the result of straying from Me.*

- **AN EVIL REPORT CAUSES PEOPLE TO STRAY AWAY FROM YHWH.**

35 *I יהוה have said, I will surely do it to this entire evil congregation that have gathered together against Me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.*

36 *And the men, whom Moshe sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up slander about the land,*

- **EVIL REPORTS SLANDER YHWH, OR HIS PEOPLE.**
- 37 *Even those men that did bring up the evil report from the land, died by the plague before יהוה.*
- **AN EVIL REPORT CAN BRING THE DEATH OF THOSE WHO PARTAKE OF IT.**

38 *But Yahoshua the son of Nun, and Kaleb the son of Yephunneh, who were from the men that went to search the land, still lived.*

- **THOSE WHO STEADFASTLY RESIST EVIL REPORTS BY A DIFFERENT SPIRIT LIKE KALEV WILL LIVE.**

⁶ Mercy.

39 And Moshe told these sayings to all the children of Yisrael: and the people mourned greatly.

40 And they rose up early in the morning, and got up into the top of the mountain, saying, See, we are here, and will go up to the place which יהוה has promised: for we have sinned.

- MEANING THOSE WHO GIVE, OR RECEIVE AN EVIL REPORT THINK THAT THEY CAN REPENT ON THEIR OWN TERMS. BUT THE DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE. WORDS AND ACCUSATIONS CAN NEVER BE TAKEN BACK. ONLY OVERLOOKED.

41 And Moshe said, Why do you now still transgress the command of יהוה? But it shall not prosper.

- SOMETIMES IN TRYING TO COVER UP AN EVIL REPORT, WE COMMIT MORE TRANSGRESSIONS, TRYING TO PLAY THE BLAME GAME AND PIN OUR BEHAVIORS ON OTHERS. WE ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO ACT LIKE POLITICIANS BUT LIKE YAHSHUA.

42 Go not up, for יהוה is not among you; that you be not smitten by your enemies.

43 For the Amalekites and the Kanaanites are there before you, and you shall fall by the sword: because you have turned away from יהוה, therefore יהוה will not be with you.

44 But they presumed to go up to the hill top: nevertheless the Ark of the Testimony of יהוה, and Moshe, departed not out of the camp.

- AFTER AN EVIL REPORT HAS GONE OUT, PEOPLE LOSE THEIR DIRECTION AND WISDOM AS THEY HAVE BEEN MANIPULATED AWAY FROM THE TRUTHS AND PROMISES OF YHWH. DEADLY SINS OF PRESUMPTION HAVE SET IN.

45 Then the Amalekites came down, and the Kanaanites who dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and beat them down, even to Hormah.

- THE END RESULT OF AN EVIL REPORT. SPIRITUAL, AND OR PHYSICAL DEATH.

MAY YOUR PEOPLE SEE THE BIG ETERNAL PICTURE. OH YHWH HAVE MERCY. SELAH