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Number 14:33, *“And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.”*

The children of Israel were punished for their sins and caused to wander in the wilderness for forty years. The LORD had given them the land of Canaan if they would simply go in and inhabit it. Joshua and Caleb returned with a good report and said that they could take the land. Ten spies were afraid and the people sided with them. Due to this, they were turned away from the land of Canaan and wondered about for a total of forty years. None of the men who came out of Egypt above 20 years old were permitted to enter Canaan. Only Joshua and Caleb were permitted.

If they had only gone on in and taken the land, the LORD had everything ready for them. There was so much abundance in the land waiting for them. We are told in Numbers 13:23, *“And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and [they brought] of the pomegranates, and of the figs.”*

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They were fearful and turned back and spent forty years just wandering about and never were able to obtain the land of Canaan. They missed out on this abundances the LORD had waiting for them.

The thought of a forty year time frame has been on my mind this past week. It was forty years ago in 1986 that Ruby and I were married. Have I been aimlessly wandering in the wilderness these past forty years spiritually? Or have I been actively heading toward spiritual Canaan—Heaven. We need to each ask that of ourselves. Have the years of our lives thus far been spent wandering aimlessly or heading toward Heaven? If the LORD permits us to live, what will our future years be—wandering or serving the LORD?

The children of Israel were still blessed during this forty years of wandering. The LORD provided them with mana to eat. Their clothing and shoes did not wear out during this time. But, they missed the best blessings of all by not entering Canaan.

We might be very successful in life with a career and school, but if the things we do are not for the LORD, we are simply wandering in the wilderness of life. We will wander aimlessly all of our days and miss out on the land of Canaan—Heaven.

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Deuteronomy 4:21, *“Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.”*

Only Joshua and Caleb were permitted to enter the land of Canaan. Even Moses himself was not permitted to enter. In Numbers 20 the LORD had told Moses to speak to the rock to get water from it. He added to what the LORD had told him to do by striking the rock. The

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News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard & Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Lauren Candela, Karen Kerney, Betty Franklin,**

Rhonda Ford, and Mae Walters. Alice Vanderstoep continues to recover from a serious infection. Doctors are waiting to see what a mass is on her kidney. **Linda Sloan** has had very much pain and trouble walking due to her knee.

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LORD told Moses in Numbers 20:12, “*And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.*”

Deuteronomy 32:50-51, “⁵¹*Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.* ⁵²*Yet thou shalt see the land before [thee]; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.*”

Moses missed out on the land of Canaan because of this one sin. Let us never underestimate how powerful sin is. One sin can cause us to miss Heaven if that sin is not repented of and forgiven.

Moses asked the LORD to let him go into Canaan. Deuteronomy 3:25-26, “²⁵*I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that [is] beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.* ²⁶*But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.*” The LORD would not let Moses enter Canaan and told Moses to not speak any more of this matter.

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Sunday, June 21, 2026		
Classes	18	Acts 1:12-26
Preaching	27	Luke 19; II Kings 2:11
Contribution	\$975.00	
Afternoon	8	Ecclesiastes 7:16-29; Exodus 28:1-43

Bible Quiz

What strengthens the wise more than ten mighty men in the city?

Last Week’s Answer—A cloud (Acts 1:9)

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There is no doubt that Moses went to Heaven after his death. He appeared on the mountain with Jesus and Elijah when Jesus was transfigured. Let this event in the life of Moses show how even one sin can cause so many problems here, and if not repented of and forgiven, will cause us to miss Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Proverbs 31:10, “*Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price [is] far above rubies.*”

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)