

## Bible History Puzzle 55

The Israelites were finally close to C\_\_\_\_\_. They could see little bits of it as they came closer.

“Look! That is where we are going to live!” they told their children.

There was one problem. There were already p\_\_\_\_\_ living there and they weren’t about to give up their houses and land and walk away! Those people did not know the God of the Israelites. They bowed to idols and did much wickedness. The Lord would punish them for that and give their h\_\_\_\_\_ and gardens to the Israelites. This is what the Lord promised.

When the Israelites camped close to Canaan, they chose twelve men to go spy out the land. Those men came back after forty d\_\_\_\_\_.

“Look! Here they come!”

The spies were not walking quickly. They were carrying something heavy on a pole. It was a huge bunch of grapes! They were so big that they looked like plums

Everybody was very curious to hear what the men had to say.

Ten of the men spoke first. “It is a beautiful, good land,” they said. “There is plenty of grass for our cattle and goats and sh\_\_\_\_\_. There are fields of grain and look and see what grows in the vineyards!” Yes, everyone could see the g\_\_\_\_\_. “But,” they continued, “The people that live there are very strong. We even saw giants. We look like grasshoppers next to them. The cities are built very strong.”

The Israelites right away began to complain. “Oh, if we just hadn’t left Egypt.... We will never win against the gi\_\_\_\_\_!” They cried out.

But then the two other sp\_\_\_\_\_ came forward. Their names were Joshua and Caleb. “Stop!” they called out. “Yes, it is

true that there are big men and strong cities, but what does that matter? The Lord our G\_\_\_\_\_ is much stronger, isn’t He? He will fight for us, won’t He?”

But they didn’t want to hear it. They began to pick up st\_\_\_\_\_ to throw at Joshua and Caleb.

“God will give us the land!” the two m\_\_\_\_\_ called out again. They did not stop speaking good of the Lord. The other spies did not. They didn’t believe what the L\_\_\_\_\_ had promised them.

Then the Lord spoke. The Lord praised Joshua and Caleb for trusting in Him. “All the others,” the Lord said, “will never enter Canaan. That will be their punishment. They will have to wander in the w\_\_\_\_\_ for forty years and they will all die. Their children will be the ones to live in the Promised L\_\_\_\_\_.” That was the punishment for their unbelief.

Then the people regretted what they had done and decided to go forward into the land of Canaan anyway. But the Lord did not go with th\_\_\_\_\_ and they were chased back out. And that was their own fault! They had to turn back to the wilderness.

*How many men were sent to explore Canaan?*

*What did Moses ask the men to look for?*

*What did the spies tell the Israelites about the people in Canaan?*

*Why do you think Moses said, “We should go up and take possession of the land?”*

Word search



V G Y R T A A S T Y Z Y T F Y  
 V F U A U I S Z E M C P N J V  
 H O E H R E G N O R T S D I G  
 F W S V L R D L N H J I D B R  
 O O E C L D K X W U G W Q E A  
 J G R A P E S Q P Z F E B L S  
 H Q W P I G W R Q P S H M A S  
 S F O R T Y I T O G D O G C H  
 X E N U K N O A I A C V R P O  
 P U S C X W O F N R X Y X A P  
 J N J O U H E N I T U A F N P  
 B V J N M U M E M U S S K R E  
 U S R J F D D L F W I G F P R  
 I H X U V B H T I I J Z N I S  
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\_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto  
 thine \_\_\_\_\_ understanding. In all thy \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge  
 him, and he shall direct thy \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 3: 5-6

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| Caleb  | cried        | figs     |
| forty  | giants       | God      |
| grapes | grasshoppers | Joshua   |
| Moses  | spy          | stronger |
| twelve |              |          |