



## Numbers 13:1-15:41 Expanded Chiasm

**1A) 13:1-14:10** Ten spies bring back an evil report (*i.e., The ten and the congregation DES-PISED THE COMMANDMENT OF YHVH to go in and possess the land*); {p}

**1a) 13:1-27 The twelve** sent to spy out the land, and their return;

**1A) 13:1-20A THE TWELVE** sent out to **SPY OUT THE LAND**;

**1a) 13:1-3** And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, **2 “Send men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan**, which I give to the children of Israel; of every tribe of their fathers shall you send a man, every one a prince among them.” **3** And Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the commandment of YHVH; all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel;

**1b) 13:4a** And **these were their names**;

central axis) **13:4b-15** Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. **5** Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. **6** Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. **7** Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. **8** Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. **9** Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. **10** Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. **11** Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. **12** Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. **13** Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. **14** Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. **15** Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi;

**2b) 13:16** **These are the names** of the men that Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua;

**2a) 13:17-20a** And **Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan**, and said to them, “Go up from here into the South, and go up into the mountains; **18** and see the land, what it is; and the people that dwell in it, whether they are strong or weak, whether they are few or many; **19** and what the land is like in which they dwell, whether it is good or bad; and what cities there are in which they dwell, whether in camps, or in strongholds; **20** and what the land is like, whether it is fat or lean, whether there are woods in it, or not;

CENTRAL AXIS) **13:20B AND BE OF GOOD COURAGE**;

**2A) 13:20C-27 THE TWELVE SPY OUT THE LAND** and return;

**1a) 13:20c** And bring some of **the fruit of the land**.” Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes;

**1b) 13:21-22** So **they went up, and spied out the land** from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, at the entrance to Hamath. **22** And they went up into the South, and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were there. Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt;

- 1c) 13:23a And they came to **the valley of Eshcol**, and **cut down from there** a branch with **one cluster of grapes**;  
 central axis) 13:23b And they bore it on a pole between two men; they took also some of the pomegranates, and some of the figs;
- 2c) 13:24 That place was called **the valley of Eshcol**, because of **the cluster** which the children of Israel **cut down from there**;
- 2b) 13:25-26a And **they returned from spying out the land** at the end of forty days. 26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word to them, and to all the congregation;
- 2a) 13:26b-27 And showed them **the fruit of the land**;  
 1A) 13:26B And showed them **THE FRUIT OF THE LAND**;  
 CENTRAL AXIS) 13:27A AND THEY TOLD HIM, AND SAID, “WE CAME TO THE LAND THAT YOU HAD SENT US, AND SURELY IT FLOWS WITH MILK AND HONEY;  
 2A) 13:27B And this is **ITS FRUIT**;
- 1b) 13:28a However **the people that dwell in the land are fierce**, and the cities are fortified, **and very great**;
- 1c) 13:28b And moreover **we saw the children of Anak** there;
- 1d) 13:29 **Amalek dwells in the land** of the South; and **the Hittite**, and **the Jebusite**, and **the Amorite dwell in the mountains**; and **the Canaanite dwells by the sea**, and along by the side of the Jordan;”
- central axis) 13:30 And Caleb quieted the people toward Moses, and said, “We should go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it;
- 2d) 13:31-32 The evil report: **The men who dwell in the land** are stronger than we;  
 1A) 13:31 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**;”  
 CENTRAL AXIS) 13:32A AND THEY SPREAD AN EVIL REPORT OF THE LAND WHICH THEY HAD SPIED OUT TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL;  
 2A) 13:32B Saying, “The land, through which we have passed to spy out, is a land that eats up its inhabitants; and **ALL THE PEOPLE** that we saw in it **ARE MEN OF GREAT STATURE**;
- 2c) 13:33a And there **we saw** the Nephilim, **the sons of Anak**, who come of the Nephilim;
- 2b) 13:33b And **we were in our own sight as grasshoppers**, and so we were in their sight;”
- 2a) 14:1-10 The congregation responds to the report of **the twelve**; {p}  
 1A) 14:1-6 **ALL THE CONGREGATION** cried and **MURMURED AGAINST MOSES AND AARON**;

**1a) 14:1** And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and **cried**; and the people wept that night;

**1b) 14:2a** And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron;

**1c) 14:2b** And 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!

central axis) 14:3 And why does YHVH bring us to this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be a prey; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?

**2c) 14:4** And they said one to another, “Let us make a captain, and let us return to Egypt;

**2b) 14:5** Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel;

**2a) 14:6** And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were of those who had spied out the land, rent their clothes;

CENTRAL AXIS) 14:7-9 JOSHUA AND CALEB: FEAR NOT!

**1a.1) 14:7-8** If YHVH delights in us, then He will bring us in;

**1A) 14:7** And they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, “THE LAND, which we passed through to spy out, IS AN EXCEEDINGLY GOOD LAND;

CENTRAL AXIS) 14:8A IF YHVH DELIGHTS IN US, THEN HE WILL BRING US INTO THIS LAND AND GIVE IT TO US;

**2A) 14:8B** A LAND WHICH FLOWS WITH MILK AND HONEY;

**1a.2) 14:9a** Only rebel not against YHVH, neither fear the people of the land;

central axis) 14:9b For they are bread for us; their defence is removed from over them;

**2a.1) 14:9c** And YHVH is with us;

**2a.2) 14:9d** Fear them not;

**2A) 14:10** But ALL THE CONGREGATION SOUGHT TO STONE THEM WITH STONES, when the glory of YHVH appeared in the tent of meeting to all the children of Israel; {p}

**1B) 14:11-25** The generation who has TESTED YHVH TEN TIMES will not enter the land (*i.e.*, They will be CUT OFF); {p}

**1a) 14:11a** And YHVH said to Moses, “How long will this people despise Me?

**1b) 14:11b** And how long will they not believe in Me, with all the signs which I have wrought among them?

**1c) 14:12** I will strike them with the pestilence, and destroy them, and will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they;”

central axis) 14:13-19 Moses' intercession;

1A) 14:13 And Moses said to YHVH, “When the Egyptians shall hear—for You brought up this people in YOUR MIGHT from among them—

1B) 14:14A THEY WILL SAY to the inhabitants of this land;

1C) 14:14B WHO HAVE HEARD that You, YHVH, are in the midst of this people;

1D) 14:14C Inasmuch as You, YHVH, are seen face to face, and YOUR CLOUD stands over them;

CENTRAL AXIS) 14:14D AND YOU GO BEFORE THEM;

2D) 14:14E In a PILLAR OF CLOUD by day, and in a pillar of fire by night;

2C) 14:15A Now if You shall kill this people as one man; then the nations WHICH HAVE HEARD of Your fame;

2B) 14:15B-16 WILL SPEAK, saying, 16 ‘Because YHVH was not able to bring this people into the land which He swore to them, therefore He has slain them in the wilderness;’

2A) 14:17-19 And now, I pray You, LET THE POWER OF YHVH BE GREAT, according as You have spoken, saying, 18 ‘YHVH is slow to anger, and great in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and who will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and to the fourth generation.’ 19 Pardon, I pray You, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness, and according as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now;”

2c) 14:20-21 And YHVH said, “I have pardoned according to your word. 21 But as truly as I live—and all the earth shall be filled with the glory of YHVH—

2b) 14:22 Surely all those men that have seen My glory, and My signs, which I wrought in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times, and have not paid heed to My voice;

2a) 14:23-25 Surely they shall not see the land which I swore to their fathers, neither shall any of those who despised Me see it. 24 But My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed Me fully, him I will bring into the land where he went; and his seed shall possess it;”— 25 now the Amalekite and the Canaanite dwell in the valley— “tomorrow turn, and go into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea;” {p}

1C) 14:26-45 Those who were numbered will fall in the wilderness 40 years (*i.e.*, YHVH will no more ignore the complaints and testings of Israel, but THEY WILL BE CUT OFF); {p}

1a) 14:26-38 Consequence for spreading an evil report, and murmuring;

1A) 14:26-35 CALEB AND JOSHUA will come into the Land;

1a) 14:26-27 And YHVH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 27

“How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, that keep murmuring against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they keep murmuring against Me;

- 1b) 14:28-29** Say to them, ‘As I live,’ says YHVH, ‘surely as you have spoken in My ears, so will I do to you: **29 Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness**, and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, you that have murmured against Me;
- 1c) 14:30a** Surely **you shall not come into the land** which I swore that I would make you dwell in it;
- central axis) 14:30b** Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun;
- 2c) 14:31** But your little ones, that you said would be a prey, **them I will bring in**, and they shall know the land which you have rejected;
- 2b) 14:32-34** But as for you, **your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness**. **33** And your children shall be wanderers in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your unfaithfulness, until **your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness**. **34** After the number of the days in which you spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, you shall bear your iniquities, even forty years, and you shall know My displeasure;
- 2a) 14:35** I, YHVH, have spoken, surely this I will do to all this **evil congregation**, who are **gathered together against Me**; in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die;”
- CENTRAL AXIS) 14:36** **AND THE MEN, WHOM MOSES SENT TO SPY OUT THE LAND, AND WHO, WHEN THEY RETURNED, MADE ALL THE CONGREGATION MURMUR AGAINST HIM, BY BRINGING UP AN EVIL REPORT AGAINST THE LAND, 37 EVEN THOSE MEN THAT BROUGHT UP AN EVIL REPORT OF THE LAND, DIED BY THE PLAGUE BEFORE YHVH;**
- 2a) 14:38** But **JOSHUA** the son of Nun, **AND CALEB** the son of Jephunneh, remained alive of those men that went to spy out the land;
- central axis) 14:39** **And Moses told these words to all the children of Israel; and the people mourned greatly;**
- 2a) 14:40-45** **Consequence** for transgressing against YHVH;
- 1A) 14:40A** And they rose up early in the morning, and went **UP TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN;**
- 1B) 14:40B** Saying, “Behold, **WE** are here, and **WILL GO UP** to the place which YHVH has promised; for we have sinned;”
- CENTRAL AXIS) 14:41** **AND MOSES SAID, “WHY NOW DO YOU TRANSGRESS THE COMMANDMENT OF YHVH, SEEING IT SHALL NOT PROSPER?”**
- 2B) 14:42-43** **DO NOT GO UP**, for YHVH is not among you; that you are not struck down before your enemies. **43** For there the Amalekite and the Canaanite are before you, and you shall fall by the sword; inas-

much as you have turned back from following YHVH, and YHVH will not be with you;”

**2A) 14:44-45** But they presumed to go **UP TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN**; nevertheless the ark of the covenant of YHVH, and Moses, did not depart out of the camp. **45** Then the Amalekite and the Canaanite, who dwelt in that hill country, came down, and struck them and beat them down, even as far as Hormah; {p}

**ID.1) 15:1-12** Voluntary **BURNT OFFERINGS** of **THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SINNED**;

**1a) 15:1-10b** The grain and drink offerings to be brought with every **offering made by fire**;

**1A) 15:1-3A** And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, **2** “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘When you come into the land of your habitations, which I give to you, **3** and will make an **OFFERING BY FIRE TO YHVH**;

**1B) 15:3B-7A** A **BURNT OFFERING**, or a **SACRIFICE, IN FULFILMENT OF A VOW CLEARLY UTTERED**, or as a freewill offering, or in your appointed seasons, to make a sweet aroma to YHVH, of the herd, or of the flock; **4** then he who brings his offering shall present to YHVH a **GRAIN OFFERING** of a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of oil; **5** and wine for the **DRINK OFFERING**, the fourth part of a hin, you shall prepare with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for each lamb. **6** Or for a ram, you shall prepare for a grain offering two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the third part of a hin of oil; **7** and for the drink offering you shall present the third part of a hin of wine;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 15:7B** **OF A SWEET AROMA TO YHVH**;

**2B) 15:8-10A** And when you prepare a bull for a **BURNT OFFERING**, or for a **SACRIFICE, IN FULFILMENT OF A VOW CLEARLY UTTERED**, or for peace offerings to YHVH; **9** then there shall be presented with the bull a **GRAIN OFFERING** of three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with half a hin of oil. **10** And you shall present for the **DRINK OFFERING** half a hin of wine;

**2A) 15:10B** For an **OFFERING MADE BY FIRE**;

**central axis) 15:10c** **Of a sweet aroma to YHVH**;

**2a) 15:11-12** Thus shall it be done for **each bull**, or for **each ram**, or for **each of the male lambs**, or of **the kids**. **12** According to the number that you may prepare, so shall you do for every one according to their number;

**ID.2) 15:13-16** **ONE LAW** for the native and the stranger; {p}

**1a) 15:13a** All who are **native born shall do these things** after this manner;

**1b) 15:13b** In presenting **an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to YHVH;**

**central axis) 15:14a** And if a stranger sojourns with you, or whoever may be among you, throughout your generations;

**2b) 15:14b** And will offer **an offering made by fire, of a sweet aroma to YHVH;**

**2a) 15:14c-16** As the **native born do**, so shall the stranger do;

**1A) 14:14C-15A** As you do, so shall he do. **15** As for the congregation, there shall be **ONE STATUTE BOTH FOR YOU, AND FOR THE STRANGER WHO SOJOURNS WITH YOU;**

**CENTRAL AXIS) 14:15B** A STATUTE FOR EVER THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS; AS YOU ARE, SO SHALL THE STRANGER BE BEFORE YHVH;

**2A) 14:16** One law and **ONE ORDINANCE SHALL BE BOTH FOR YOU, AND FOR THE STRANGER WHO SOJOURNS WITH YOU;** {p}

**CENTRAL AXIS) 15:17-21** FIRSTFRUITS OFFERING WHEN ISRAEL ENTERS THE LAND; {s}

**1a) 15:17-19a** And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, **18** “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, ‘When you come into the land to which I bring you, **19** then it shall be, that, when you eat of the **bread** of the land;

**central axis) 15:19b** You shall set apart a portion for a gift to YHVH;

**2a) 15:20-21** Of the first of your **dough;**

**1A) 15:20A** OF THE FIRST OF YOUR DOUGH you shall set apart a cake FOR A GIFT;

**1B) 15:20B** As that which is SET APART;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 15:20C** FROM THE THRESHING FLOOR;

**2B) 15:20D** So shall you SET IT APART;

**2A) 15:21** OF THE FIRST OF YOUR DOUGH you shall give to YHVH a portion FOR A GIFT throughout your generations; {s}

**2D.1) 15:22-28** SIN OFFERINGS for those who **HAVE SINNED UNINTENTIONALLY;**

**1a) 15:22-24a** And when **you shall err**, and not observe all these commandments, which YHVH has spoken to Moses, **23** even all that YHVH has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that YHVH gave commandment, and onward throughout your generations; **24** then it shall be, if it is done in error by the congregation, it being hidden from their eyes;

**1b) 15:24b-25a** That all the congregation shall offer one young bull for a burnt offering, for a sweet aroma to YHVH—with its grain offering, and its drink offering, according to the ordinance—and one male goat for a sin offering. **25** And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and **they shall be forgiven**;

**central axis) 15:25b** For it was an error, and they have brought their offering, an offering made by fire to YHVH, and their sin offering before YHVH for their error;

**2b) 15:26** And all the congregation of the children of Israel **shall be forgiven**, and the stranger who sojourns among them, for in respect of all the people it was done in error; {s}

**2a) 15:27-28** And if one person sins **through error**, then he shall offer a female goat of the first year for a sin offering. **28** And the priest shall make atonement for the soul who erred, when he sins through error, before YHVH, to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven;

**2D.2) 15:29** Both he who is native born among the children of Israel, and the stranger who sojourns among them; you shall have **ONE LAW** for him who does anything in error;

**2C) 15:30-31** There is no sin offering for the one who sins presumptuously, but **HE SHALL BE CUT OFF**; {p}

**1a) 15:30a** But the soul that does anything with a high hand, whether he is native born or a stranger, the same blasphemes YHVH (*i.e.*, **Presumptuous sin brings reproach upon YHVH**);

**1b) 15:30b** And that soul **shall be cut off** from among his people;

**central axis) 15:31a** Because he has despised the word of YHVH, and has broken His commandment;

**2b) 15:31b** That soul **shall be utterly cut off**;

**2a) 15:31c** His **iniquity** shall be on him; {p}

**2B) 15:32-36** Man who sinned presumptuously in gathering sticks on the Sabbath stoned to death (*i.e.*, *The presumptuous sin TESTS YHVH, and he was CUT OFF*); {p}

**1a) 15:32** And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day (*i.e.*, **He sinned presumptuously, despising the word of YHVH**);

**1b) 15:33-34** And those who found him gathering sticks **brought him to Moses and Aaron**, and to all the congregation. **34** And they put him in ward, because it had not been declared what should be done to him; {s}

**central axis) 15:35** And YHVH said to Moses, “The man shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp;”

**2b) 15:36a** And all the congregation **brought him outside the camp**;



**2a) 15:36b** And stoned him with stones, and he died, as YHVH commanded Moses  
(*i.e.*, **He was cut off**); {p}

**2A) 15:37-41** Remember and **DO NOT DESPISE THE COMMANDMENTS OF YHVH** (*i.e.*, *The law concerning tzitzit*). {p}

**1a) 15:37-38** And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, **38** “Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them that they make for themselves, throughout their generations, tassels in the corners of their garments, and that they include with the tassel of each corner **a thread of blue**;

**1b) 15:39a** And it shall be to you for a tassel, that you may look on it, and **remember all the commandments of YHVH, and do them**;

**central axis) 15:39b** And that you do not go after your own heart and your own eyes, which you use to go astray;

**2b) 15:40** That you may **remember and do all My commandments**, and be holy to your God;

**2a) 15:41 I am YHVH your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God; I am YHVH your God;” (*i.e.*, *The color of the thread identified the tribe to whom the wearer belonged; the blue identified the wearer as YHVH’s*). {p}