

Faith vs Unbelief

Mob

Caleb & Joshua

Fact #1 Num 13:27 land = as God promised

Fact #2 13:28-29 a fight ahead

“Grasshopper”
Interpretation 13:31-14:4
Occupants stronger than
we are → we’re going to
die and our families
destroyed

“Bread” Interpretation
13:30; 14:8-9
Lord is stronger than they
are → we can be victorious
IF we obey

Intercessory Prayer

Doctrine Glory of God as non-negotiable → Ultimate rationale of the intercessory prayer (*Moses & Yahweh enter into a man-to-man confrontation*)

Point 1: 14:13-14 → historical events known among the nations as identified with Yahweh

Point 2: 14:15-16 → collapse of the nation → “failure” of Yahweh seen like the pagan “musical chairs” theology

Point 3: 14:17-18 → stick with the Word (Ex 20:5) = no compromise with your glory because your forgiveness is through substitutionary blood atonement

Point 4: 14:19 → forgiveness to the NATION (elect in Ab Cov) = let it survive

Sinai Terrain



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Kadesh Barnea



“aseity” of God

Independent, Self-contained (*vs. derivative, dependent creature*)

יהוה = Yahweh

ויאמר אלהים אל-מושה אהיה אשר אהיה

“condescension” of God

He “comes down” (*to our creature level*) in conversation and contract-making



Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12:1-3 the call

Gen. 15:5-21 the signing

Gen. 17:1-14 the symbol

**Gen. 22:15-18
confirmation**

Royal Grant

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and loyalty of the
beneficiary**

It is now agreed that the OT gives evidence of the 'royal grant' model based upon ancient Assyrian prototypes. . . .The Ab Cov is akin to the royal grant model in that it is. . .unconditional in form and intent and consists of the awarding of a blessing by a superior to an inferior merely on the basis of the benefactor's good will and loyalty of the beneficiary.” Eugene Merrill, *A Theology of the OT*, p. 239

“The one who passed through was binding himself by the symbolism, under punishment of death, to fulfill the oath or promise.” Allen Ross, *Creation and Blessing*, p. 312.