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## CALEB THE SON OF JEPHUNNEH NUMBERS 13:6

These notes are designed to be marked in Numbers 13 to give you a character sketch. You may need to condense them down to the main points.

### Introduction

- Sending the spies at the people's request (Deut 1:22)
- Yahweh had already spied the land (Ex 3:8,17)
- 12 spies come back with report verifying Yahweh's promise (Num 13:23-33)
- The sight of their eyes destroyed their faith... "we saw" (Num 13:23-33)

### Caleb's Faithful Report

- Of the spies it is Caleb that takes the initiative. He stills (silences) the people. He "followed [Yahweh] fully" (Num 14:24).

### Caleb a Gentile

- He was an exhibition of faith not seen "no not, in all Israel"
- Name Heb. "a dog", term of contempt used of Gentiles (1 Sam 17:43; Matt 15:26-27; 7:6; Phil 3:2)
- Of Gentile extraction (Josh 14:14)
- Was of mixed multitude when came out of Egypt
- Because he wholly followed Yahweh Elohim of Israel (Josh 14:14) he was given "a part among the children of Judah" (Josh 15:13)
- A descendant of Kenaz (with Othniel) (Josh 15:17; Judg 1:13), known as a Kenezite (Num 32:12; Josh 14:6)
- Kenaz, grandson of Esau (Gen 36:15; 1 Chr 1:36)

### Caleb a Man of another Spirit

- First mention of him is as a 'ruler' or 'head' in Judah (Num 13:2-3,6). Judah's sym = a lion
- His outstanding characteristics = initiative (Num 13:30), obedience to exhortation "go in and possess the land" (Deut 1:8)
- Note his impatience for inheritance (Josh 14:6, 12) = a family trait - in Othniel (the lion of God) (Josh 15:16-17). Note his fiery speech to encourage swift action (Num 13:30)
- His passionate courageous appeal for his inheritance (Num 14:6-9)
- Caleb's rough expressions, simple faith, bold initiative would inspire faith

### Caleb's Inheritance

- Note Numbers 13:22 Heb. "and he came to Hebron" cp. John 14:19 language of the Abrahamic promise (Gen 13:17-18)
- Here is a Gentile partaking of the promise with the 'father of many nations' (Matt 8:11)
- Caleb's name stamped on this region "Negev of Caleb" (1 Sam 30:14)
- Hebron later given to family of Aaron (Josh 21:13). Caleb retains surrounding districts (v12)

### Caleb's Future Inheritance (typical)

- A Gentile dog associated with Yahoshua
- His age at 40 typical of probation
- He enters inheritance after 7 years of war - Hebron place of fathers - became his inheritance
- His city becomes residence of kings and priests

## JOSHUA THE SON OF NUN

These notes are designed to be marked in Numbers 13 to give you a character sketch of this great man. Remember to check them out before you mark them.

- Name means Yah is Salvation
- Changed by Moses from Hoshea (Num 13:8,16)
- Family - son of Nun, son of Elishama, prince of the tribe of Ephraim (Num 1:10)
- First occurs as leader of army of the Israelites (Ex 17:8-16)
- Accompanied Moses part of the way at Mt Sinai (Ex 32:17)
- Joshua given charge of the Tabernacle during golden calf episode (Ex 33:11)
- Rebuked for envy (Num 11:27-29)
- A spy (Num 13:8,16,17)
- Faithful - encouraged Israel to possess the land (Num 14:6-9)
- Became a leader - one of few faithful who led Israel into their land (Num 26:65). Became the leader after Moses (Num 27:18-23; Deut 1:38)