

קר אלים Shelach Lecha Send (out Men) for You Numbers 13.1—15.41 / Joshua 2.1—24 / John 7—8

Sent Ones 77W <u>shelach</u> send refers to those Moses sends to explore the Land of Canaan, which will become לשראל Yisra'el Israel. The Greek equivalent is ἀπόστολος apostolos apostle/delegate/messenger/one sent forth with orders. The first use of this word in the New Testament is Matthew 10.2. In the preceding verse, ソリツ Yeshua Jesus/salvation commissions the disciples. Once each is given a task, he becomes an $\alpha \pi \acute{o} \sigma το λος$. Later in the same chapter, YIW' tells His apostles that he sends them out as sheep among wolves. This sounds dangerous, until you realize that every wolf out there is terrified of our Shepherd!



Many people know someone named Joshua or Caleb. But who knows someone named Shaffat, Igal, or Geuel? Of the 12 who were Π^2W , only Joshua and Caleb have faith that God will give them the Land. 3,500 years later, we still don't want to name our children after those who give a bad report. In Numbers 14.36-37, we find that the 10 who give the evil report all die in the plague God sends.

Moses changes the name of his assistant $yw_1\pi \underline{Hoshea}$ Hosea/Hoshea in Numbers 13.16 to $y_1w_1\pi \underline{Yehosua}$ Joshua by adding a 'yod to the front of it (and a $1 \ vav$). 'can represent God, since it's the first letter in God's holy Name, $\pi_1\pi \underline{YHVH}$ the LORD. In a sense, Moses is saying that $y_1w_1\pi \underline{Yw}$ will be putting God first, not seeking his own glory. y_1w_1 , with the same root of yw_1w_2 as ave/be saved/be delivered as the other two names, represents y_1w_1 as the ultimate "Sent One." y_1w_1 refers to Himself as One sent from His Father to teach and to give His Father glory, $y_1w_1 = y_1w_1$. And $y_1w_1 = y_1w_1$ the title of $y_1w_1 = y_1w_1$. And $y_1w_1 = y_1w_1$ the title of $y_1w_1 = y_1w_1$ the title

- 1. The people accept the evil report of the 10 spies and fail to take the Land
- 2. The 1st Temple built by King Solomon is destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC
- 3. The 2nd Temple is destroyed by the Romans, 70 AD, scattering לשראל
- 4. Bar Kokhba's revolt against Rome fails, 135 BC
- 5. Jerusalem is razed the next year

Early Tourists In Numbers 13.2, God tells Moses to $\overrightarrow{\Pi} \nearrow \overrightarrow{W}$ men to $\overrightarrow{\Pi} \nearrow \underline{tur}$ seek/search out/spy out/explore the Land, and this is from the $\overrightarrow{\Pi} \nearrow \underline{pe}$ mouth of God. We normally think *spies*, but they were really *tourists*, learning as much as they could. Numbers 13.3 says that the men are heads (root: $\overrightarrow{W} \nearrow \underline{rosh}$ head) of $\overrightarrow{\uparrow} \nearrow \overrightarrow{N} \nearrow \overrightarrow{W}$, one from each tribe.

God is serious about giving this Land to $\fine 2000$. When 10 come back with an evil report in Numbers 13.28-33, God is angry. The ten men look with human eyes, but God sees things differently from the way we do:

Human Eyes

The people live in huge, fortified cities!
The Land eats up the inhabitants!
We were like grasshoppers in their sight!
Giants live there!
But giants live there now!
We are helpless against them!

God's Eyes

They are afraid of something!
They're preoccupied attending funerals!
They will underestimate you!
Your ancestors are buried there!
They're big and slow!
They are helpless against *Me*!

"But God' makes all the difference between cowards and Calebs."



God Promises the Land to プンロッ Ezekiel 20.5-6 says three times that God *lifted up His hand* in promise to give ישראל the Land, which He had already ($\underline{\text{verse 6}}$) \mathbb{N} for them. Courts have a witness raise his or her right hand and promise to tell the truth. How much more serious is it when God lifts up His hand to promise something—and He does so repeatedly? God promises the Land to ישראל over 300 times in the Bible.

Here are some of those verses:

God will give the Land to Abraham's seed Genesis 12.7 God promises to give to Abraham everything he can see—forever Genesis 13.14-18 Genesis 15.7 God brings Abraham out of Ur to give him the Land Genesis 17.8 Canaan is for Abraham and his seed as an everlasting possession Genesis 21.12 Abraham's seed is reckoned through Isaac (not Ishmael) God promises the Land to Jacob/787W, and his descendants Genesis 28.13-15 Genesis 50.25 God promises the Land to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Exodus 6.3-4 God, in His covenant, gives the Land to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Exodus 6.8 God promises to give the Land to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob **Exodus 12.25** God will give them the Land, as He promised Exodus 13.5 God will bring them into the Land He swore to give them Exodus 13.11 God will bring them into the Land He swore to give them Exodus 23.23 God's Angel will go ahead of them into the Land to conquer God gives Canaan to カカツ as a possession Leviticus 14.34 Leviticus 20.24 "You will inherit their Land...flowing with milk and honey..." Leviticus 23.10 "When you are come into the Land, which I give unto you..." Leviticus 25.2 "When you come into the Land which I give you..." Numbers 14.8 "...then He will bring us into this Land, and give it unto us..." Numbers 15.2 "When you are come into the Land...which I give unto you..." "...the Land which 7777' swore unto your fathers to give..." Deuteronomy 1.8 "Good is the Land which "Ti" our God gives unto us." Deuteronomy 1.25

Deuteronomy 1.34-36: "And 7777" heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and swore, saying: 'Surely there shall not one of these men, even this evil generation, see the good Land, which I swore to give unto your fathers, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it; and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children; because he hath wholly followed ""."

One Prophecy, More Than One Fulfillment Ezekiel, a prophet in Babylonian exile, gives powerful prophecies that the people of ארצי will return to the Land. ארצי does return to the Land, but the Romans destroy the second Temple 40 years after אוני in 70 AD, and then about sixty years later they campaign to drive out all the Jews.



In fact, the Romans give 787W' the name *Palestine* at that point, which derives from the Greek and Latin for *Philistine*, long-time enemies of 787W'. The name Palestine does not appear in the NIV and only once in the KJV, where 7W7D <u>Peleshet</u> is translated Palestine in <u>Joel 3.4</u> instead of Palestina/Philistia/Philistine. *Palestine* was intended by the Romans to discourage Jews from returning to the Land. So any time the word Palestine is used for the Land of 787W', it's in agreement with the Romans, who named it after the enemies of 787W'!

While Ezekiel's prophecy was fulfilled in part after the 70-year Babylonian exile, its much larger fulfillment is now as אין דאר returns after nearly 2,000 years of exile!

In Ezekiel 35, God promises that Mt. Seir, the home of Esau's descendants the Edomites, will be destroyed and its people killed. God is angry in part, verse 12, that the inhabitants spoke against the mountains of カンツン. In Ezekiel 36.1-14, God speaks directly to the mountains of なっている。 "Because the enemy": "Because the enemy" hath said against you: Aha! even the ancient high places are ours in possession..." Who are the non-787W' people saying this today? The "Palestinians" who live on the "West Bank," which is in reality the ancient mountain country of Judea and Samaria. Also the nations who join with them, insisting on a "two-state solution," so that Muslims who believe in a different god than the God of the Bible will be in control of God's Land.



God's response? "I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury...I have lifted up My hand...I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people アスプロン..."



Authority over Property Until I pay off my property, the bank is the legal owner, with public documents to that effect. If I were negligent with the bank's property, they could evict me. But as long as I pay the mortgage and maintain the property, I get to live there. If others try to come and live on "my property" without my permission, I would ask them to leave. If they didn't leave, I would call the sheriff, who would trespass them. If they returned, they would go to jail. It wouldn't matter if they had lived on my property previously. The bank has given me authority over my property in its stead.

The Land of 7% \\" belongs to God. He has given 7% \\" authority to live in it and maintain it, and He publishes the title in the verses listed above, which have been spread throughout the earth for thousands of years. 7% \\" disobeyed and He evicted them twice. He promises to bring them back and now He's doing it. The nations want the Land of 7% \\" belong to themselves. This creates conflict. Who do you think will win—God or the nations? Who should believers support—God or the nations?

Faith includes Obedience God has given the Land to 787W, but 787W' refuses to take it after hearing the evil report from the 10. In Numbers 14.1-4, the people complain that it would have been better to die in Egypt or in the wilderness than to fall by the sword while trying to take the Land. God later gives them this wish.

There is God's revelation and there is human faith. The relationship between the two can be understood as a faucet. God's revelation is the water coming down the pipe. Human faith is opening the faucet. Both are necessary to get water. If there is no revelation coming down the pipe, it does no good to "act in faith" and open the faucet—that's presumption. If revelation is coming but we don't act in faith and open the faucet—that's disobedience. God promises the Land to "N"" repeatedly. "N"", on this occasion, doesn't act in faith. Their disobedience earns death in the wilderness.

God says in Ezekiel 20.7-8 that He wanted アメフピ' to get rid of their idols while in bondage in Egypt. They didn't, and yet He still freed them. The implication, plus the event of the Golden Calf, is that they carried these idols with them into the wilderness. When we are freed from sin through salvation in ソフツ', we must leave our idols behind and turn fully to God's ココル—not for salvation, but because of salvation. "Salvation is by faith alone. But faith is not alone." ココル helps us see what—or who—our idols are.

Faith is Not Alone Obedience *proves* faith. Hebrews 11 is sometimes called *The Hall of Faith*. But perhaps it should be called *The Hall of Doing!* Here are examples of how ones prove their faith by what they do:

By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did...

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he **did not experience death**...

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear **built** an ark...

By faith Abraham, when called...obeyed and went...

By faith Abraham, even though he was past age...was enabled to become a father...

By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice...

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future...

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons...

By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites...

By faith Moses' parents **hid him for three months** after he was born...

By faith Moses...refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter...

By faith he **left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger**...

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land...

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after the people marched around them for seven days

By faith the prostitute Rahab (pictured)...was not killed with the disobedient

By faith they...

conquered kingdoms
administered justice
gained what was promised
shut the mouths of lions
quenched the fury of the flames
escaped the edge of the sword
weakness was turned to strength
became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies
received back their dead
were tortured and refused to be released
faced jeers and flogging
were chained and put in prison
were stoned
were sawed in two
were put to death by the sword

went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground

They prove their faith...



...by what they DO!

And Lack of Faith by What They Don't Do? One problem for フペコピ' is not taking the Land when they are told. Another problem is in not taking all of it. In Numbers 33.51-53, God requires フォコピ' to drive out all the inhabitants of the Land when they conquer it. Then in verses 55-56, God says that if they don't drive out the inhabitants, フォコピ' will suffer and God will end up doing to フォコピ' what He intended to do to the inhabitants. フォコピ' fails:

<u>Joshua 17.13</u>	They put the Canaanites to work, but did not drive them out
Judges 1.21	The children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites
Judges 1.27	Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-Shean
Judges 1.29	Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites that lived in Gezer*
Judges 1.30	Zebulon did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron
Judges 1.32	They did not drive out the Asherites
Judges 1.33	Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-Shemesh
1 Kings 9.16	*Pharaoh took Gezer (which Ephraim never accomplished)
1 Kings 9.20-21	Solomon taxed the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites

Because 787W' does not drive out all the inhabitants of the Land, pagan religions eventually corrupt 787W' and they stop serving 717. One warning we can take from this today is how we treat sin. If we try to master sin rather than drive it out, it will corrupt our worship. Sometimes we deceive ourselves into thinking we can keep sin in a cage, feed it, take it out to play with it once in a while, and still be in control of it. We deceive ourselves.



Eternal Promises or Replacement Theology? Churches are divided today over whether God's promises to ארשי are permanent or if the Church has replaced ראל —Replacement Theology. The Strasbourg Cathedral in France contains a statue depicting the Synagogue, which is blinded to the truth of the gospel while leaning on the broken staff of the Old Testament. An adjacent statue depicts the crowned Church, with the staff of the cross and a communion cup. This idea is common in early Church writings, all the way up through Luther and those who would drive ישראל out of ישראל today. Following are some of their less-well-known quotes.

"Great Christians" Speak against \(\frac{7}{8} \) \(\frac{1}{2} \) St. Thomas Aquinas in his \(De Regimine \) \(Judaeorum \) said, "It would be licit, according to custom, to hold Jews, because of their crimes [of failing to embrace Christianity] in perpetual servitude, and therefore the princes may regard the possessions of Jews as belonging to the State." Martin Luther, regarded as the hero of the Reformation, spoke against the Jews later in his life. His anti-Semitic writings were rejected by the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1994, but had already reaped a harvest. Julius Streicher, one of the Nuremberg defendants, claimed that Martin Luther would have approved everything he had done—and that's probably true. An excerpt from Luther's \(The Jews \) and \(their Lies: \)

I wish and I ask that our rulers who have Jewish subjects exercise a sharp mercy toward these wretched people, as suggested above, to see whether this might not help (though it is doubtful). They must act like a good physician who, when gangrene has set in, proceeds without mercy to cut, saw, and burn flesh, veins, bone, and marrow. Such a procedure must also be followed in this instance. Burn down their synagogues, forbid all that I enumerated earlier, force them to work, and deal harshly with them, as Moses did in the wilderness, slaying three thousand lest the whole people perish. They surely do not know what they are doing; moreover, as people possessed, they do not wish to know it, hear it, or learn it. Therefore it would be wrong to be merciful and confirm them in their conduct. If this does not help we must drive them out like mad dogs, so that we do not become partakers of their abominable blasphemy and all their other vices and thus merit God's wrath and be damned with them. I have done my duty. Now let everyone see to his. I am exonerated.



There is a saying, "The only history of the Church that Jews know about is the history which has been torn out of the history books by Christians." For example, many Jews know that Luther wrote the above quote, but most Christians do not.



Do we side with the 10 who bring back the evil report and die in the plague? Do we say, "Hooray! God has forgotten ארשר and given all of her blessings to the Church!" Or do we say with Moses, "Please, God, for the sake of Your Name, preserve ארשר and keep Your promises!" Here are some verses showing that God has not forsaken ארשריבי:

Judges 2.1	God will never break His covenant with ל"
1 Chron. 16.14-18	לשראל for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is a ברית עולם
Isaiah 14.1	will have mercy on ישראל, set them in their own Land,
	and the \(\frac{1}{\lambda}\) gar stranger/sojourner will join them
<u>Isaiah 41.8-9</u>	God has chosen שראל and not cast him away
<u>Isaiah 45.7</u>	יהוה has been saved by יהוה with an everlasting salvation
<u>Jeremiah 31.24-36</u>	When the sun, moon, and stars disappear, so will לשראל
Amos 9.14-15	Replanted っぱい will never be plucked up again
Matthew 21.43/	The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a
Romans 11.25-36	people who will produce its fruituntil the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way
	all ישראל will be saved
<u>Romans 3.3-4</u>	If some (Jews) were unfaithful, will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? Not at all!

"Tempted Me 10 Times" In Numbers 14.22, God says that the people have seen His glory and miracles, yet tempted Him 10 times and not listened. The 10 times are:

Exodus 14.11-12	Red Sea, "It would have been better to serve the Egyptians"
Exodus 15.23-24	Marah, murmuring and asking, "What shall we drink?"
<u>Exodus 16.2</u>	Wilderness of Sin, murmuring against Moses and Aaron
Exodus 16.20	Manna, letting it sit overnight contrary to instruction
Exodus 16.27	Manna, gathering it on Shabbat
Exodus 17.1-3	Rephidim, murmuring, "Why bring us here to die?"
Exodus 32	Golden Calf
Numbers 11.1	Taberah, murmuring against הוה, fire devours some
Numbers 11.4	Kibroth Hattaavah, lusting and weeping for meat
Numbers 14.2	Kadesh, 10 spies' evil report, murmuring, and terrified of conquest

If we whine when we are tempted, why would others seek our God? If we want to go back to Egypt, why would anyone in Egypt desire our God?

Finally, in <u>Numbers 14.26-30</u>, God promises to all who murmur, the entire generation twenty years old and older, that their carcasses will fall in the wilderness and they will not enter the Land. When we know what God wants us to do, He expects us to obey.



Today Psalm 95.6-11 recounts God swearing that the people would not enter His rest because they tempted Him for 40 years and did not know His ways. We are encouraged *Today* to listen to His voice and not harden our hearts. Hebrews 3.7-15 quotes this Psalm with the same encouragement and warnings.

Then Hebrews 4.2 adds that the εὐαγγελίζω <u>euaggelizō</u> gospel/good news was preached to them, just as to us! Did you ever realize that ¬κ¬Ψ¬ received the gospel 1,500 years before Ψ¬Ψ¬? But they did not combine it with faith, so it did them no good. Remember <u>Hebrews 11</u>—faith is measured by what's done. Conversely, lack of faith is measured by what's not done.

Hebrews 4.8-11 says that the temporary rest אאר" receives in the conquest of the Land is not the promised eternal rest—a Sabbath rest for the people of God is in איש".

Hebrews 4.11 warns us against falling because of ἀπείθεια apeitheia

obstinacy/unbelief/disobedience. ἀπείθεια is where we get our word apathy. If we're apathetic, we'll miss out on the promised rest, just as an entire generation of אאריי failed to take the Land and missed out on their rest.

A New Job God gives ארש" the job of taking the Land. But אוש" gives us a much bigger job! In Matthew 28.18-20, אוש" commands His followers to make disciples of all nations. This map shows the Land of the current state of ארש" (in red) surrounded by Muslim countries (green), who for the most part are desperate to add ארש" to everything else they already have.



Now realize that ゾルツ wants us to make disciples not just of the red, not just of the green, but the whole earth! Prudence would keep us from criticizing カスツ failing in the wilderness for 40 years, when we have failed to do our job over the last 2,000.



One 7717 for All Numbers 15.29 says that there is one 7777 for the native in 78727 and for the stranger who sojourns with them. There's not a "Law of Works" for Jews and a "Law of Grace" for Christians, despite what you may have heard. 7777 is not just for "ancient Israel," as you also so often hear. The next thing to happen is a man is arrested and executed for gathering wood on Shabbat. Then God gives the command to wear fringes on the corners of the garments as reminders to keep all the commands.

Remember! This portion ends in Numbers 15.37-41 with the admonition to remember אהר, who saved ארש" from Egypt, and the commandments. The איה tallit, a four-cornered garment with fringes, is a result of this passage, as is the smaller version shown above, the שלית קטן tallit katan. Sometimes the שלית קטן is worn completely hidden under other clothes.

Ears to Hear and Eyes to See Originally, the month of Tishri was the first month of the year. This is why Rosh Hashanah, the head of the year, the New Year, is on Tishri 1. But in Exodus 12.2, God changes the first month of the year to Nisan in honor of the Passover. Still today, the secular year starts on Tishri 1 and the religious year on Nisan 1. In Numbers 10.12-28, Judah is the first of the 12 tribes to move when the pillar of cloud above the Tabernacle moves. If we attach the first month to the first tribe to move, that assigns Judah to Nisan. The next 11 tribes to move also each get a month as shown in the table. In Numbers 13.4, INNUMBER 13.4, INNUMB

Nisan Judah
Iyar Issachar
Sivan Zebulon
Tammuz Reuben
Av Simeon
Elul Gad
Tishri Ephraim
Cheshvan Manasseh
Kislev Benjamin
Tevet Dan
Shevat Asher
Adar Naphtali

the list of those who אוֹת the Land and in fact it is the month of Tammuz when they start. אוֹבן gets this name in Genesis 29.32 when Leah is the first to have a son by אוֹבן, and the root is אוֹבן זוֹל to see. The next tribe mentioned in Numbers 13.5 is אוֹנעוֹן shimown Simeon/heard, with the root אוֹנע shamah to hear/listen/obey. Ironically, after traveling throughout the Land for the month of Tammuz and returning in the month of Av, אוֹנעוֹן has eyes but does not see that God has given the Land to them and אוֹנעוֹן has ears but spreads the evil report. And because of eyes that don't see and ears that don't hear, Tammuz and Av are the two worst months of the Jewish year, with the אוֹנעוֹן Tisha b'Av 9th of Av, the day אוֹנעוֹן accepts the evil report, as the worst day not only of the year but also the worst day in Jewish history.

the Land, Numbers 13.28,32, and 33, but they don't see that God is ready to eliminate the giants for them. YTW' in Matthew 13.1-23, the first parable, tells the importance of having eyes that see and ears that hear—something we may think we have but may not. Not having eyes that see and ears that hear can cause us to miss completely what God is saying. That can result in our loss of not just the earthly Promised Land, but the heavenly Promised Land.



Glossary, in order of appearance:

אלח לך Shelach Lecha Send (out Men) for You

שלח shelach send Yisra'el Israel

απόστολος apostolos apostle/delegate/messenger/one sent forth

ישוע *Yeshua* Jesus/salvation Hoshea Hosea/Hoshea

יהושוע Yehosua Joshua

yod vav

יהוה' YHVH the LORD

אשע' yasha save/be saved/be delivered

Tisha B'Av 9th of Av

seek/search out/spy out/explore the Land

pe mouth rosh head

תורה Torah Law/instruction

Divition ברית עולם briyt olam perpetual covenant

פלשת Peleshet Palestina/Philistia/Philistine

Πλgarstranger/sojournerεὐαγγελίζωeuaggelizōgospel/good news

ἀπείθεια apeitheia obstinacy/unbelief/disobedience

טלית tallit four-cornered garment with fringes

טלית קטן tallit katan small tallit

Re'uvan Reuben/Behold a son!

ראה ra'ah to see

ממעון Shimown Simeon/heard

צמע shamah to hear/listen/obey