

EPISODE NO. 89

Num. 14:20-33

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20 Yahweh answered, “I forgive them, just as you have requested. 21 But, as surely as I live, as surely as My splendor fills the entire earth, I vow that they will never see that land. 22 All those men saw My splendor. They saw the proofs which I did in Egypt and in the desert, but they disobeyed Me and they put Me to the test ten times! 23 NONE of them will see the land that I promised to their ancestors! No one who provoked Me will see that land! 24 However, My servant Caleb has a different spirit with him. He follows Me completely. So, I will bring HIM into the land where he has already gone. And, his descendants will own some of that land. 25 The Amalekites and the Canaanites are living in the valleys. So, from now on, leave here and turn back. Follow the desert road toward the Red Sea.”

26 Then Yahweh spoke to Moses and Aaron: 27 “How long must I tolerate this evil community who are constantly complaining against Me? I have heard the grumblings that these Israelites are directing toward Me. 28 So tell them, ‘This is what the Always-Present One says: “I heard what you said! As surely as I live, I WILL do these things to you! 29 You will die in this desert! Every one of you who is 20 years old or older and who was officially counted will die! Why? Because You complained against Me — Yahweh! 30 NONE of you will enter the land that I vowed for you to live there! . . . With the exception of Caleb (the son of Jephunneh) and Joshua (the son of Nun)! 31 You said that your children would be captured. No, but I will bring THEM into that land. And, they will enjoy what you rejected! 32 As for YOU, your carcasses will rot in this desert! 33 Your sons must be shepherds here in the desert for 40 more years! They must suffer because of YOUR straying, until your carcasses have rotted in the desert!