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Moses sent some men to reconnoitre the land of Canaan.

After some weeks the men returned
and reported that the land was fertile and rich.

But most of the men also said that the towns of Canaan
were too well fortified for the Israelites to capture.
They said that the Canaanites were too strong for the Israelites.

Only Caleb and Joshua had the trust in God and courage
to do battle with the Canaanites.

Just as the rest of the people were thinking of stoning Joshua
and Caleb, the glory of God appeared at the Sacred Tent.

God then said that all the men aged twenty and over
who had refused to go to Canaan
would indeed never see Canaan :
they would keep on traveling in the desert until they died.

Canaan would not be entered by the Israelites
until all the men aged twenty and over had died,
excepting Caleb and Joshua.

The reconnoitre men who inspired the rebellion
were all struck dead that day.

Dear God, please give me more courage
to face the trials of life,
and don't let me ever discourage other people