### Faith vs Unbelief

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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**

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

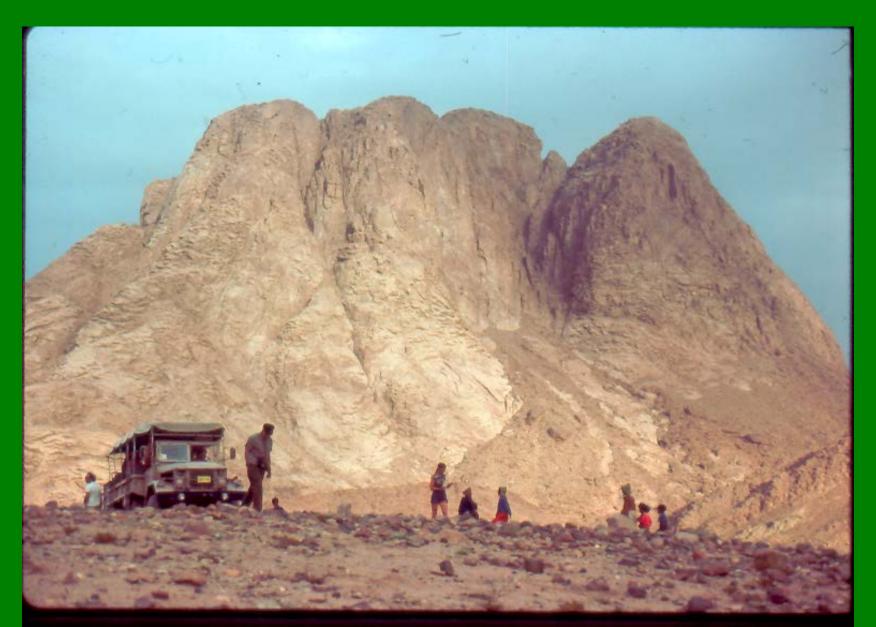
Point 1: 14:13-14 → historical events <u>known among the nations</u> as identified with Yahweh

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) = <u>no</u> <u>compromise with your glory</u> because your forgiveness is through substitutionary blood atonement

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

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## Kadesh Barnea



# "aseity" of God

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



He "comes down" (to our creature level) in conversation and contract-making



Abrahamic Covenant	Royal Grant
Gen. 12:1-3 the call	Unconditional blessing by a superior to an inferior merely on the basis of the benefactor's good will and loyalty of the beneficiary
Gen. 15:5-21 the signing	
Gen. 17:1-14 the symbol	
Gen. 22:15-18 confirmation	

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, <u>Creation and Blessing</u>, p. 312.