

So the spies were selected and then

2. The Spies Commissioned. vs. 17-20. Somebody says, there is no contradiction in the Bible, just look at vs. 17 "And M. sent them to spy out the land of C. and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain." And you look on the map and you find they went northward. All the places he tells them to go here are northward, but the KJV says, Get you up this way southward. And I don't know whether it's the Old Eng. that southward would be the old Eng. way of saying up into the south, or not. If someone was in Mexico and you say Now make a trip to the U.S. Spend a mo. in the south and then go up to New Eng. for a month, we wouldn't see any contradiction in going from Mexico to the South. But if you said Go from Mexico southward into the United States. in present day Eng. it certainly would be an absurd contradiction. And that's what we have here of course. The Heb. is here Get you up to the South. The word can mean the south or the Negeb, the dry area in the southern part of Palestine. This dry area this Negeb, ~~/z/~~ this semi-desert area in the southern part of Israel there is called the Negeb and since it's in the south it comes to be the regular Heb. word for South, so if you want to say south you'd say toward the Negeb, and you would still say that even though you were in Egypt and wanted to refer to something further south than Egy. you would use the phrase "toward the Negeb". But here you are speaking of it not as a direction but as an area. Go up to the Hegeb., and that would be a better trans. certainly in modern English. Go up this way into the Negeb, and then go up into the hill country ~~to~~ ~~the~~ north of it. So he commissions them to go up into this country and to spy it out. So No. 2 The Spies Commissioned. We have the task given to them that they are to do. They are to examine the land. He says See the land what it is. They are to examine the people, And the people that dwelleth therein whether they be strong or weak, few or many. Examining the land further: what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad. They are to examine their facilities: what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strongholds. They are to examine its fertility; what the land is -- whether it be fat or lean whether there be wood therein or not. And then they are told to be courageous: be ye of good courage.