

punishment in the P story. Then they also believe you have two other stories, -- two other main documents in the Bk. of Num. These are the so called J documents and the so called E document. But the J document written by a man who in the Bk. of Gen. uses the name JEHOVAH for God, and the E. document written by a man who in Gen. used the name ELOHIM or God for God, these two documents which were written rather early. they believe were combined into one document, and so you have one composite work of JE and then you have that combined with P. Now they all say that in the story of the spies it is quite simply to separate out the P document and the JE story. That is to say it is very easy to pick out from it that which was the early ~~so~~ story -- the JE story, and that which is the late story which they say parallels it very closely. the P story, the Priestly document. And these, they say, are two complete stories. But then, of course, the J and the E ~~documents~~ documents must each have had a complete story too. So you should be able to make three. to separate out the J story and the E story separately along with the P story. As a matter of fact there is very little agreement among the critics as to the separation of the J and E ^{story} stories of the spies. But there is very great agreement with them as to the separation of the P story ~~and/or/the~~ from what they call the JE story -- the combination of J and E. Now here is the book of the International Critical Commentary. A Commentary on Numbers. by the eminent professor George Buchanan Gray in which on p. 133 he says: "In P story then Moses at the direct command of Yahweh dispatches 12 spies. one taken from each tribe to traverse Canaan and report on the country. In 40 days the spies passed through from what was subsequently the southern most to the northern most point of Canaan and returned. The majority report the land unproductive. But Joshua and Caleb report it good. They ^{murmer} people murmured and Yahweh in his provocation condemns the people to 40 yrs. wandering, and all over 20 yrs. of age except Caleb and Joshua to death in the wilderness." Then two paragraphs later he says: "IN JE all is different. The men go up from Kadesh. In the P story ~~they~~ they go from the wilderness of Paran. In J they go from Kadesh. The men ~~go~~ go up from Kadesh unto the Negev. They go as far as Hebron or Eschol. They bring home grapes. ((You see according to the J story they go Hebron; according to the E story to Eschol, but both of them are in the southern area.)) So he says, they