

YET IN THIS THING YE DID NOT BELIEVE DEUTERONOMY 1

Text: Deut. 1:32

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Introduction:

A wrong choice is usually serious. A wrong spiritual choice is disastrous. The Hebrews trusted God to bring them into Canaan. At Kadesh-barnea they made that fatal choice which condemned the nation to the forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

Many people have had their personal Kadesh-barnea the place where a decision is made that leaves its mark on the rest of life. Kadesh tell us it is possible to have a saved soul but a lost life.

1. HOW ISRAEL WAS DIRECTED TO KADESH-BARNEA (30-31)

30The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes; 31And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

A. Condition of their salvation. (Exodus 12)

B. Continuance of their salvation. (vss. 30-31)

2. WHAT ISRAEL DISCOVERED AT KADESH-BARNEA (23-28)

23And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe: 24And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out. 25And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the LORD our God doth give us. 26Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God: 27And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the

Amorites, to destroy us. 28Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.

A. The fruit (25)

B. The foe (28 a)

3. WHAT ISRAEL DECIDED AT KADESH-BARNEA (26-27)

A. Refusal (26)

B. Rebellion (26)

C. Retreat (1:43-44)