

came before or something that came after. In this case the events that ~~happ~~ happened afterwards are of such epochal importance that the details of the expedition don't deserve more than to be Briefly mentioned.

And so we move on to Capital D. - The Report.

D. is the report of the Spies which occupies the rest of the chapter, that is from vs. 26 - 32. And 26-33 is the 1st <sup>report</sup> ~~of the~~ of the spies. And we find it says, And they went (reading text . . . ) vs. 27 and 27 . . . . When I was in college I was required to attend a general course in philosophy required of all students, and the professor who was an ordained presbyterian minister who had his Ph.D. from Harvard University, <sup>the</sup> began his first day in his lecture in asking, How many of you are there here that believe in taking the Bible literally? And most of the students coming from fine Christian backgrounds did. He said, Oh, you take the Bible literally? Then, he said, when it says the Land of Palestine was flowing with milk and honey, <sup>do</sup> /you believe there was milk and honey flowing through the streets? And of course, they immediately said, No. So you can't take the OT literally! And he disposed of the NT similarly when the Lord said -- told him was Herod has asked, and he said, God tell that fox; does that mean Herod ~~is~~ was a four-footed beast? And of course none of them did. So thus he pushed the Bible out and ~~if~~ they could spend the rest of the year using human ideas and human speculations to interpret the world. We must learn what is to be ~~take~~ taken literally and what is figurative in the Bible. But what is figurative can be just as clear as what is literal. And this doesn't mean the land of Palestine is the most fertile area in the world by any means. This is the report of spies who had had a year and more in the desert. And coming out of the desert into the land of Palestine and seeing the fertility of the land, not the most fertile land in the world by any means, but a fertility which to people who had lived in the desert that length of time must have been tremendously impressive. It just looked to them as ~~if~~ if it flowed with milk and with honey. Of course milk and honey do ~~flow~~ flow, but it doesn't mean they flow down the ~~of~~ streets or anything like that as an ultra-literalist would try to take the statement. But they said, they were so impressed with it, they said the land flowed.