

to Eschol. They may have gone to several other different areas too. If you were going to cover everything in the land, you would never do it in any 40 days, at least not sufficiently well to know any detail about it. But if you divide up in groups, you can get an idea of the attitude of the ^{people} people in general; get an idea of the character of the land, of the strength of its defenses and so on. So that the fact that you are told that they went over the whole land and then you read how they brought back things from Eschol and Hebron -- fine grapes and so on, it's only reasonable that they would not carry these things all the way through the land when they could get them best of all in the part that was fairly near ~~from~~ the place from which they went. So this sounds like a very sharp difference. As he says, All is different. And yet actually there is no necessary contradiction here.

c. The Report from the Two. You notice that Geo. Buchannan Gray said, The majority report the land unproductive. But it says that the other group in the other story, they bring home grapes to confirm their report of the great fertility of the country, but they bring back also tales of giants and strong cities. The land they say is certainly good but invincible. And so you have here the matter of repetition, duplication, for the sake of emphasis. You find that in the account some of these things are told repeatedly. You find many references in the account to the strength of the Canaanites. Ch. 13:28, 31, 32, 33; 14:3, 43, 45 -- all these vs. have statements about how strong the Canaanites were. In ch. 13:27; 14:7, 8 you have statements about the goodness of the land. You have statements about God's decision to destroy the people who had proven unfaithful. You find that in chapter 14:23, 29, 30, 33, 35 Thus these three important ideas are stressed and repeated right through. Now you take one duplication and put it here and one here, and in some cases you have 4 or 5 others. So you can't divide it simply on the strength of duplications. You still have duplications on these matters. But they say that one group finds the land unproductive. "The majority report the land unproductive. In one account. And in the other account they all confirm the great fertility of the country." Well the goodness of the land is given in three diff. vs. But there is only one vs. from which they draw the conclusion that there was anyone who says that the land was unproductive.