

Now vs. 21 says that They went up and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath. In other words way to the North of the land of Canaan these men went. Does that mean every one of them went up there? Did they all go way up there? Maybe, but I think it unlikely. There was a great deal of land in the south that was important. There was land in the middle that was important. Probably there were two that were sent to go clear into the north and to examine the extreme northern borders. But we have this summary statement: they searched they land. They covered the whole ^{area} ~~land~~ to some extent from south to north. But then we read: They ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron. Who did? All of them or only two or three? in this particular account in verse 22. This area around Hebron was one of the most important areas. The author stops to tell us a little about its leadership and about when the town had been built. It was a place a very considerable ρ importance and is unto this day. The -- I remember back in 1929 Prof. Albright said that every town mentioned in Genesis had located -- every Palestinian town that is had been located, and evidence had been found that it had been occupied in the time of the patriarches. And then he mentioned certain towns which are prominent in the time of the kings, not mentioned in ~~the~~ Genesis which have been located, and there is absolutely no evidence of their being occupied as early as this time. An interesting evidence of the accuracy and dependability of the Book of Genesis. It wasn't the imagination of somebody at a later time. But he said that ^{Hebron} ~~Hebron~~ had not been located, and then he went on to say that this was of no importance. Because he said Hebron stands in a valley ~~with~~ with 4 streams coming together, 4 streams -- thus many places that would be excellent for a town. And it is absolutely inconceivable at any period that there could have been no town in the neighborhood of Hebron. And at that time they had not yet found the precise place where the town was occupied in the time of Abraham, but he did not question that there was -- had been such a town. And so Hebron ~~is~~ is here stressed. Hebron and the area around it. And why did they bring them grapes, and figs and pomegranets from this area, instead of from the northern part of the land? Well they didn't have any plane or refrigeration to bring them down with. And it would have taken them perhaps a week to