

GLEANINGS

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THEY BECAME AN OLIGARCHY AGAIN

We shared in the last article that the Hebrews refused to follow the leadership and the direction of the Lord (Numbers chapters 13 and 14). This revealed that they were not a true theocracy. If you do not have a copy of the article, you may obtain it from the paper office or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bayourouge.net>. They chose to follow the advice of the ten faithless patriarchs instead

Once they made the decision to follow the advice of the ten faithless patriarchs, their government became an oligarchy again. You may re-read the last article for more information about the dangers of an oligarchy.

Jesus Christ referred to Satan as “the prince of this world” in John 16:8-11. Satan, the prince of this world, loves an oligarchy when the elite group that controls the people is composed of his children (the lost) and the saved that are following his leadership. Satan certainly used the oligarchy described in Numbers chapters 13 and 14 as he attempted to deter God’s wishes. It was God’s will that the nation of Israel go into Canaan and possess all of the land that He had promised to Abraham and his seed. ¹⁸*On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates...” Genesis 15:18 The International Version*

The Lord had already told them that He would drive out the inhabitants ahead of them, as they needed more land. ²⁸*And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. ²⁹I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. ³⁰By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.*

When that elite group of leaders assumed control of the people and led them to reject the leadership of the Lord, the nation was cheated out of some of the greatest blessings they could have received while they were on this earth.