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Rebbe's Questions:

1

Why didn't G-d command the spy mission directly, but instead “suggested” that Moshe do it “by his own opinion”?

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How could such righteous people fail so miserably?

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Why was it so important to bring back fruits from Israel?



Explanation:

The spies' mission was about bringing **FAITH** into **LOGIC**.

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Q — If so, what was their sin?

A — They were asked to determine HOW, not IF. (e.g., a chess puzzle)

Q — So what was the point?

A — To illustrate that G-d's truth is universal, even within logic. (e.g., no echo at Sinai)

Q — But is LOGIC that begins with FAITH still true LOGIC?

A — Yes! In fact, it is the ONLY true LOGIC, because it is not “bribed” by personal bias.

TAKEAWAY:



Intellect is a powerful **tool** of the soul,
but not its **master**.



Intellect without axioms of **Truth** is not real
intellect, and can even be destructive.



“The beginning of Wisdom is the **Fear of God.**”



Seven nations: seven emotions;
final three nations: **ChaBaD** — intellect.