

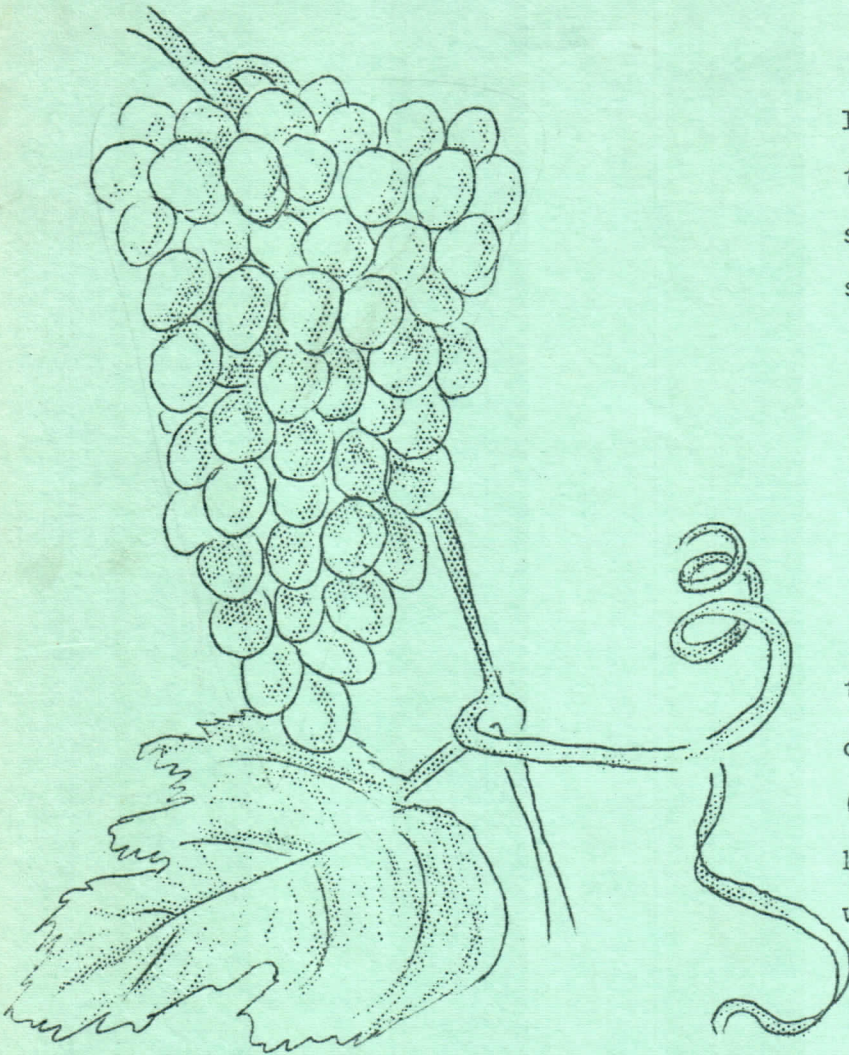
Moses and the people of Israel were still outside of the promised land. Moses sent spies into the new land. He said -

See the land. See whether it is good or bad . . .

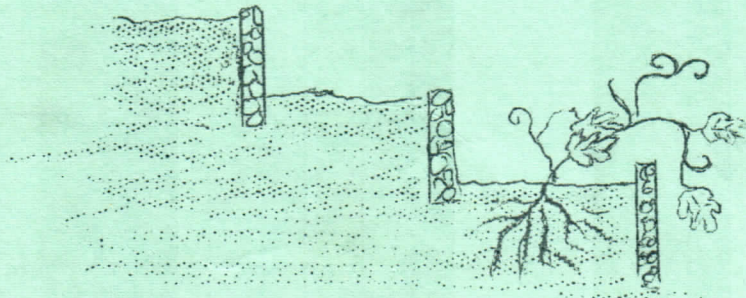
Bring of the fruit of the land.

(Numbers 13:17-20)

When the spies returned, they brought grapes. Two men carried the grapes between them. (Numbers 13:23) The people knew this was a good land. It was a land of grapes.



When the Israelites came into the land, each family wanted to raise some grapes. But they found that many of the hills were covered with stones, and low bushes, thistles, thorns, and weeds of all kinds. The people worked very hard to make a place to plant the grapevines. They used the sides of the hills. The whole family worked. When they finished the hills looked like this -



TURN CARD OVER

This is called terracing. The people gathered up the stones and bigger rocks. They made walls with the stones. Then they brought good dirt and put it behind the walls. Now the hill looks as if it has giant steps going up the side. The people planted grapevines on each step. They trained the grape vine to go over the wall on the lower side. This made it much easier to pick the grapes when they were ripe.