CALEB a follower of God

My name is Caleb. A son of the Israelites, of the tribe of Judah.
We fled from slavery in Egypt, witnessed their army swamped by the wash-back of water.
Moses had parted the Red Sea. We had trampled over the wet sand and sea-weed.
Looking back their threat was no more. **We were free.**

The dust of the desert beckoned, the Promised Land our new dream.
Dear Moses chose twelve of us, including Joshua and myself, to spy out this Land.
I was forty-five, fit, knew what was required, felt the power of God with me.
Joshua felt the same strength. Moses was our mentor, leader, and friend.

But our fellow spies failed in their faith, were scared, their fear won the day.
Forty days they looked. It left them frightened, they shared their terror not our promise!
The children of Israel were taken in. The lesson of the golden calf again forgotten.
Selfish thought built onto the sand of mortality and mediocrity. Not one survived.

Their forty days of doubt and fear punished by forty years of wilderness.
How is it that with the proof of God's care they still turned away.
But the faithful friendship of Moses, Joshua and myself ever grew and strengthened.
For us time stood still. We walked with God, that's all that counted.

Moses taught us what to watch, how to listen, the presence of "I AM THAT I AM".
God was his life, made God our life too, lifting us to a higher level of thought and action.
When Moses too departed, his sight was undimmed, his natural energy still shone.
That reflected too in Joshua and myself, as strong as ever we were.

When we moved in to the promised land, Joshua was our new leader.
We conquered Jericho, through prayer and obedience, the power of God so clear.
Let me share this thought. With God as our Father, we are immortal: God is our life.
Faith gives freedom; we are now in the Promised Land, at one forever with God.

Deuteronomy 34:07 **Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired at all and he was still as vigorous and strong as ever.**

Joshua 14:10 **So now as you see, God has kept me alive, just as He said, for these forty-five years since He spoke this promise to Moses when Israel was traveling in the wilderness. And now, here I am today, eighty-five years old!**
Joshua 14:11 **I am still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me out, just as ready to fight now as I was then, yes, just as able to fight and just as able to work as God directs!**

TIME LINE MOSES / JOSHUA /CALEB

1525-1485	**40**	First 40 years of life of Moses in Egyptian Court. Killed Egyptian and forced to flee		
1485-1445	**40**	Moses in wilderness, shepherd, burning bush GOD SAYS I AM THAT I AM		
1445-1405	**40**	Exodus. Pillar of Cloud, Fire, crossing Red Sea, water from rock	Death of Moses aged 120	1525-1405
		Ten Commandments. Golden calf. 12 spies sent out, only Joshua and Caleb lived by faith but others scared, and never entered the Promised land		
	40 days	Ten fearful spies spent 40 days, hence 40 years in wilderness…		
1405-1390	15	Joshua leads Israel, completes conquest 1398 (seven years)	Death of Joshua aged 110	1500-1390
1390		Caleb takes over leadership		
1384	6	Death of Caleb aged 100	Death of Caleb aged 100	1484-1384

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