

# **KORACH**

**NUMBERS 16:1 – 18:32**

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בַּעֲשֵׂרְתֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר תִּקְחוּ מֵאֵת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
וַנִּתְּתֶם בְּמִנּוֹ אֶת־תְּרוּמַת יְהוָה לְאַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן:  
בְּכֹל בְּמִתְנַתֵּיכֶם תָּרִימוּ אֵת כָּל־תְּרוּמַת יְהוָה בְּכֹל־

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took [action,]

# SUMMARY

- Korah leads a rebellion
- Murmurings and Aarons Rod
- Responsibilities of the Priests and Levites
- Priestly portions

# LEVITICUS 10:3

Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the LORD spoke, saying, 'By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored.'" So Aaron, therefore, kept silent.

# NUMBERS 16:1-2

Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took [action,] and they rose up before Moses, together with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, chosen in the assembly, men of renown.

# NUMBERS 16:3

They assembled together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?"

(original concept)

# EXODUS 19:5-6

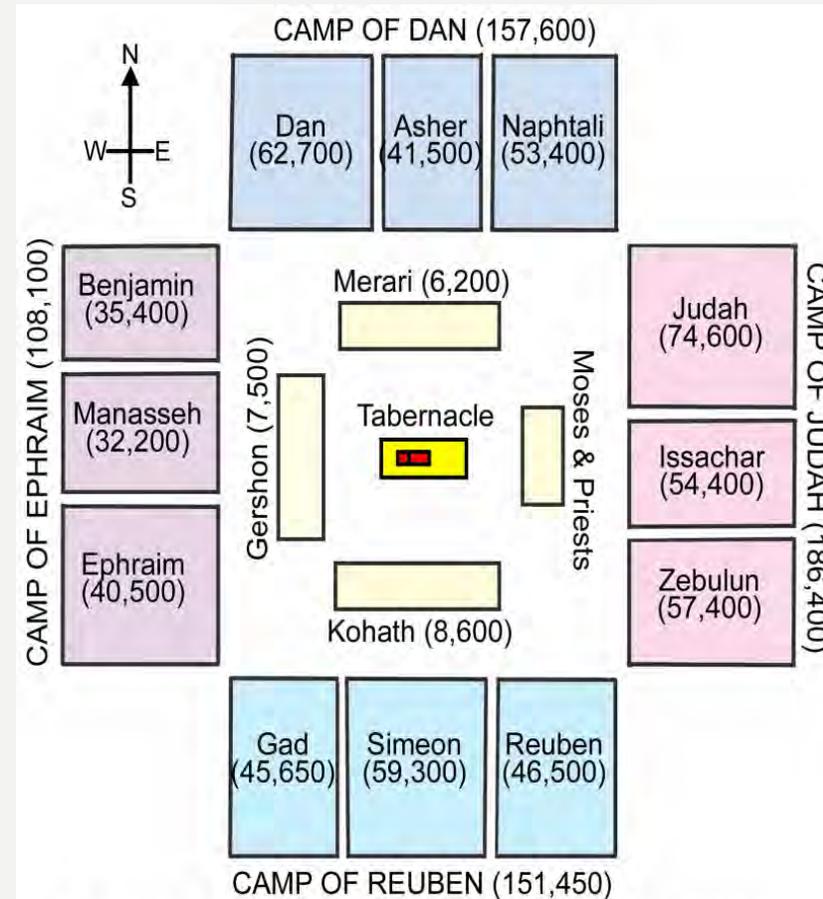
'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."

# QUESTIONS

- If all the congregation is meant to be Holy what was the issue?
- Who was Korach, Dathan and Abiram to question?
- Why did Aaron's Rod settle the matter?

- Korach – קֹרַח - bald
  - Son of Izhar, Son of Kohath
  - Great grandson of Levi
  - Wealthy
- Dathan – דַּתָּן - belonging to a fountain
- Abiram – אַבִּירָם - my father is exalted or Exalted One is my father
  - Sons of Reuben
  - Neighbours of Korach

# ARRANGEMENT OF CAMPS



Arrangement of the Camp of Israel  
Numbers 2:1-3:39

# NUMBERS 16:6-7

"Do this: take censers for yourselves, Korah and all your company, and put fire in them, and lay incense upon them in the presence of the LORD tomorrow; and the man whom the LORD chooses [shall be] the one who is holy. You have gone far enough, you sons of Levi!"

# LEVITICUS 10:1-2

Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective firepans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered strange fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

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# NUMBERS 16:5

and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His, and who is holy, and will bring [him] near to Himself; even the one whom He will choose, He will bring near to Himself.

# NUMBERS 16:8-10

Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi, is it not enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the [rest of] the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them; and that He has brought you near, [Korah,] and all your brothers, sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking for the priesthood also?"

# NUMBERS 16:11

"Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the LORD; but as for Aaron, who is he that you grumble against him?"



Leadership

# NUMBERS 12:1-2 NASB

Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman); and they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" And the LORD heard it.

# NUMBERS 12:6-7

He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision. I shall speak with him in a dream. "Not so, with My servant Moses, He is faithful in all My household;

# NUMBERS 12:8

With him I speak mouth to mouth, Even openly,  
and not in dark sayings, And he beholds the  
form of the LORD. Why then were you not  
afraid To speak against My servant, against  
Moses?"

# NUMBERS 16:41

But on the next day all the congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You are the ones who have caused the death of the LORD'S people."

# NUMBERS 17:2-3

"Speak to the sons of Israel, and get from them a rod for each father's household: twelve rods, from all their leaders according to their fathers' households. You shall write each name on his rod, and write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi; for there is one rod for the head [of each] of their fathers' households.

# NUMBERS 17:5

"It will come about that the rod of the man whom I choose will sprout. Thus I will lessen from upon Myself the grumblings of the sons of Israel, who are grumbling against you."

# NUMBERS 17:8

Now on the next day Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.

# AARON'S ROD

## The Almond Tree

- Represents vigilance, swiftness, power, God is always watching
- Aarons rod sprouted, had buds, blossoms and ripe fruit
- All stages of the tree were present in Aarons

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