

Korach
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TORAH:

Numbers 16

Rebellion of Korah

1 Now Korah, son of Izhar son of Kohath son of Levi, and sons of Reuben- Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—

2 rose up against Moses and took 250 men from *Bnei-Yisrael*, men of renown who had been appointed to the council.

3 They assembled against Moses and Aaron. They said to them, “You’ve gone too far! All the community is holy—all of them—and *Adonai* is with them! Then why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of *Adonai*?”

4 When Moses heard this, he fell on his face.

5 Then he said to Korah and all his following saying, “In the morning *Adonai* will reveal who is His and who is holy. The one whom He will let come near to Him will be the one He chooses to come near to Him.

6 Do this, Korah and your whole following! Take for yourselves censers.

7 Put fire and incense into them in the presence of *Adonai*. Tomorrow the man that *Adonai* chooses will be the holy one! You sons of Levi are the ones who have gone too far!”

8 Moses also said to Korah, “Listen now, sons of Levi!

9 Isn’t it enough that the God of Israel has set you apart from the community of Israel to bring you near to Him to do the work of the Tabernacle of *Adonai* and to stand before the community to minister to them?

10 So He brought you close, along with all your fellow sons of Levi. But you are seeking the priesthood, too!

11 Therefore you and all your following are banding together against *Adonai*! Who then is Aaron—that you are grumbling against him?”

12 Then Moses sent word to call Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab. But they said, “We will not come!

13 Isn’t it enough that you brought us from a land flowing with milk and honey, only to kill us in the wilderness? And now you would lord it over us?

14 What’s more, you haven’t brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Would you now gouge out the eyes of those men? We won’t come!”

15 Then Moses became very angry and said to *Adonai*, “Do not accept their offering. I haven’t taken from them a single donkey, nor have I wronged one of them!”

16 So Moses said to Korah, “You and your whole following are to appear before *Adonai*—you, they and Aaron—tomorrow!

17 Each man will take his censer and you are to put incense into them—250 censers total. You are to present it before *Adonai*, you and Aaron each presenting his censer.”

18 So each man took his censer, put fire and incense into it, and stood with Moses and Aaron at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

19 When Korah and all his following had assembled in opposition to them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, then the glory of *Adonai* appeared to the entire assembly.

20 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses and Aaron saying,

21 “Separate yourselves from among this assembly, so that I may consume them at once!”

22 But they fell on their faces and cried out, “O God, God of the spirits of all flesh, if one man sins, will you be angry with the entire community?”

23 Then *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

24 “Speak to the assembly saying, ‘Move away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan and Abiram!’”

25 Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram. The elders of Israel followed after him.

26 He warned the assembly saying, “Move away from the tents of these wicked men! Don’t touch anything that is theirs, or you will be swept away because of all their sins!”

27 So they moved away from near the dwelling of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram came outside and were standing at the entrance of their tents with their wives, their children, and their little ones.

28 Moses said, “By this you will know that *Adonai* has sent me to do all these works, that they are not from my own heart.

29 If every one of these men die a common death and experience what happens to all people, then *Adonai* has not sent me.

30 But if *Adonai* brings about a new thing, and the earth opens her mouth and swallows them and everything that is theirs, and they go down alive into *Sheol*, then you will know that these men have despised *Adonai*. ”

31 As soon as he finished saying all these things, the ground split under them.

32 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, along with all their households, all of Korah's people and all their possessions.

33 They went down alive into *Sheol*, they and everything that was theirs. The earth closed over them and they were gone from among the community.

34 All Israel around them fled at their outcry, for they shouted, "Perhaps the earth will swallow us!"

35 Fire also came out from *Adonai* and consumed the 250 men offering the incense.

36 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

37 "Tell Eleazar son of Aaron the *kohen*, to take the censers from the burning, because they are holy, and scatter the coals at a distance.

38 As for the censers of these men who sinned at the cost of their lives, let them be taken and hammered into sheets as a covering for the altar. For they were presented before *Adonai*, so they are holy. They are to be a sign to *Bnei-Yisrael*."

39 So Eleazar the *kohen* collected the bronze censers brought by the ones who were burned and hammered them into an overlay for the altar,

40 just as *Adonai* had spoken to him by Moses' hand, so that it would be as a reminder to *Bnei-Yisrael* that no one who was not a descendant of Aaron should burn incense before *Adonai*, and so no one would become like Korah and his following.

41 The next day, the entire community of *Bnei-Yisrael* grumbled against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You killed *Adonai*'s people!"

42 But when they gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned toward the Tent of Meeting, behold, the cloud covered it and the glory appeared!

43 Moses and Aaron went to the front of the Tent of Meeting.

44 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

45 “Get away from among this assembly so that I may immediately consume them!” So they fell on their faces.

46 Then Moses said to Aaron, “Take the censer, put into it fire from the altar and put in incense. Get going and hurry to the assembly and make atonement for them, because wrath has come out from *Adonai* and the plague has started.”

47 Aaron did just as Moses had said, and ran into the middle of the assembly. Behold, the plague had already started among the people. But he offered the incense and made atonement for the people.

48 He stood between the dead and the living and the plague stopped.

49 However, there were 14,700 dead from the plague, besides those who died because of Korah.

50 Then Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, when the plague had been halted.

Numbers 17

Sprouting of Aaron’s Rod

1 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

2 “Speak to *Bnei-Yisrael* and get a rod from each ancestral house, twelve staffs in all, from each prince according to his ancestral household. Write each man’s name on his staff.

3 Write Aaron’s name on Levi’s staff, for there is to be one staff for the prince of each tribe.

4 Then you are to place them in the Tent of Meeting, before the Testimony, where I meet with you.

5 It will come about that the staff of the man I choose will sprout. I will then rid Myself of the grumblings of *Bnei-Yisrael*, who are grumbling against you.”

6 So Moses spoke to *Bnei-Yisrael*. Each of their princes gave him a staff, one staff for each prince according to their ancestral houses, twelve staffs in all, and Aaron's staff was among them.

7 Moses placed the staffs before *Adonai* in the Tent of Testimony.

8 The next day, Moses entered the Tent of Testimony and behold, Aaron's staff, from the house of Levi, had sprouted, blossomed, and produced almonds!

9 Moses then brought all the staffs from *Adonai's* Presence to all *Bnei-Yisrael*. They looked and each man took his staff.

10 *Adonai* said to Moses, "Put Aaron's staff back in front of the Testimony to keep as a sign to the sons of rebellion, so that it may put an end to their grumblings against Me, and so they will not die."

11 Moses did just as *Adonai* had commanded him.

12 But *Bnei-Yisrael* said to Moses saying, "Look! We will die! We are all lost! We are lost!

13 Anyone approaching the Tabernacle of *Adonai* will die! Must all of us die?"

Numbers 18

Kohen Duties and Portions

1 *Adonai* said to Aaron, "You, your sons, and the house of your father with you will bear the guilt for the Sanctuary, and you and your sons will bear the guilt for your priesthood.

2 Bring with you your brothers, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, so that they may join you and assist you, both you and your sons with you, before the Tent of the Testimony.

3 They are to perform their duties for you and for all matters related to the Tent. They must not approach the implements of the Sanctuary or the altar—otherwise, both you and they will die.

4 They are to team with you and attend to the Tent of Meeting, for all the service of the Tent. But no unauthorized person may intrude upon you.

5 So you are to attend to the Sanctuary and the care of the altar, so no further wrath will fall on *Bnei-Yisrael*.

6“See, I have personally taken your kinsmen, the Levites, from among *Bnei-Yisrael* as a gift for you and your sons with you, dedicated to *Adonai* to serve in the work of the Tent of Meeting.

7 But you and your sons with you are to maintain your priesthood for everything pertaining to the altar and inside the *parokhet* . I am giving you the ministry of the priesthood as a gift. Anyone unauthorized who approaches will die.”

8 *Adonai* then said to Aaron, “See, I have given you charge over all My offerings. All the sacred things from *Bnei-Yisrael* I have given to you as set aside for you and your sons as a permanent share.

9 You are to have the part of the most holy things that is kept from the fire. Whether grain, sin or guilt offerings that they bring to Me as most holy—they are for you and your sons.

10 You are to eat it as most holy. Every male may eat it— it is set apart for you.

11 This also is yours: the gift of the wave offerings of *Bnei-Yisrael*. I have given all the wave offerings as a permanent share to you, your sons and your daughters. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it.

12 All the finest olive oil, the finest new wine and grain they give to *Adonai* from their firstfruits, I have given them to you.

13 All the firstfruits of the land that they bring to *Adonai* will be for yours. Anyone who is clean in your house may eat it.

14 Every devoted thing in Israel is yours.

15 The first offspring of the womb from all flesh, whether human or animal, offered to *Adonai*, is yours. However, you are to redeem the firstborn of man and the firstborn of unclean animals.

16 When they are a month old, you are to redeem them at the redemption price of five shekels of silver by the Sanctuary shekel, or 20 gerahs.

17 But the firstborn of the ox, sheep or goat you are not to redeem. They are holy. You are to sprinkle their blood on the altar, and their fat you are to burn as a fire offering, a pleasing aroma to *Adonai*.

18 Their meat—the breast of the wave offering and the right thigh—is yours.

19 Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings which *Bnei-Yisrael* present to *Adonai*, I have given to you, your sons and your daughters with you as a permanent share. It is an everlasting covenant of salt before *Adonai* for you and your offspring.”

20 *Adonai* said to Aaron, “You will have no inheritance in their land nor share among them. I am your portion and your share among *Bnei-Yisrael*.

21 See, I have given all the tithes in Israel to the sons of Levi as an inheritance in return for all the work of the service they are doing in the Tent of Meeting.

22 From now on, *Bnei-Yisrael* must never trespass the Tent of Meeting, or they will bear the consequences of their sin and die.

23 The Levites will perform the service of the Tent of Meeting. They will bear the responsibility for their iniquity. It is a permanent ordinance throughout your generations. So among *Bnei-Yisrael* they are to receive no inheritance.

24 For I have given the tithes that *Bnei-Yisrael* present to *Adonai* as an offering to the Levites as an inheritance. That is why I said they would receive no inheritance among *Bnei-Yisrael*.”

25 *Adonai* spoke to Moses saying,

26 “Speak now to the Levites and say to them: When you receive from *Bnei-Yisrael* the tithe which I have given to you as your inheritance, you are then to offer to *Adonai* a tithe of that tithe.

27 Your offering will be reckoned as grain from the threshing floor or the fullness of the winepress.

28 Thus you will also present an offering to *Adonai* from all your tithes that you receive from *Bnei-Yisrael*, and from that you are to give *Adonai's* portion to Aaron the *kohen*.

29 From all your gifts that you receive, you are to present the best and holiest from them as *Adonai's* portion.

30 "Say to them: When you present the best part, it will be reckoned to the Levites as the produce of the threshing floor and of the winepress.

31 You and your household may eat it in any place. It is your wage for your service in the Tent of Meeting.

32 "In presenting the best part in this manner, you will bear no guilt in these matters. You will not defile the holy things of *Bnei-Yisrael*, so you will not die."

HAFTARAH

1 Samuel 11:14

14 Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let's go to Gilgal and reaffirm the kingdom there."

15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before *Adonai* in Gilgal. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before *Adonai*, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

1 Samuel 12:1-22

Samuel Rebukes Israel

1 Then Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have listened to your voice in all you said to me, and have set a king over you.

2 Now here is the king who will go before you, while I am old and gray. Also here are my sons with you. I have gone before you from my youth to this day.

3 Here I am. Witness against me before *Adonai* and before His anointed. Whose ox have I taken or whose donkey have I taken? Whom have I defrauded or whom have I oppressed? From whose hand have I taken a bribe to look the other way? I will restore it to you."

4 They replied, "You haven't defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from anyone's hand."

5 Then he said to them, "*Adonai* is then a witness against you, and His anointed is a witness this day that you have not found anything in my hand." "He is a witness," they replied.

6 Then Samuel said to the people, "It is *Adonai* who appointed Moses and Aaron and who brought your fathers up from the land of Egypt.

7 So now, stand still, so that I may plead with you before *Adonai* concerning all the righteous acts of *Adonai*, which He did for you and your fathers.

8 When Jacob entered Egypt and your fathers cried out to *Adonai*, then *Adonai* sent Moses and Aaron who brought your fathers out of Egypt and settled them in this place.

9 But they forgot *Adonai* their God, so He gave them over into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, who fought against them.

10 So they cried out to *Adonai* and said, 'We have sinned because we have forsaken *Adonai* and have worshipped the Baalim and the Ashtaroah. But now deliver us from the hand of our enemies and we will worship You.'

11 Then *Adonai* sent Jerubbaal, Bedan, Jephthah and Samuel, and delivered you from the hand of your enemies on every side, so that you might live securely.

12 But when you saw Nahash king of the Ammonites marching against you, you said to me, 'No! But a king must reign over us!'—even though *Adonai* your God is your king.

13 "Now therefore, here is the king whom you have chosen and whom you have asked for, and behold, *Adonai* has set him as king over you.

14 If you fear *Adonai* and worship Him, and listen to His voice and do not rebel against the command of *Adonai*, then both you as well as the king who reigns over you will be following *Adonai* your God.

15 But if you do not listen to the voice of *Adonai* and rebel against the command of *Adonai*, then the hand of *Adonai* will be against you and against your fathers.

16 Now stand by and see this great thing that *Adonai* will do before your eyes.

17 Is it not wheat harvest season today? I will call to *Adonai*, that He may send thunder and rain. Then you will know and see that your wickedness is great which you have done in the sight of *Adonai* by asking for yourselves a king."

18 So Samuel prayed to *Adonai*, and *Adonai* sent thunder and rain that day. Then all the people greatly feared *Adonai* and Samuel,

19 and all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to *Adonai* your God, that we would not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil by asking for ourselves a king.”

20 Samuel said to the people, “Fear not! Indeed you have done all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following *Adonai*, but worship *Adonai* with all your heart.

21 Do not turn aside to go after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are futile.

22 For *Adonai* will not forsake His people for His great Name’s sake, because it has pleased *Adonai* to make you a people to Himself.

BRIT CHADASHA

2 Timothy 2:8-21

8 Remember *Yeshua* the Messiah, raised from the dead, from the seed of David—according to my Good News.

9 For this I suffer hardship as a criminal, even to the point of chains—though the word of God is not chained.

10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the chosen, so they might obtain the salvation that is in Messiah *Yeshua* with eternal glory.

11 Trustworthy is the saying: If we died with Him, we will also live with Him;

12 if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He will also deny us;

13 if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

A Workman with the Word

14 Remind them of these things and solemnly charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which is useless—to the ruin of those who are listening.

15 Make every effort to present yourself before God as tried and true, as an unashamed worker cutting a straight path with the word of truth.

16 But avoid godless chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness

17 and their words will spread like cancer. Among them are Hymeneaus and Philetus—

18 men who have missed the mark concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place. They are overturning the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord keep away from unrighteousness.”

20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay—some for honor and some for common use.

21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor—sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

Jude 1-25

Greeting

1 Judah, a slave of *Yeshua* the Messiah and brother of Jacob, To those who are called, who are loved in God the Father, and kept safe for *Yeshua* the Messiah:

2 May mercy and *shalom* and love be multiplied to you!

Contend for the Faith with the Ungodly

3 Loved ones, though very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I felt it necessary to write to you urging you to continue to contend for the faith that was once for all handed down to the *kedoshim*.

4 For certain people have secretly slipped in—those who from long ago have been marked out for this judgment. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into indecency and deny our only Master and Lord, *Yeshua* the Messiah.

5 Now I wish to remind you—though you have come to know all things —that the Lord, once having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

6 And the angels—who did not keep their own position of authority but deserted their proper place—He has kept in everlasting shackles under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great Day.

7 In the same way as these angels, Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them—having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after a different sort of flesh—are displayed as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire.

8 Yet in the same way these people also, by their visionary dreaming, defile the flesh, reject the Lord's authority, and defame glorious beings.

9 But when Michael the archangel, disputing with the devil, was arguing about the body of Moses, he did not dare to render a judgment against him for slander, but said, "May the Lord rebuke you!"

10 But these people slander whatever they do not understand. And whatever they do understand instinctively—like animals without reason—by these things they are destroyed.

11 Woe to them! For they went the way of Cain; they were consumed for pay in Balaam's error; and in Korah's rebellion they have been destroyed.

12 These people are hidden rocky reefs at your love feasts—shamelessly feasting with you, tending only to themselves. They are waterless clouds, carried along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, doubly dead, uprooted;

13 wild waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

14 It was also about these people that Enoch, the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with myriads of His *kedoshim*,

15 to execute judgment against all. He will convict all the ungodly for all their ungodly deeds that they have done in an ungodly way, and for all of the harsh things ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

16 These are bellyaching grumblers, following after their own desires. Their mouth speaks grandiose things, showing favoritism for the sake of gain.

17 But you, loved ones, ought to remember the words previously proclaimed by the emissaries of our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah—

18 how they kept telling you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following after their own ungodly desires."

19 These are the ones who cause divisions—worldly-minded, not having the *Ruach*

20 But you, loved ones, continue building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the *Ruach ha-Kodesh*.

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, eagerly waiting for the mercy of our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah that leads to eternal life.

22 And have mercy on those who are wavering—

23 save them by snatching them out of the fire; but on others have mercy with fear—hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Hymn to God Our Savior

24 Now to the One who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy,

25 to the only God our Savior, through *Yeshua* the Messiah our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time, both now and forever. Amen.