

Parashah 38 Korach - קרח "Korah"



Torah: B'midbar (Numbers) 16:1 – 18:32

- Aliyah 1 - 16:1 - 13 Korach and 250 men rebel against Moshe; Moshe inquires of Adonai
- Aliyah 2 - 16:14 - 19 Rebels and Aharon instructed to bring fire pans and appear before Adonai
- Aliyah 3 - 16:20 - 17:8 Moshe, Aharon, assembly, separate from rebels; ground swallows, fire kills 250
- Aliyah 4 - 17:9 - 15 People complain, struck with plague; 14.7k die, Moshe and Aharon intercede
- Aliyah 5 - 17:16 - 24 Tribal staffs collected, placed before Adonai; Aharon's buds as proof
- Aliyah 6 - 17:25-18:20 Responsibilities of Aharon and the L'vi'im reviewed; Adonai is their inheritance
- Aliyah 7 - 18:21-32 L'vi'im are to tithe a tenth to Aharon, holiest things of the people are sacred

Haftarah: Sh'mu'el Alef (1 Samuel) 11:14-12:22

B'rit Hadashah: 2 Timothy 2:8-21; Y'hudah (Jude) 1-25

1. (16:1) What was it that Korach "took?" How many men joined him and who were they?
2. (16:2-3) What was Korach's complaint? Who was it against? What was the response to his complaint?
3. (16:12-15) How did Moshe handle Datan and Aviram? What was their complaint?
4. What were the three tests Moshe used against Korach and his group? What did they represent? What does this reveal about Moshe's faith?
5. What incident should the 250 men with incense have remembered? What does a person's complaint about another person reveal about his/her own attitudes and heart?
6. What does Aharon's action regarding the plague teach us about intercessors and intermediaries? How does this speak of Yeshua?
7. What is the significance of Aharon's budding staff?

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8. In chapter 16, Moshe intercedes on behalf of the entire nation. Can you think of other times he did this? What did the nation do in return for his actions? What did Moshe do in return for their actions?
9. This account could create a view of God as harsh, vindictive, and ruthless. How do you view it?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (16:1) Are your plans in line with God's plan? Are your heart's desire from Him? (Jer 17:9, Mat 15:19-20, Psa 20:4(5), Rom 12:2, Jer 6:16, Deu 10:12-16, Psa 51:12-19, luk 6:43-45)
2. (16:14) Do you struggle with the promises God has made to you? (Exo 3:16-18, Joh 6:22-69)
3. (16:21) Does your presence affect the wickedness in this world, and hold back the judgement of God? (Exo 32:10, Gen 18:20-30, 1Co 7:14, Mat 5:13, Deu 29:10-13, Rom 11:16)
4. (17:10) How can you reach the lost if you separate yourself from them? Are you "in" the world, but not "of" it? (Gen 18:23, Num 16:27, 2Co 2:14-16, Mat 9:11-13, Jer 5:1, Luk 19:9-10)
5. (17:17) Is Yeshua at work in you, causing you to bud, blossom, and bringing forth fruit? (Psa 110:1-2, Jer 23:5-6, Rom 12:1-2)
6. (17:25) Do you have salvation through Yeshua, the "branch," chosen by God, and declared by the prophets? (Jer 33:15-16, Zec 6:12, Isa 8:23-9:1, Isa 60:1-5, Mat 4:15-16, Joh 3:14, 8:28, Joh 12:32)
7. (18:21) Did the Levi'im always get paid? Do you get "paid" for your service for The Kingdom? What is your "salary?" (2Ch 31:4-5, Neh 13:10-12, 1Ti 5:17-18, 1Co 9:9-10, 15, Mat 10:9-11, Gal 6:6, Rom 16:1-2)