

**~DATHAN (197)**  
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- Son of Eliab of the tribe of Reuben and the brother of Abiram and Nemuel. **Dathan** and Abiram supported the Levite Korah in his rebellion against the authority of Moses and Aaron and, in effect, challenged Yehowah's promises by referring to Egypt as the land flowing with milk and honey. Because of their rebellion, **Dathan** and Abiram as well as their households perished when the ground swallowed them up.
- And Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, proceeded to get up, together with **Dathan** and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben. (**Numbers 16:1**)
- And they proceeded to rise up before Moses, they and two hundred and fifty men of the sons of Israel, chieftains of the assembly, summoned ones of the meeting, men of fame. (**Numbers 16:2**)
- So they congregated themselves against Moses and Aaron and said to them; That is enough of you, because the whole assembly are all of them holy and Yehowah is in their midst. Why, then, should you lift yourselves up above the congregation of Yehowah? (**Numbers 16:3**)
- When Moses got to hear it he at once fell upon his face. (**Numbers 16:4**)
- Then he spoke to Korah and to his entire assembly, saying; In the morning Yehowah will make known who belongs to him and who is holy and who must come near to him, and whoever he may choose will come near to him. (**Numbers 16:5**)
- Do this, take fire holders for yourselves, Korah and his entire assembly. (**Numbers 16:6**)
- And put fire in them and place incense upon them before Yehowah tomorrow, and it must occur that the man whom Yehowah will choose, he is the holy one. That is enough of you, you sons of Levi! (**Numbers 16:7**)

- **And Moses went on to say to Korah; Listen, please, you sons of Levi. (Numbers 16:8)**
- **Is it such a little thing for you men that the God of Israel has separated you men from the assembly of Israel to present you to himself to carry on the service of Yehowah's tabernacle and to stand before the assembly to minister to them. (Numbers 16:9)**
- **And that he should bring you and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you near? So must you men also try to secure the priesthood? (Numbers 16:10)**
- **For that reason you and all your assembly who are gathering together are against Yehowah. As for Aaron, what is he that you men should murmur against him? (Numbers 16:11)**
- **Later Moses sent to call **Dathan** and Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said; We are not going to come up! (Numbers 16:12)**
- **Is it so little a thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to put us to death in the wilderness, that you should also try to play the prince over us to the limit? (Numbers 16:13)**
- **As it is, you have not brought us into any land flowing with milk and honey, that you may give us an inheritance of field and vineyard. Is it the eyes of those men that you want to bore out? We are not going to come up! (Numbers 16:14)**
- **At this Moses became very angry and said to Yehowah: Do not turn to look at their grain offering. Not one male ass have I taken away from them, nor have I harmed one of them. (Numbers 16:15)**
- **Then Moses said to Korah; You and all your assembly, be present before Yehowah, you and they and Aaron, tomorrow. (Numbers 16:16)**
- **And take each one his fire holder, and you men must put incense upon them and present each one his fire holder before Yehowah, two hundred and fifty fire holders, and you and Aaron each his fire holder. (Numbers 16:17)**

- So they took each one his fire holder and put fire upon them and placed incense upon them and stood at the entrance of the tent of meeting together with Moses and Aaron. (**Numbers 16:18**)
- When Korah got all the assembly together against them at the entrance of the tent of meeting, then Yehowah's glory appeared to all the assembly. (**Numbers 16:19**)
- Yehowah now spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying; (**Numbers 16:20**)
- Separate yourselves from the midst of this assembly, that I may exterminate them in an instant. (**Numbers 16:21**)
- At this they fell upon their faces and said; O God, the God of the spirits of every sort of flesh, will just one man sin and you become indignant against the entire assembly? (**Numbers 16:22**)
- In turn Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (**Numbers 16:23**)
- Speak to the assembly, saying; Get away from around the tabernacles of Korah, **Dathan** and Abiram! (**Numbers 16:24**)
- After that Moses got up and went to **Dathan** and Abiram, and the older men of Israel went with him. (**Numbers 16:25**)
- Then he spoke to the assembly, saying; Turn aside, please, from before the tents of these wicked men and do not touch anything that belongs to them, that you may not be swept away in all their sin. (**Numbers 16:26**)
- Immediately they got away from before the tabernacle of Korah, **Dathan** and Abiram, from every side, and **Dathan** and Abiram came out, taking their stand at the entrance of their tents, together with their wives, and their sons and their little ones. (**Numbers 16:27**)
- Then Moses said; By this you will know that Yehowah has sent me to do all these deeds, that it is not of my own heart. (**Numbers 16:28**)
- If it is according to the death of all mankind that these people will die and with the punishment of all mankind that punishment will be brought upon them, then it is not Yehowah that has sent

me. (**Numbers 16:29**)

- But if it is something created that Yehowah will create, and the ground has to open its mouth and swallow up them and everything that belongs to them and they have to go down alive into Sheol, you will then know for certain that these men have treated Yehowah disrespectfully. (**Numbers 16:30**)
- And it came about that as soon as he had finished speaking all these words, the ground that was under them began to be split apart. (**Numbers 16:31**)
- And the earth proceeded to open its mouth and to swallow up them and their households and all humankind that belonged to Korah and all the goods. (**Numbers 16:32**)
- So down they went, and all who belonged to them, alive into Sheol, and the earth went covering them over, so that they perished from the midst of the congregation. (**Numbers 16:33**)
- And all the Israelites who were round about them fled at the screaming of them, for they began to say; We are afraid that the earth may swallow us up! (**Numbers 16:34**)
- And a fire came out from Yehowah and proceeded to consume the two hundred and fifty men offering the incense. (**Numbers 16:35**)
- These were the families of the Reubenites, and their registered ones amounted to forty-three thousand seven hundred and thirty. (**Numbers 26:7**)
- And the son of Pallu was Eliab. (**Numbers 26:8**)
- And the sons of Eliab, Nemuel and **Dathan** and Abiram. This **Dathan** and Abiram were summoned ones of the assembly, who engaged in a struggle against Moses and Aaron in the assembly of Korah, when they engaged in a struggle against Yehowah. (**Numbers 26:9**)
- Then the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up. As for Korah, he died at the death of the assembly when the fire consumed two hundred and fifty men. And they came to be a symbol. (**Numbers 26:10**)

- However, the sons of Korah did not die. (**Numbers 26:11**)
- Nor what he did to **Dathan** and Abiram the sons of Eliab the son of Reuben, when the earth opened its mouth and proceeded to swallow them up and their households and their tents and every existing thing that stepped after them in the midst of all Israel. (**Deuteronomy 11:6**)
- The earth then opened up and swallowed down **Dathan**, and covered over the assembly of Abiram. (**Psalms 106:17**)

**See Also ABIRAM 1**