

~KORAH 3 (351)

(Ko'rah) [possibly, Bald, Baldness]

- **A Kohathite Levite of the family of Izhar.**
- **And these are the names of the sons of Levi, according to their family descents, Gershon and Kohath and Merari. And the years of Levis life were a hundred and thirty-seven years. (Exodus 6:16)**
- **And the sons of Kohath were Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel. And the years of Kohath's life were a hundred and thirty-three years. (Exodus 6:18)**
- **And the sons of Izhar were Korah and Nepheg and Zichri. (Exodus 6:21)**
- **The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath and Merari. (1 Chronicles 6:1)**
- **And the sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel. (1 Chronicles 6:2)**
- **The sons of Kohath were Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son. (1 Chronicles 6:22)**
- **Amminadab was perhaps an alternative name for Izhar. During Israel's wilderness trek Korah rebelled against the authority of Moses and Aaron, doing so in league with the Reubenites Dathan, Abiram, and On, as well as 250 chieftains of the assembly or men of fame.**
- **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)**

- They contended that the whole assembly are all of them holy and Yehowah is in their midst, asking; Why, then, should you lift yourselves up above the congregation of Yehowah?
- 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**)
- Moses later sent to call Dathan and Abiram, but they refused to be present, thinking Moses had no right to summon them.

- 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**)
- **Korah**, his assembly, and High Priest Aaron were told to present themselves before Yehowah, all supplied with fire holders and burning incense.
- 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**)
- The following day **Korah** and the 250 men with him, all carrying fire holders with burning incense, stood at the entrance of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron.
- Yehowah's glory appeared to all the assembly and God spoke to Moses and Aaron, telling them to separate themselves from the midst of the assembly, that I may exterminate them in an instant.
- However, Moses and Aaron interceded for the people, and God then directed Moses to have the assembly get away from the tabernacles of **Korah**, Dathan, and Abiram. This was done.

- 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**)
- Shortly thereafter, 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. They and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth covered them over.
- 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)**
- Those who were before the tent of meeting with the incense-filled fire holders did not escape, for a fire came out from Yehowah and proceeded to consume the two hundred and fifty men offering the incense.
- And a fire came out from Yehowah and proceeded to consume the two hundred and fifty men offering the incense. **(Numbers 16:35)**
- **Korah** himself was with them at that time and thus perished in that fire from God.
- 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**)

- The fire holders of those who conspired with **Korah** were made into metal plates with which to overlay the altar. This was done because they presented them before Yehowah, so that they became holy, and they should serve as a sign to the sons of Israel.
- Yehowah now spoke to Moses, saying; (**Numbers 16:36**)
- Say to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest that he should take up the fire holders from within the conflagration, And you scatter the fire over there, for they are holy. (**Numbers 16:37**)
- Even the fire holders of these men who sinned against their own souls. And they must make them into thin metal plates as an overlaying for the altar, because they presented them before Yehowah, so that they became holy, and they should serve as a sign to the sons of Israel. (**Numbers 16:38**)
- Accordingly Eleazar the priest took the copper fire holders, which those who had been burned up had presented, and they proceeded to beat them out into an overlaying for the altar. (**Numbers 16:39**)
- As a memorial for the sons of Israel, to the end that no strange man who is not of the offspring of Aaron should come near to make incense smoke before Yehowah, and no one might become like **Korah** and his assembly, just as Yehowah had spoken to him by means of Moses. (**Numbers 16:40**)
- Despite this powerful evidence of divine judgment, the very next day the whole assembly of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, complaining, You men, you have put Yehowah's people to death.
- This gave rise to indignation on God's part, and despite the pleas of Moses and Aaron, 14,700 died as a result of a scourge from Yehowah, halted only after Aaron made atonement for the people.
- And directly the next day the whole assembly of the sons of Israel began to murmur against Moses and Aaron, saying; You men, you have put Yehowah's people to death. (**Numbers 16:41**)
- And it came about that when the assembly had congregated themselves together against Moses and Aaron, they then turned

- toward the tent of meeting, and, look! The cloud covered it, and Yehowah's glory began to appear. (**Numbers 16:42**)
- And Moses and Aaron proceeded to come before the tent of meeting. (**Numbers 16:43**)
 - Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; (**Numbers 16:44**)
 - You men, rise up from the midst of this assembly, that I may exterminate them in an instant. At this they fell upon their faces. (**Numbers 16:45**)
 - After that Moses said to Aaron; Take the fire holder and put fire from upon the altar in it and put on incense and go to the assembly in a hurry and make atonement for them, because the indignation has gone out from the face of Yehowah. The plague has started! (**Numbers 16:46**)
 - Aaron at once took it, just as Moses had spoken, and went running into the midst of the congregation, and, look! The plague had started among the people. So he put the incense on and began making atonement for the people. (**Numbers 16:47**)
 - And he kept standing between the dead and the living. Eventually the scourge was stopped. (**Numbers 16:48**)
 - And those dead from the scourge amounted to fourteen thousand seven hundred, aside from those dead on account of **Korah**. (**Numbers 16:49**)
 - When at last Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the tent of meeting, the scourge had been stopped. (**Numbers 16:50**)
 - Thereafter, Aaron's priestly position was confirmed by the budding of his rod. (**Numbers Chapter 17**)
 - That the sons of **Korah** did not follow their father in rebellion seems apparent from the Bible record, for it states; However, the sons of Korah did not die.
 - 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)**
- **Korah's** descendants later became prominent in Levitical service.

See Also KORAHITE

- The writer of the book of Jude linked Cain, Balaam, and **Korah** together when warning Christians to guard against animalistic men who have perished in the rebellious talk of **Korah!** **Korah** evidently sought glory for himself.
- He challenged Yehowah's appointments, becoming a rebel, and thus justly suffered death as a consequence of his improper course of action.
- Yet these men are speaking abusively of all the things they really do not know, but all the things that they do understand naturally like the unreasoning animals, in these things they go on corrupting themselves. **(Jude 1:10)**
- Too bad for them, because they have gone in the path of Cain, and have rushed into the erroneous course of Balaam for reward, and have perished in the rebellious talk of **Korah!** **(Jude 1:11)**