*the rod of Aaron –*The Will of the Lord God

**the lord god makes the dry rod bud, blossom and** *yield almonds*

Numbers 17:8*—And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was* ***budded****, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.*

Isaiah 61:11*—For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so* ***the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.***

1. Israel murmuring brought the fire of God—Num. 11:1-3
2. Israel lusting for meat brought a plague — Num. 11:4-35
3. Miriam became leprous, speaking against Moses 12:1-16
4. 2 out of 12 had a good report—13:1-33
5. Israel rejected the good report—14:1-45

Num. 15:40—*That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.* 41—*I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.*

1. Nu 15:16 One law (:20,21) 1Ki 17:13 Eze 44:30 (Hag 1:9)

**Seek The Lord God above all else**. (Rom.11:16)

Num. 15:39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and **remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes**, after which ye use to go a whoring:

1. Rebellion against Moses
2. Korah, Nathan and Abiram all perished Num.16:30-33

Nu 16:27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side:

and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

Nu 26:11 Notwithstanding the children of Korah died not.

1. The 250 that offered incense 16:35
2. The plague on the congregation 16:36-50

16:49 Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the matter of Korah.

**Sin is so ingrained in our very nature**

Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

**From A Dry Rod Came---**Budded buds-bloomed blossoms-yielded almonds

Num. 18:1—*And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.*

1. Greatness exposes you to the world
2. Greatness exposes you to pride

Rom.11:20; I Tim. 6:17 “be not high minded but fear”

18:7 Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for everything of the altar, and within the vail; and **ye shall serve**: I have given your priest's office unto you as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

“**ye shall serve**” not (ye shall rule)

2Co 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

1. There was a reason for the rod to bud
   1. Vindicate Aaron’s office and calling.
   2. Stop speech against the Lord’s anointed.
   3. To avenge God’s elect. (Lk.18:7)
2. The budding of the rod
   1. Take a rod from the prince of every tribe
   2. Write the name of the prince on his own rod.
   3. Aaron’s rod budded
3. The preserving of the rod
4. The fulfillment of the type of the budding of the rod

is complete in Christ.

1. The operation of God in the Church
2. The budding of the rod in the Church

Hebrews 5:4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

Acts 2:14 But **Peter, standing up** with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

1Cor. 1:1 Paul, **called** to be an apostle of Jesus Christ **through the will of God** , and Sosthenes our brother,

Zec 3:2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?