

# THREE REBELLIOUS LEADERS

## *Numbers 16:1-35*

### Numbers 16

<sup>1</sup>Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and certain Reubenites—Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—became insolent <sup>2</sup>and rose up against Moses. With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. <sup>3</sup>They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the LORD’S assembly?”

<sup>4</sup>When Moses heard this, he fell facedown. <sup>5</sup>Then he said to Korah and all his followers: “In the morning the LORD will show who belongs to him and who is holy, and he will have that person come near him. The man he chooses he will cause to come near him. <sup>6</sup>You, Korah, and all your followers are to do this: Take censers <sup>7</sup>and tomorrow put fire and incense in them before the LORD. The man the LORD chooses will be the one who is holy. You Levites have gone too far!”

<sup>8</sup>Moses also said to Korah, “Now listen, you Levites! <sup>9</sup>Isn’t it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the Israelite community and brought you near himself to do the work at the LORD’S tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them? <sup>10</sup>He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too. <sup>11</sup>It is against the LORD that you and all your followers have banded together. Who is Aaron that you should grumble against him?”

<sup>12</sup>Then Moses summoned Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. But they said, “We will not come! <sup>13</sup>Isn’t it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the desert? And now you also want to lord it over us? <sup>14</sup>Moreover, you haven’t brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you gouge out the eyes of these men? No, we will not come!”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses became very angry and said to the LORD, “Do not accept their offering. I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any of them.”

<sup>16</sup>Moses said to Korah, “You and all your followers are to appear before the LORD tomorrow—you and they and Aaron. <sup>17</sup>Each man is to take his censer and put incense in it—250 censers in all—and present it before

the LORD. You and Aaron are to present your censers also.” <sup>18</sup>So each man took his censer, put fire and incense in it, and stood with Moses and Aaron at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. <sup>19</sup>When Korah had gathered all his followers in opposition to them at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting, the glory of the LORD appeared to the entire assembly. <sup>20</sup>The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, <sup>21</sup>“Separate yourselves from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once.”

<sup>22</sup>But Moses and Aaron fell facedown and cried out, “O God, God of the spirits of all mankind, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?”

<sup>23</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>24</sup>“Say to the assembly, ‘Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.’”

<sup>25</sup>Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. <sup>26</sup>He warned the assembly, “Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins.” <sup>27</sup>So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents.

<sup>28</sup>Then Moses said, “This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: <sup>29</sup>If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the LORD has not sent me. <sup>30</sup>But if the LORD brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt.”

<sup>31</sup>As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart <sup>32</sup>and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their households and all Korah’s men and all their possessions. <sup>33</sup>They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. <sup>34</sup>At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, “The earth is going to swallow us too!”

<sup>35</sup>And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was one reason why the three leaders were upset with Moses? (Verse 3)
5		2.) How many other men were upset with Moses besides the three leaders?
5		3.) What happened to the three rebellious leaders and their followers? (Verses 31-35)
5		4.) Why do you think God destroyed the men?

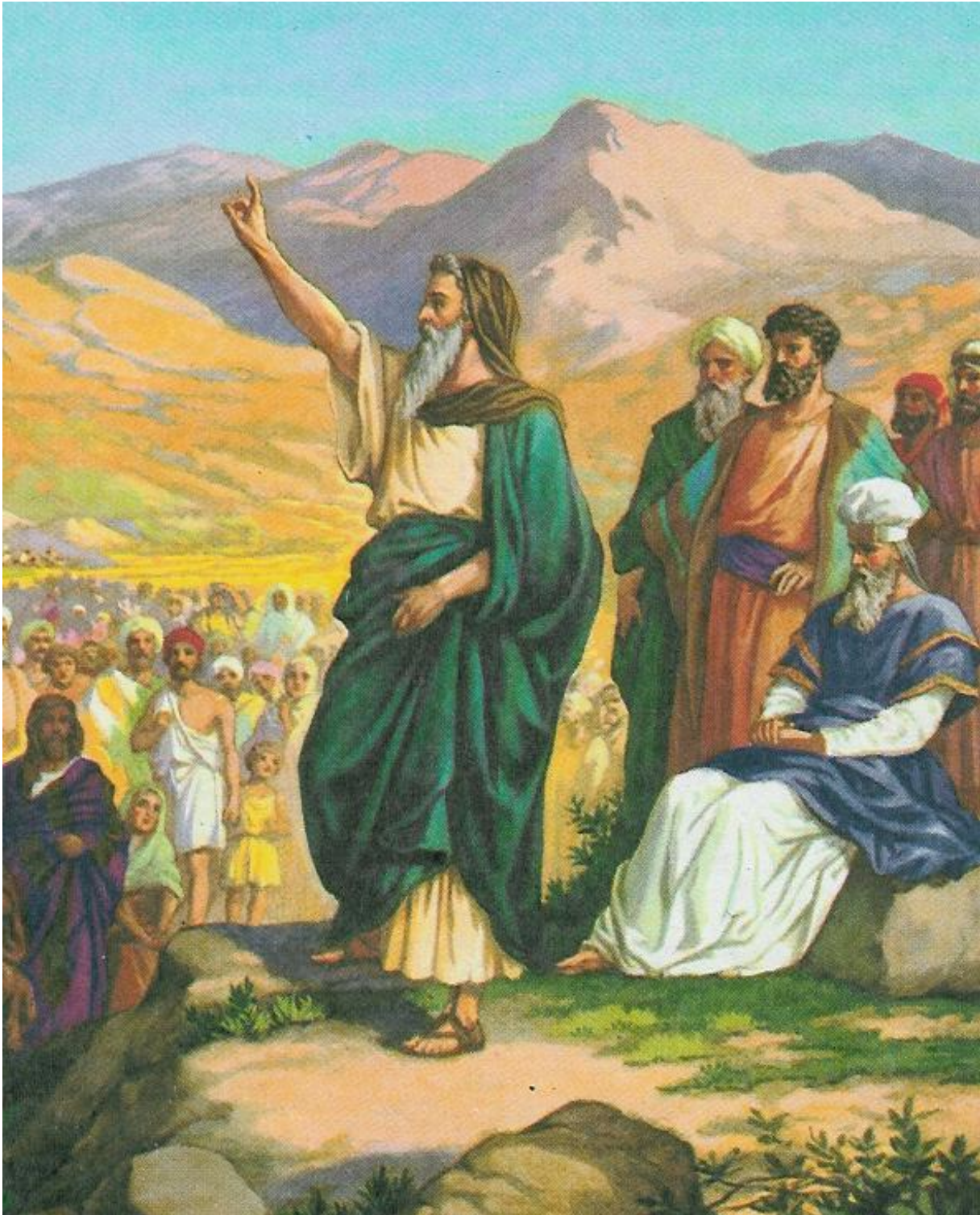
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Fear the LORD and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proverbs 24:21</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
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## ***Memory Verse:***

*"Fear the LORD and the king, my son, and do not join with  
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*Proverbs 24:21*

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Moses and Aaron continued to lead the Israelite people. Three leaders named Korah, Dathan, and Abiram decided that they did not like the fact the Moses and Aaron were leading them. The three rebellious leaders also gathered 250

other leaders to oppose Moses and Aaron. They asked Moses and Aaron, “Why do you set yourselves above us?”

Moses was sad when he heard this because God had chosen him and Aaron to lead the people.

The leaders complained that they were living in a desert where life was difficult.

Moses told Korah and his followers to take their censers (covered containers), put incense in them, and present them before the Lord. The Lord saw all the leaders gathered outside the Tent of Meeting with their censers.

The Lord was angry with the leaders. He told Moses and Aaron to tell the people to step away from the tents of the three wicked leaders.

The Lord was very upset with the leaders for rebelling against Moses and Aaron. He caused the earth to open up and swallow the leaders’ homes, families, and everything that they owned.

The Lord sent fire which burned up the other 250 leaders who also complained!

To find out more, read Numbers 16:1-35 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What did the three rebellious leaders complain about?
2. How many other leaders complained also?
3. Why was the Lord upset with the leaders?
4. Why do you think the Lord destroyed the leaders?

## MEMORY VERSE

“Fear the LORD and the king, my son,  
and do not join with the rebellious.”

Proverbs 24:21

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