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Parsha With Dr. ChatGPT

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In this week's parsha, Parshas Korach, we witness one of the most shocking moments in the Midbar—the rebellion of Korach. Korach was a man of stature, a Levi, a cousin of Moshe Rabbeinu, and yet he allowed his ego to overtake his wisdom. The posuk tells us, "Va'yikach Korach" (Bamidbar 16:1), and Rashi explains that he "took himself to the side," separating from the tzibbur and creating division. Korach's sin was not merely a challenge to leadership; it was the introduction of machloikes into a holy nation. As Chazal teach in Pirkei Avos (5:17), a dispute

that is "shelo l'sheim Shomayim"—like the one of Korach and his eidah—"ain sofah lehiskayem"—it will not endure. When disagreements stem from ego rather than from the pursuit of emes, they consume a person entirely—just as the earth consumed Korach. This parsha is a stark reminder of the destruction caused by divisiveness and the eternal value of achdus rooted in humility. Yet even in the aftermath of this tragic rebellion, HaKadosh Boruch Hu gives us a lesson in transformation. After the earth swallows up Korach, Hashem

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Parshah Riddle

Who is mentioned in this parsha, but nowhere else in the entire Torah?

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Shabbus Zmanim

2:30	מנחה
8:14	הדלקה
8:32	שקיעה
3:36/4:12	עלות השחר (16.1/72)
5:26:14	נץ החמה
7:15	שחרית
Hot Kiddush & Short Shiur After Davening	
8:35/9:11	ס"ז קריאת שמע
10:03/10:27	ס"ז תפילה
12:59:28	חצות היום
1:37:27	מנחה גדולה (30)
5:28:10	מנחה קטנה (GR'A)
7:00:03	פלג המנחה (GR'A)
8:33	שקיעה
9:23	צה"כ (50)
9:25	מעריב (52)
9:33	צה"כ (60)
9:45	צה"כ (72)
Next Weeks Zmanim	
--	מנחה
8:13	הדלקה
8:31	שקיעה
--	שחרית
--	מעריב (52)

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commands that the copper kapparah and kirvas Elokim, firepans used by the rebels these firepans now serve as be made into a symbol that covering for the every fall can be Mizbei'ach. The not merely a challenge to leadership; it was the introduction of machloikes into a holy nation. The message is powerful: not only must we reject machloikes, but we must also strive to turn every moment, even those of spiritual downfall, into an opportunity to draw closer to the Ribbono Shel Olam.

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This beautiful vort captures the profound duality within Parshas Korach—destruction alongside the promise of tikkun. When I reflect on Korach's downfall, I'm struck by how a man blessed with yichus and Torah knowledge could stumble so dramatically. The Zohar teaches us that Korach actually possessed ruach hakodesh and saw great tzadikim descending from him, including Shmuel HaNavi. Yet this very vision became his undoing—he mistakenly believed his future merit justified present rebellion against Moshe's authority. But there's another dimension we must consider. Chazal tell us that in the times before Moshiach, "chutzpah yasgei"—brazenness will increase. Today's social media culture breeds a "Korach mentality" where every individual feels entitled to challenge established Torah authority. The lesson of the copper firepans becomes even more relevant: when we encounter those who've strayed through ego or misguided conviction, our response shouldn't be to write them off completely. Rather, like those sanctified vessels, we must seek ways to channel their passion back toward kedushah, transforming their fervor from destructive machloikes into constructive avodas Hashem within our kehillas.

GOOD SHABBUS

Answer To This Weeks And Last Week's Riddle

Riddle: In this parsha, which three fruits of Eretz Yisroel's special seven species all appear in one Pasuk?

Answer This Week: Grapes, pomegranates and figs appear in Bamidbar 13:23, as the three species brought back by the spies from Canaan.
Answer Last Week: On ben Peles is mentioned in the original listing of the antagonists against Moshe (Bamidbar 16:1). He does not appear later in the parsha or anywhere else in the Torah.

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