

Greetings, today our manna is from Numbers 16; Psalm 52, 53, 54; Isaiah 6; Hebrews 13

May 8 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Numbers 16

The Rebellion of Qorah [Korah] – YHWH continues to teach the people lesson after lesson; but the people continue in rebellion.

Previously we read what happened to Aaron and Miriam when they had rebelled against Moses. The people knew of this rebellion and even waited for Miriam to be healed and cleaned from her leprosy outside the camp for 7 days.

Now, we read of another rebellion led by Korah and others. This rebellion is aimed against both Moses and Aaron; but ultimately it is against YHWH. Not smart. We read:

Num 16:1 And Qorah [Korah], son of Yitshar, son of Qehath, son of Lěwi, took both Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliyab, and On, son of Peleth, sons of Re'ubēn,

Num 16:2 and they rose up before Mosheh with some of the children of Yisra'el, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, called ones of the meeting, men of name.

The rebellious ones were of the following opinion:

Num 16:3 And they assembled against Mosheh and against Aharon, and said to them, “Enough of you! For all the congregation is set-apart, all of them, and יהוה is in their midst. Why then do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of יהוה?”

Moses immediately fell on his face. Moses knew the outcome of this situation would be dire.

He then instructs Korah and the mutiny bunch, of what they should do the next morning. They were to all appear with fire holders with fire and incense in them and appear before YHWH. Moses tells Korah that YHWH would be the one to determine who was set apart. Moses is extremely dismayed at the sons of Levi and he tells them:

Num 16:4 And when Mosheh heard, he fell on his face,

Num 16:5 and spoke to Qorah and all his company, saying, “Tomorrow morning יהוה

shall make known who is His and who is set-apart, and bring *him* near to Him. And let Him bring near to Him the one whom He chooses.

Num 16:6 “Do this: Take fire holders, Qorah and all your company,

Num 16:7 and put fire in them and put incense in them before יהוה tomorrow. And it shall be that the one whom יהוה chooses is the set-apart one. Enough of you, sons of Lěwi!”

Num 16:8 And Mosheh said to Qorah, “Hear now, you sons of Lěwi:

Num 16:9 “**Is it little to you that the Elohim of Yisra’ěl has separated you from the congregation of Yisra’ěl, to bring you near to Himself, to perform the service of the Dwelling Place of יהוה, and to stand before the congregation to serve them,**

Num 16:10 and that He has brought you near to Himself, you and all your brothers, the sons of Lěwi, with you? **Yet you seek the priesthood as well?**

We, as His kingdom of priests under the order of Melchizedek, are EACH given duties and boundaries by YHWH. We should all work within our calling and not try to move the boundary markers in other’s lives set by YHWH. We should not lay a burden on someone else, based on our perceived opinion. Frankly, man’s opinions are not what counts; but it is YHWH’s opinion that counts. It is dangerous, and at times deadly territory, to come against YHWH’s anointed; and likewise, it is dangerous territory for YHWH’s anointed to treat others badly. Either way, do not be deceived, there are consequences.

Korah and the mutiny bunch are to immediately see the consequences of their rebellion; that not only effects them; but their family members; and their possessions. The clan of Qehath, had been given very noble duties in caring for the Dwelling Place of YHWH. **That was their boundary of duties.**

But Moses is wise in not giving his opinion back to Korah other than what was already known by Moses when YHWH had spoken all the assignments. Again, it is not man’s opinion that ultimately counts when it comes to who is ‘set-apart’ and what each person’s duty should be, it is YHWH’s opinion.

Moses goes to pray and states the facts before YHWH. YHWH knows who crosses and moves boundaries. He is the one to directly deal with such.

Num 16:11 “Therefore you and all your company are set against יהוה. And Aharon, what is he that you grumble against him?”

Num 16:12 And Mosheh sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliyab, but they said, “We are not coming up!

Num 16:13 “Is it little that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you would also seize total rule over us?”

Num 16:14 “Also, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Would you bore out the eyes of these men? We are not coming up!”

Num 16:15 And Mosheh became very displeased, and said to יהוה, **“Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I done harm to any of them.”**

The gathering takes place the next morning with Moses, Aaron, and all 250 fire-holder representatives before YHWH; except Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliyab, they refused to gather.

As expected, Moses and Aaron are the one YHWH chooses. YHWH then gives the punishment to the others for rebelling ultimately against YHWH Himself! Not only had the mutiny try to move duty and leadership boundaries; but the mutiny invaded the very boundaries of YHWH!

Num 16:16 Then Mosheh said to Qorah, “Tomorrow, you and all your company shall be there before יהוה, you and they and Aharon.

Num 16:17 “And take each one his fire holder, and you shall put incense in it. And let each one bring his fire holder before יהוה, two hundred and fifty fire holders, and you and Aharon, each one with his fire holder.”

Num 16:18 So each one took his fire holder, and put fire in it, and laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the Tent of Appointment with Mosheh and Aharon.

Num 16:19 And Qorah assembled all the congregation against them at the door of the Tent of Appointment. Then the esteem of יהוה appeared to all the congregation.

Num 16:20 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, and to Aharon, saying,

Num 16:21 “Separate yourselves from the midst of this congregation, and let Me consume them in a moment.”

Num 16:22 But they fell on their faces, and said, “O Ėl, Elohim of the spirits of all flesh! When one man sins, are You wroth with all the congregation?”

Num 16:23 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 16:24 “Speak to the congregation, saying, ‘Move away from around the tents of Qorah, Dathan, and Abiram.’ ”

Num 16:25 So Mosheh rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Yisra’el followed him.

Num 16:26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, “Please turn away from the tents of these wrong men! Do not touch whatever belongs to them, lest you be consumed in all their sins.”

Num 16:27 Then they moved away from around the tents of Qorah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, and their sons, and their little children.

Moses then goes to the tents of Dathan and Abiram and the elders of Israel follow them. He tells the people of Israel to separate themselves from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and not to touch any of their belongings unless they too be consumed for their sins.

Dathan and Abiram and their families stand at their tent doors as well as Korah and his family with all their earthly possessions.

All are gathered, then Moses speaks. Moses had been publicly challenged and now Moses would display publicly YHWH's verdict against this uprising.

Num 16:28 And Mosheh said, **“By this you know that יהוה has sent me to do all these works, that they are not from my own heart.”**

Num 16:29 “If these die as all men do, or if they are visited as all men are visited, then יהוה has not sent me.

Num 16:30 **“But if יהוה creates what is unheard of, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into She'ol,^a then you shall know that these men have scorned יהוה.”**

And so, it was that the earth opened and consumed them alive into Sheol, with all the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; their families; and all their earthly possessions; then the earth closed back up. [Note: In a later scripture, it appears some or most of Korah's family was spared.]

The gathered crowd flees for fear and fire comes down and consumes the 250 that had burned the incense in the fire holders before YHWH. Moses is instructed to gather the fire holders from the remains and have them beaten down as a covering for the slaughter place and as a reminder to the people of how rebellion against YHWH is dealt with under the Tabernacle system. This system was guided by the imposed **Book of the Law**.

Num 16:31 And it came to be, as he ended speaking all these words, that the ground under them split apart,

Num 16:32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Qorah, with all their goods.

Num 16:33 So they and all those with them went down alive into She'ol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

Num 16:34 And all Yisra'el who were round about them fled at their cry, for they said, “Lest the earth swallow us up!”

Num 16:35 And a fire came out from יהוה and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.

Num 16:36 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 16:37 “**Say to El'azar, son of Aharon the priest**, to pick up the fire holders out of the blaze, for they are set-apart, and scatter the fire some distance away.

Num 16:38 “The fire holders of these men who sinned against their own lives, let them be made into beaten plates as a covering for the slaughter-place. Because they brought them before יהוה, therefore they are set-apart. And let them become a sign to the children of Yisra'el.”

Num 16:39 And El'azar the priest took the bronze fire holders, which those who were burned up had brought, and they were beaten out as a covering on the slaughter-place

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Num 16:40 a remembrance to the children of Yisra'el that no stranger who is not of the seed of Aharon, should come near to offer incense before יהוה, and not be like Qorah and his company – as יהוה had said to him through Mosheh.

The next day things get even worse! [The people revolted against Moses and Aaron, with their opinion, that they were the ones that killed YHWH's people.](#)

Num 16:41 But all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el grumbled against Mosheh and against Aharon on the next day, saying, “**You, you have killed the people of יהוה.**”

Num 16:42 And it came to be, when the congregation assembled against Mosheh and against Aharon, that they turned toward the Tent of Appointment. And see, the cloud covered it, and the esteem of יהוה appeared.

Num 16:43 And Mosheh and Aharon came before the Tent of Appointment.

Num 16:44 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 16:45 “Arise from amidst this congregation, and let Me consume them in a moment.” And they fell on their faces.

Num 16:47 And Aharon took it as Mosheh commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly, and saw that the plague had begun among the people. And he laid on the incense and made atonement for the people,

Num 16:48 and stood between the dead and the living. And the plague was stopped.

Num 16:49 And those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died on account of Qorah.

Num 16:50 Then Aharon returned to Mosheh at the door of the Tent of Appointment, for the plague had stopped.

The situation become dire very quickly. As the congregation is gathered against Moses and Aaron, they turn to see the pillar of cloud, the esteem of YHWH, at the Tent of Appointment! YHWH tells Moses to arise and let Him consume them! And Moses and Aaron fall on their faces. Moses apparently understands that YHWH is most certainly sending a plague upon the people.

Num 16:46 So Mosheh said to Aharon, “Take the fire holder and put fire in it from the slaughter-place, and lay incense on, and go, hurry to the congregation and make atonement for them, for wrath has gone out from יהוה, the plague has begun.”

Though Aaron acts swiftly, 14,700 perish by the plague before it stopped, in addition to those of Korah’s rebellion.

Sin consumes and stops progression. What always follows is clean-up of sin’s destructive path.

With repentance there is still hope. Future generations can turn around generational iniquity as we see by the descendants of Korah. The sons of Korah are even accredited for writing Psalm 45 – The King’s Wedding Song.

Psalms 42—49, 84, 85, 87, and 88 are the holy writings of the sons of Korah. Korah was the leader of the rebellion against Moses and God (Num. 16:1-3). After about four hundred seventy years, Samuel the prophet, Heman the singer, and some other psalmists came out of Korah the rebel’s descendants at the time of David (1 Chron. 6:31-39). Even the descendants of a leading rebel became the godly writers of psalms, praising God in their holy writings as a record existing for generations. What a grace this was! <https://www.ministrysamples.org/excerpts/PSALMS-----AND--BEING-THE-HOLY-WRITINGS-OF-THE-SONS-OF-KORAH.HTML>

Psalm 52, 53, & 54

As in the days of Korah, man’s tongue continues to speak devouring words. And to this day YHWH’s arm is not too short to deal with such. Later we see the ‘sons of Korah’ turn their hearts back to YHWH. Many of the Psalms were composed by the sons of Korah.

The Steadfast Love of Elohim Endures

Psa 52:1 Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The loving-commitment of Ēl is all day long!

Psa 52:2 Your tongue devises destruction, Like a sharp razor, working deceit.

Psa 52:3 You loved evil more than good, Lying more than speaking righteousness. Selah.

Psa 52:4 You loved all devouring words, O tongue of deceit.

Psa 52:5 Let Ēl also break you down forever, Take you and pluck you out of your tent. And He shall uproot you From the land of the living. Selah.

Psa 52:6 And let the righteous see and fear, And laugh at him, *saying*,

Psa 52:7 “See the man who did not make Elohim his strength, But trusted in his many riches, Being strong in his destruction.”

Psa 52:8 But I am like a green olive tree In the House of Elohim, I have trusted in the loving-commitment of Elohim Forever and ever.

Psa 52:9 I thank You forever, Because You have done it; And in the presence of Your lovingly-committed ones I wait on Your Name, for it is good.

In all matters wait on the Name of YHWH.

Mat 6:33 **“But seek first the reign of Elohim, and His righteousness,** and all these shall be added to you.

Mat 6:34 “Do not, then, worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow shall have its own worries. **Each day has enough evil of itself.**

A person should think twice before proclaiming themselves to be atheist. Psalm 53:1 says ‘The fool has said in his heart, “There is no Elohim.” ... Psa. 53:5b & c ‘For Elohim shall scatter the bones of him who encamps against you. You shall put them to shame, For Elohim has rejected them.’

Psalm 53

There Is None Who Does Good

Psa 53:1 **The fool has said in his heart, “There is no Elohim.”** They have done corruptly, And they have done abominable unrighteousness; No one does good.

Psa 53:2 Elohim looked down from the heavens on the children of men, To see if there is a wise one, seeking Elohim.

Psa 53:3 They have all turned aside; They have together become filthy; No one is doing good, not even one.

Psa 53:4 Have the workers of wickedness no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call on Elohim?

Psa 53:5 There they are in great fear, Where no fear was, For Elohim shall scatter the bones Of him who encamps against you. You shall put them to shame, For Elohim has rejected them.

Psa 53:6 O that the deliverance of Yisra’ël Would be given out of Tsiyon! When Elohim turns back the captivity of His people, Let Ya’aqob rejoice, let Yisra’ël be glad.

Cry out to the one who upholds you in His righteous right hand! No weapon formed against YHWH's people shall prosper.

Isa 54:17 “No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall prove wrong. **This is the inheritance of the servants of יהוה, and their righteousness from Me.**” declares יהוה.

Psalm 54

YHWH Upholds My Life

Psa 54:1 O Elohim, save me by Your Name, And rightly rule me by Your might.

Psa 54:2 Hear my prayer, O Elohim; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

Psa 54:3 For strangers have risen up against me, And cruel men have sought after my life; They have not set Elohim before them. Selah.

Psa 54:4 See, Elohim is my helper; יהוה is with those who sustain my life.

Psa 54:5 He repays evil to my enemies. Cut them off in Your truth.

Psa 54:6 Voluntarily I slaughter to You; I praise Your Name, O יהוה, for it is good.

Psa 54:7 For He has delivered me out of all distress; And my eye has looked upon my enemies.

Isaiah 6

Isaiah 6 is amazing. He has a vision of being in the very presence of YHWH, who is holy, holy, holy. Isaiah describes the scene.

Isaiah's Vision of YHWH

Isa 6:1 In the year that Sovereign Uzziyahu died, I saw יהוה sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the Hēkāl.

Isa 6:2 Above it stood seraphim. Each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

Isa 6:3 And one cried to another and said, “Set-apart, set-apart, set-apart is יהוה of hosts; all the earth is filled with His esteem!”

Isa 6:4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isa 6:5 And I said, “Woe to me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips – for my eyes have seen the Sovereign, יהוה of hosts.”

Isa 6:6 And one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the slaughter-place.

Isa 6:7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said, “See, this has touched your lips;

your crookedness is taken away, and your sin is covered.”

Isaiah says, ‘Woe is me!’ Isaiah knew he was but a man of unclean lips and lived amid unclean people. His eyes had seen the Sovereign which would normally require death. A seraph intervenes by covering or taking away Isaiah’s sin; by using tongs to pick up a live coal from the slaughter-place and touches his mouth.

Note there is a slaughter-place in this scene. Remember Moses had been instructed to make an exact replica on earth of the heavenly furnishings he had been shown. The heavenly ones also had to be cleansed; but they would be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb! Remember Yahusha was slain before the foundations of the world. Rev 13:8 And all those dwelling on the earth, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of **the slain Lamb, from the foundation of the world shall worship him.**

Heb 9:23 **It was necessary, then, that the copies of the heavenly ones should be cleansed with these, but the heavenly ones themselves with better slaughter offerings than these.**

Heb 9:24 **For Messiah has not entered into a Set-apart Place made by hand** – figures of the true – but into the heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Elohim on our behalf,

Heb 9:25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the Set-apart Place year by year with blood not his own.

Heb 9:26 For if so, He would have had to suffer often, since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared **once for all** at the end of the ages to put away sin by the offering of Himself.

Isaiah is given a prophetic commission that will again occur in the end of days. Prophecies usually are repeated 2-3 times.

Isaiah's Commission from YHWH

Isa 6:8 And I heard the voice of יהוה, saying, “Whom do I send, and who would go for Us?” And I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Isa 6:9 And He said, “Go, and you shall say to this people, ‘Hearing, you hear, but do not understand; and seeing, you see, but do not know.’”

Isa 6:10 “Make the heart of this people fat, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and shall turn and be healed.”

Isa 6:11 Then I said, **יהוה, until when?” And He answered,**

- ✚ “Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant,
- ✚ and the houses are without a man,
- ✚ and the land is laid waste, a ruin,
- ✚ **Isa 6:12** and יהוה has removed men far away, and the forsaken places be many in the midst of the land.

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Isa 6:13 “**But still, there is a tenth part in it**, and it shall again be for a burning, like a terebinth tree and like an oak, whose stump remains when it is cut down. The set-apart seed is its stump!”

Mar 13:20 “And **if the Master had not shortened those days, no flesh would have been saved**; but **because of the chosen ones**, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

Rom 11:5 So therefore also, **at this present time a remnant according to the choice of favour has come to be.**

Rom 11:6 And if by favour, it is no longer of works, otherwise favour is no longer favour. And if it is of works, it is no longer favour, otherwise work is no longer work.

Hebrews 13

The author of Hebrews 13 gives final words for pleasing sacrifices to YHWH; sacrifices of love, respect of marriage covenants, of sharing, of prayer, of encouragement, and of support for one another. Especially to those that are in chains, as well as, for those leading others that speak the Word of YHWH. Be content in what YHWH has given us knowing that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Do not be deceived by strange teachings of placing people back under such things as **the Book of the Law** or oral Talmudic traditions; for those false teachers **have no right to the altar outside the camp** where Yahusha suffered to set-apart the people with His own blood.

Sacrifices Pleasing to YHWH

Heb 13:1 Let the brotherly love continue.

Heb 13:2 Do not forget to receive strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained messengers.

Heb 13:3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them, and those being mistreated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

Heb 13:4 Let marriage be respected by all, and the bed be undefiled. But Elohim shall judge those who whore, and adulterers.

Heb 13:5 Let your way of life be without the love of silver,^a and be satisfied with what you have. For He Himself has said, “**I shall never leave you nor forsake you,**”

Deu 31:6 Footnote: ^aImplying money.

Heb 13:6 so that we boldly say, **“יהוה is my helper, I shall not fear what man shall do to me.”** **Psa 118:6.**

Heb 13:7 Remember those leading you, who spoke the Word of Elohim to you. Consider the outcome of their behavior and imitate their belief.

Heb 13:8 יהושע Messiah is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Heb 13:9 Do not be borne about by various and [strange teachings](#).^b For it is good for the heart to be established by favor, **not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.** Footnote: ^b [Eph 4:14](#).

Heb 13:10 **We have a slaughter-place from which those serving the Tent have no authority to eat.**

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the Set-apart Place by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Heb 13:12 And **so יהושע** also suffered outside the gate, to set apart the people with His own blood.

Heb 13:13 **Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.**

Heb 13:14 For we have no lasting city here, but we seek the one coming.

Heb 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer **up a slaughter offering of praise to Elohim, that is, the fruit^c of our lips, giving thanks to His Name.** Footnote: ^cOr “bulls of our lips” – See [Hos 14:2](#).

Heb 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share, for with such slaughter offerings Elohim is well pleased.

Heb 13:17 Obey those leading you, and be subject *to them*, for they watch for your lives, as having to give account. Let them do so with joy and not groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Heb 13:18 Pray for us, for we trust that we have a good conscience, desiring to behave well in every way.

Heb 13:19 But I particularly encourage you to do this, that I might be restored to you the sooner.

Benediction

Heb 13:20 And the Elohim of peace who brought up our Master יהושע from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Heb 13:21 make you [perfect^d](#) in every good work to do His desire, [working in you^e](#) what is pleasing in His sight, through יהושע Messiah, to whom be esteem forever and ever. Aměn. Footnotes: ^d [Mat 5:48](#). ^eSee [Gal 2:20](#), [Php 2:13](#).

Final Greetings

Heb 13:22 And I call upon you, brothers, bear with the word of encouragement for I have written to you in few words.

Heb 13:23 Know that brother Timotiyos has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

Heb 13:24 Greet all those leading you, and all the set-apart ones. Those from Italy greet you.

Heb 13:25 Favour be with you all. Aměn.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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