

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

UNLEASHING THE POWER OF GOD

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PART 6: DIVINE JUDGMENT

The twelve tribes of Israel were fiercely independent and each tribe had its own leadership, which consisted of a main ruling prince, who in turn had clan princes under him. Some of the tribes were larger than the others. Judah numbered 186,400 men, Ephraim 108,100 men, while the tribe of Benjamin only had 35,400 men. **Numbers 2:9; 2:24; 2:23**

THE REBELLION

After the leadership of ten of the tribes rebelled against God and wanted to go back to Egypt, a second rebellion broke out with the tribes of Levi and Reuben. At this time the tribe of Reuben numbered 46,500 men. **Numbers 2:11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-10; James 1:5-8**

The rebellion against Moses and his leadership was started by three men. Korah was a Levite, his father was a brother to Moses' father, making Korah and Moses cousins. **Exodus 6:18-21**

Dathan and Abiram were from the tribe of Reuben. These three men were able to persuade 250 princes from other tribes to join a conspiracy with the goal of removing Moses from his position of leadership. **Numbers 16:1-2**

Korah, full of confidence with so many well-known princes, must have felt that he could openly confront Moses and Aaron and accuse them of abusing their roles as leaders of the tribes. **verse 3**

As a Levite, Korah was assigned to work as one of the priests in the tabernacle, but it is obvious that he was dissatisfied with his position and wanted the position God had given to Moses. It is not any stretch of the imagination to see that Lucifer had taken control of Korah because it was a similar rebellion to what he had done in the past. **Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:14-18**

Moses knew this was not a small rebellion but a serious threat that would be impossible to resolve in the flesh and relied upon the supernatural power of God. **Numbers 16:4-7**

Moses confronted Korah in front of the people and asked why he was not content with his assignment to serve in the tabernacle. **verses 8-11**

Moses also wanted to confront Dathan and Abiram but they refused to meet with him. Instead, they sent a message which accused Moses of bringing them out of Egypt flowing with milk and honey, into a wilderness where they would surely die. They also accused Moses of having made himself a ruler over all the tribes.

The indictments didn't stop there as they said Moses lied when he had told the people he was bringing them into a land flowing with milk and honey. Then they claimed Moses had put out the eyes of men who opposed him. **verses 12-14**



MOSES LOST HIS TEMPER

The charges against Moses caused him to lose his temper and he was beside himself. These were blatant lies from Satan which implied that Moses had never heard from God, that Moses had not been sent from God and that Moses was a manipulating, power hungry dictator. **verse 15**

Moses recognized that the issue had to be resolved quickly before the rebellion spread to the entire congregation. **verses 16-17**

THE SHOWDOWN

The next day was full of tension as the children of Israel realized that Korah was challenging Moses and ready to remove him from power. The people were not happy with Moses and they agreed with Dathan and Abiram that the exodus from Egypt was a mistake and that Moses was to be blamed for uprooting them from Egypt. **verse 18**

Korah must have felt that he finally had Moses cornered and this was the day he would topple Moses and kill him. **verse 19**

God up to this point had silently observed the escalation of the rebellion and was ready to kill them all. **verses 20-21**

Moses and Aaron proved once again they were men of God who loved their people as they fell on their faces and interceded for God to only kill those in leadership of the rebellion. **verse 22**

God responded and told Moses to have the people separate themselves from the people who had instigated the rebellion. **verses 23-26**

The fear of God must have fallen on the people as they separated themselves from the rebels. **verse 27**

MOVING INTO THE SUPERNATURAL

Moses recognized that the accusations against Aaron and himself had to be eradicated once and for all and that the execution of the rebels had to be accomplished supernaturally or people would argue afterwards that it was done by the hands of Moses and Aaron. **verses 28-30**

Moses spoke in faith and God supernaturally did what only He could do. **verses 31-33**

This miraculous act of God instilled such fear into the remaining Israelites that they fled. **verse 34**

God not only killed the rebellious leadership and their families but the 250 followers of Korah that tried to sacrifice to the Lord also perished. **verse 35**

God wanted future generations to remember what had transpired, therefore, the 250 censers were made into a covering for the altar. **verses 36-40**

SATAN NEVER GIVES UP

Satan must have sent demons to visit the different tribal sections, whispering in the ears of the people that Moses and Aaron had killed Korah and his group through witchcraft.

As a result, all the people of Israel murmured and accused Moses and Aaron the next day. **verses 41**

Hundreds of thousands of men gathered against Moses and Aaron and their lives were in danger once more. God moved in and started preparation to slaughter the people once and for all. **verses 42-45**

Moses and Aaron once again interceded on behalf of the people and God's wrath was stayed but 14,700 persons were killed by the plague as a result of the rebellion. **verses 46-50**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS EVENT

God will protect His work on earth. Satan has tried to corrupt the human race for more than 6,000 years. **Genesis 6:1-8**

Satan has worked hard to cause men to sin, to kill one another, to get into idol worship and to destroy the bloodline of Jesus.

He instigated the killing of Jesus on the cross but did not know that the plan would backfire. **1 Corinthians 2:7-8**

The Devil created a monster called the Roman Catholic Church, which murdered millions of people over a period of 1,600 years. He has created every false religion in the world, he has infiltrated every Christian church to corrupt them from within, he has altered the Bible with perverted translations and the list goes on and on. In all these battles, God has always been able to preserve a remnant of faithful men and women who stayed true and God will always continue to have a strong remnant that never will be defeated. **Matthew 16:15-19**

You and I must live in the supernatural, expecting miracles as we fight the Devil and his fallen angels on this earth! It is important to remember that we can only be victorious if we choose to live in the supernatural power of God. **Revelation 12:10-11**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?