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Shabbat Message

# **Korach / Korah / קֹרַח**

**Numbers 16:1-18:32**

## **Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life**

### **The Rod of God**

#### **Introduction**

In this portion of the Torah we see that Korach rose up and stood against Yehovah and His people Israel. Korach was a Levite and they do have special privileges to minister before Yehovah. The first question I ask is this why do you want to be in ministry? For yourself and your own grandeur or that you might reach someone for the Kingdom of Yehovah and to see it

grow. Korach had a wrong spirit and did not accept the authority of Moses and Aaron.

## The Budding Rod to Be a Symbol

### Numbers 17:2-3

1. The rod was the official symbol of the tribal chieftain which in Babylonia and Egypt often designed to represent its owner.
2. One word (Hb matteh) means both "tribe" and "rod/staff/scepter, and each carried some signification of tribal identity.
3. In this context the names were inscribed for identification. Perhaps the names were those of the patriarchal leaders who took the census of the military in chapter 1.

## Test of Leadership

### Numbers 17:4

1. The solemnity of the test of leadership was evidenced by the placement of the inscribed staffs in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony.
2. This is where the High Priest went once a year on the Day of Atonement to cleanse the holy place because of the sins of the people.
3. This is where the very presence of Yehovah dwelt with Israel.

# The Aaronic Priesthood

## Numbers 17:8

1. The fourfold statement of the miraculous produce from Aaron's staff (was budded and brought forth buds and bloomed blossoms and yielded almonds),heightened the drama with Elohim the priority of the Aaronic priesthood.
2. In Jeremiah's call to ministry (Jer 1:4) his vision of the budding almond branch demonstrated Elohim's concern that His word and his will be accomplished in the life of the prophet and the nation (Jer 1:11-12).
3. The white blossoms of the budding almond tree were a symbol of holiness and purity that Elohim expected from His faithful priestly servants. The Aaronic priest were to serve as mediators between Elohim and Israel. Holiness and purity were to permeate their words as they taught the people of Elohim the statutes and precepts of the Lord. (Lev 10:11).

# The Proof of Aaron

## Numbers 17:10

1. After Moses showed the other tribal leaders the collection of tribal staffs they were able to see Elohim's blessing upon Aaron's staff.
2. Then Moses placed Aaron's staff in front of the Ark of the covenant as a sign against the

rebels that Elohim had indeed chosen the Aaronic line for priestly service. Aaron's priestly line prefigured the high priesthood of Yeshua HaMashiach who exemplified the qualities of purity and holiness in his earthly ministry.

3. He is a priest of a higher order of Mechizedek offered Himself as the unblemished paschal lamb for our sins. In light of the priesthood of the believer in Messiah, the need for purity and holiness in Messianic service is duly emphasized.

## **The Faithful Moses**

### **Numbers 17:11**

1. Moses the faithful and humble servant of Elohim carried out Yehovah's instructions.
2. Even when the opposition again had placed a heavy burden on his shoulders He was faithful!
3. In the manner of Rabbi Paul's words in Rom 12:1 Moses offered himself as a living and holy sacrifice in service to Elohim.

## **Take Away**

1. The Priesthood of Aaron was chosen by Elohim and not by man.
2. Korach was a Levite but now from Aaron meaning He had his own responsibilities.
3. The Aaronic Priesthood represented a more eternal priesthood Yeshua's Priesthood.

# Application

1. I will be content with the responsibility that Yehovah has given me and not covet what others have.
2. I will be thankful for Yeshua's eternal priesthood.
3. I will strive to be like Moses and obey all of the instructions of Yehovah.

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