



## **Korah's Rebellion: Numbers 16**

### **Lesson 41 Visuals**

- **Korah was the main leader in the rebellion against Moses and Aaron.**
- **Korah was a Levite just like Moses and Aaron but he thought he and others also deserved to be priests.**
- **250 men followed Korah, Dathan and Abiram to rebel against Moses and Aaron.**
- **The Lord said that He was going to reveal who He would allow to come near Him as priests.**



- **Moses told Korah and the other men to take firepans and come before the Lord's presence so that the Lord could reveal who could come near Him as priests.**
- **Korah said he was coming against Moses and Aaron but he was really coming against the LORD.**
- **The next morning, the 250 men came with their firepans. But then ALL the Israelites came against Moses and Aaron.**
- **God was ready then to destroy ALL the Israelites.**



- **Moses and Aaron prayed for God to have mercy on them and not destroy all the Israelites.**
- **God gave the Israelites mercy but said, “Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.”**
- **Moses told the Israelites that the ground would open and swallow Korah, Dathan and Abiram before it happened.**
- **Korah, Dathan and Abiram died when the ground opened. They fell inside and then the ground closed back.**



- **Fire came out from the Lord's presence and destroyed the 250 men carrying those firepans who had rebelled against the Lord.**
- **The Lord God was the One who struck Korah, Dathan, Abiram and the 250 men dead. But the Israelites blamed Moses and Aaron.**
- **God did not destroy the Israelites because Moses and Aaron begged God for mercy.**
- **Moses and Aaron were acting like Jesus.**
- **Jesus said on the cross, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing."**



- **Similar to Jesus asking for mercy for those who treated Him terribly, Moses and Aaron asked for mercy for those who treated them terribly.**
- **Aaron stood between the living and the dead and was able to stop the plague from killing more people.**
- **The plague killed 14,700 people.**
- **Aaron made atonement for the Israelites.**
- **Aaron's act of atonement kept more people from dying.**
- **Atonement means to reconcile, to fix the broken relationship between God and man.**



- **Aaron stopped the plague when He ran in and offered incense. His obedience stopped the plague.**
- **Jesus still stands between the living and the dead because He offered His whole body, taking the punishment for sin.**
- **The story of Korah's rebellion teaches us that we should respect the leaders that God has put in charge.**



- In God's grace, Korah's descendants were mightily used by God. Samuel became a priest and mightily used prophet of God. The Sons of Korah wrote 11 Psalms.
- Sons of Korah wrote Psalm 42:1 "As a deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." and Psalm 46:1-2a "God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..." and then, Psalm 84:2: "My soul yearns, even, faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."