

In the Wilderness Series: The LORD's Called and the Self-Appointed

The Lesson of Korah's Rebellion:

Jude 10 – 13

10 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively.

11 Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion.

12 These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted;

13 wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.

The True and Better High Priest that Korah Rejected

Hebrews 8:1 - 2

1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,

2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

Who was Korah?

Exodus 6:16 - 21

16 These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari, the years of the life of Levi being 137 years.

17 The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, by their clans.

18 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, the years of the life of Kohath being 133 years.

19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Levites according to their generations.

20 Amram took as his wife Jochebed his father's sister, and she bore him Aaron and Moses, the years of the life of Amram being 137 years.

21 The sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri.

It Is Against the LORD That You and All Your Company Have Gathered Together

Psalms 2:1 - 2

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed

The Responsibility of the Kohathites

Numbers 4:15 And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, as the camp sets out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry these, but they must not touch the holy things, lest they die. These are the things of the tent of meeting that the sons of Kohath are to carry.

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The Death of Aaron's Two Eldest Sons

Leviticus 10:1 – 3

1 Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them.

2 And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD.

3 Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD has said: 'Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.'" And Aaron held his peace.

Will you put out the eyes of these men?

Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous.

Swallowed/Covered - *bāla*'

Numbers 16:32 CSB The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, all Korah's people, and all their possessions.

Numbers 4:20 CSB "The Kohathites are not to go in and look at the holy objects as they are covered or they will die."

But Who Didn't Stand With Korah?

Numbers 26:10 - 11

10 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured 250 men, and they became a warning.

11 But the sons of Korah did not die.

- Korah has living descendants numbered in the new census: **Numbers 26:58**
 - As well as in **1st Chronicles 6:18-22** and **9:19** as "the keepers of the door"
- And 11 Psalms are attributed as "A Psalm of the Sons of Korah"
 - **42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 84, 85, 87, and 88**

Why Wouldn't God Allow Korah or Anyone Else Take Aaron's Role?

Hebrews 5:4 - 5

4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

Hebrews 9:23 – 28

26a But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.