

Parashah 38 Tidbit
Korach, קָרַח, Uncovered
Numbers 16:1 – 18:32
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Korach, קָרַח, means uncovered.

While the name Korach does mean uncovered, it also means, baldness, and it is also translated as ice, turn into ice, frost. **IF** a person is uncovered, it means that for some reason or other they have been left out in the cold. This portion of the Torah, is about what happens, when anyone chooses to rebel against, Yahweh Elohim, and His appointed leaders, and throughout this Parashah, it talks about the rebellion, covetousness, jealousy and pride of some of the Leaders of the tribes of people of Yisrael. It also teaches us, that all people **WILL** indeed reap, what they have sown as these wicked leaders did.

Therefore it is very important that we all understand, that **IF** any one, keeps having recurring problems in their lives, then maybe, just maybe, they should do an inventory of how they conduct their own daily lives, to see, **IF** they do indeed have any of the detrimental attributes, the bad attitudes, the despicable conditions, that these wicked Yisraelite leaders had, floating around in the background of their day to day lives, and, **IF** they are honest with themselves, and they do indeed find that there are areas that might need a little bit of cleaning up, then this Parashah, **IS FOR THEM.**

I believe, that if we are truly honest with ourselves, when we search our lives for any of these attributes, that we will more than likely find, that to some degree or another, we all have problems with one or two of these areas in our lives. Now, knowing that, let's look into this Parashah and see if we can find who or what might help us to see how the situation got out of hand for some of the people of Yisrael.

Korach, קָרַח, is the son of Kohath, קֹהָת, who is a Levite. Dathan, דָּתָן and Abiram, אֲבִירָם are sons of Eliab or Eliav, אֵלִיָּאֵב, and On, אֹנִן, is the son of Pelet, פִּלֵּת, and these three, are all from the Tribe of Reuben, רְאוּבֵן. The first born doon of Ya'aqov and Leah.

As you know, I believe that Yahweh has embedded messages and or lessons for us to learn, in the definition of the names of the people, that He sovereignly chooses to use in the Scriptures. Here, I believe that within the definition of these names, **IS OUR** life story, the story of those who have willingly chosen, to accept the Word of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, Messiah, as their Master and Saviour, and it is also the story of the people of Yisrael.

The definition of the names of some of the leaders of the people of Yisrael, indicate to me, the state of mind that all people are in, before they accept the salvation grace, of our heavenly Father, and, the peace and safety, that is achieved once a person willingly chooses to surrender their lives to Him. Scripture makes it very clear that once anyone, willingly chooses to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions,

once they start to believe, the **TRUTH**, which is defined as the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, in **Psalm 119:142**, then, they will experience the freedom that Yahweh, has promised all people who make that paradigm change, in their daily lives.

These are the names that are mentioned at the beginning of this Parashah:

Korach, קֹרַח:	uncovered	Abiyram, אֲבִירָם:	exalted Father
Yitzhar, יִצְחָר:	oil, anointing	Eliyav, אֱלִיָּאָב:	Elohim is my Father
Qehat, קֵהָת:	ally	On, אֹן:	ability, power, wealth
Leviy, לֵוִי:	attached, joined	Pelet, פֵּלֶת:	flee, swiftness
Datan, דָּתָן:	strong	Reuben, רְאוּבֵן:	see you a son

This is the message that I get out of the definition of the names of the people that Yahweh sovereignly chose to put in charge of the people of Yisrael. Yahweh saw our sorry state, and that we were **without covering**, without protection against satan and his deceitful lying ways, in this world of ours, and that we were doomed to live in Sin, in a constant state of transgressions of the Words of His Torah of Life, and, because of it, we would have to pay the ultimate price; and that is, that we would all die, and be lost forever, because, according to Scripture, the wages of Sin, the price of transgressing the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, is **DEATH**. However, because of His great love for us, His forgiving nature and His infinite Grace and Mercy, He chose to **anoint** the people who would make the choice to **ally** themselves with Him, and be **attached** and or **joined** to Him, and He adopted the people, who willingly and lovingly choose to turn to Him, as His adopted sons and daughters.

Yahweh wants us to realize, that When we willingly and lovingly choose to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, He gladly **joins** Himself to us, and becomes our **strong exalted Father**, and through His Holy Spirit, He **causes** each and every willing, contrite, surrendered obedient loving heart, to follow and obey the Words of His beautiful inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, which teaches all of us, that He is our **exalted Father** and that we are to call Him Abba, Daddy. He wants us to understand, that as our loving Father, He fills us with His Holy Spirit, who is tasked with giving every surrendered contrite obedient heart, that will allow Him, **the ability**, to use His **strength**, and **power to** overcome the lust of our flesh, and He also gave us **power** to attain **wealth** through obedience to His Word.

Deuteronomy 8:18. Through His grace and mercy, He has enabled us to **flee** from our **sinful** ways and behaviours, and the clutch of the devil's deceptive ways, by giving us the ultimate gift, His Word made Flesh, **His Living Torah, our Messiah, His Son** who became flesh, and dwelt among us, to teach us, through His exemplary Torah obedient Life, how **WE**, are to live the very same Torah obedient sinless life, that He lived while He was here on earth with us, and the only way to do that **IS**, by willingly choosing to fully surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father and make a commitment that from this point on, willingly and lovingly we choose to believe, follow, and obey all the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instruction, the Words of His eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, who died on the cross in our stead, for our salvation.

This, my friends, is the Elohim that we have chosen to believe, follow, obey, and serve, the One and only true Elohim, who loves all of us **unconditionally** with a perfect infinite love. Let us therefore,

resolve in our own minds and hearts, **today**, that we will **NOT** be like Qorach and the others who rebelled against Mosheh, who represents, and is a shadow picture of Yahweh's Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, let us **NOT** reject the perfect **COVERING** of our heavenly Father, **BUT**, instead, let us willingly embrace all that He has for us, by willingly and lovingly surrendering our lives to Him in complete loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life, everyday of our lives. Amen.

The story goes on, and tells us that that Qorach, like Mosheh and Aharon, is a third generation Levite. Mosheh and Aharon are from their father Amram, the first born of Qohat, the son of Levi and Qorach is the first born son, of Yitzhar, the second born son of Qohat.

Since Mosheh was ruler over all of the people of Yisrael, and Aharon was the High Priest, Qorach thought and believed in his heart, that it was **HIS RIGHT**, as the first born son of the second son of Qehat, to be named the Prince of the Qehatiy, **BUT** instead, Qorach was passed over, and Mosheh appointed his cousin Eliytzaphan.

(אֱלִי־צַפָּחַן, Eli Tzaphan, where the word, Eli means, My Elohim, and the word Tzaphan, means, to hide, conceal, to lie hidden, to decode, decipher, to go north, turn north)

Eliytzaphan was named Prince over the Qehatiy (*Numbers 3:30*). I believe this was seen as an insult and was one of the principle reasons why Qorach chose to rebel against Mosheh and Aharon, and ultimately against Yahweh.

Verse 3 And they gathered themselves together against Mosheh and against Aharon, and said unto them, YOU take TOO MUCH upon yourselves, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Yahweh IS among them: WHY THEN, DO YOU LIFT UP YOURSELVES ABOVE THE CONGREGATION OF YAHWEH?

By himself, Korach lacked the power and clout that he needed to overthrow Mosheh, so he sought out other **disgruntled rebels** to join him in his rebellion. The perfect choice, were the grandsons of Reuben, Dathan, Abiram, and On the son of Peleth, because, Reuben was the first born of Jacob, and as you know, He too was passed over. These other leaders therefore, believed, that as descendants of Reuben, the first born son of Ya'aqov, that **THEY** were the ones that should have been appointed leaders, instead of Mosheh and Aharon. Therefore, together, in their jealous hearts, they mounted this rebellion against Elohim's anointed one, Mosheh. While Qorach felt kinship with the sons of Reuben, because they too were passed over for the leadership roll, they, the grandsons of Reuben had a different complaint.

Dathan and Abiram's complaint is found in *Numbers 16:12* where they are angry with Mosheh for causing them to wander in the wilderness for forty years as prescribed by Elohim, rather than entering the Promised Land, the Land of milk and honey. They actually called **Egypt**, the land that they had left behind, the **land of milk and honey**. These disgruntled leaders went on to arouse the anger of another **two hundred and fifty men**, all leaders of their own tribal divisions, and the Scriptures say, they were **men of renown**, and they were manipulated into joining Qorach's rebellious cause, for there is strength in numbers.

Things are no different today, we see people from the so called houses of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, living sinful lives, and gathering allies, not only to support them in their

sinful lifestyle, but, to encourage them to accept, sanction, approve and even applaud, their debased lifestyles, and cause many abominable practices, and degenerate lifestyles to be taught to our children, under the guise of tolerance and political correctness and anti-bullying, etc. and it goes without saying that we cannot allow such things to take place in the houses of Elohim.

Mosheh's and Aharon's Tribe, the Levites, were appointed by Elohim to replace, or be payment for the first born sons of Yisrael. To add insult to injury in Korach's mind, there were 22,000 Levites that were counted and 22,273 firstborn sons of Yisrael; leaving 273 firstborn sons that had to pay **FIVE** shekels to be redeemed, and that money went to Aharon and his sons.

*Numbers 3:39;-51 All that were numbered of the Levites, which Mosheh and Aharon numbered at the Commandment of Yahweh, throughout their families, **ALL** the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand. And Yahweh said unto Mosheh, Number **ALL** the firstborn of the males of the children of Yisrael from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. And you shall take the Levites for me (I am Yahweh) **instead of ALL** the firstborn among the children of Yisrael; and the **cattle of the Levites, instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Yisrael.** And Mosheh numbered, as Yahweh Commanded him, **ALL** the firstborn among the children of Yisrael. And **ALL** the firstborn males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were **twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.** And Yahweh spoke unto Mosheh, saying, Take the Levites **instead of all the firstborn among the children of Yisrael,** and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and **the Levites shall be Mine: I am Yahweh.** And for those that are to be redeemed of the **two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Yisrael,** which are more than the Levites; You shall even take **FIVE** shekels apiece, by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shall you take them: (the shekel is twenty Gerahs:;) And you shall give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto **Aharon and to his sons.** And Mosheh took the **redemption money** of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites: Of the firstborn of the children of Yisrael took he the money; **a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels,** after the shekel of the sanctuary: And Mosheh gave the money of them that were redeemed unto **Aharon and to his sons,** according to the word of Yahweh, as Yahweh Commanded Mosheh.*

In *Numbers 16:9-11* we see what Qorach was after. He was after the position of High Priest. He felt he should be High Priest instead of Aharon.

Mosheh said to him: *Does it seem like a small thing unto you, that the Elohim of Yisrael has separated you from the congregation of Yisrael, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of Yahweh, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? And He has brought you near to Him, and all your brethren, the sons of Levi with you: **and You seek the priesthood ALSO?** For which cause, both you and all your company are gathered together **against Yahweh:** and what **IS** Aharon, that you murmur against him? And Mosheh sent to call Datan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: who said, We will **NOT** come up: Is it a small thing that you Mosheh, have brought us up **out of a land (Egypt) THAT FLOWS WITH MILK AND HONEY, TO KILL US** in the wilderness, except **YOU MAKE YOURSELF ALTOGETHER A PRINCE OVER US?** Moreover, you Mosheh, have **NOT** brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey, or given us an inheritance of fields nor vineyards: will You, Mosheh, put out the eyes of these men? **We will not come up.***

Here in these *verses*, we can clearly see, that we do indeed reap what we have sown, for as we read on in *Numbers 16*, we will see what happened to Qorach, Datan and Abiram. Miryam and Aharon on the other hand, also had a similar complaint against Mosheh in *Numbers 12:1-2*. They envied Mosheh, because, they believed, that as the elder siblings of Mosheh, **THEY** were the ones that should at least have the same authority as Mosheh, **IF NOT MORE**.

Now we see the Words of Yahweh come to life, **FOR**, since Aharon chose to judge Mosheh, **NOW**, he, Aharon is being judged by Qorach and all the others. The seed of **jealousy and rebellion** goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden, where Adam rebelled against Elohim's Torah, and Cain rebelled against Yahweh and killed his brother, because of his rebellious jealous heart. Many people rebel against the **yoke of leadership for personal gain and or principle**. This type of behaviour, will always end up in disaster, and maybe even death. As we read on, we will see that it was certainly a death sentence for those that rebelled in the wilderness. We simply have to understand that Rebellion has no place in the body of Messiah.

Yahweh continues to raise up good and wise teachers and leaders among His family of believers, and yet, we still see **jealousy, selfishness, covetousness and envy** present in the houses of Elohim of today, and these attributes will continuously create discord and division among the body of Messiah. *1 Corinthians 3:3 For you are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are you not carnal, and walk as men?*

The Talmud teaches, that the temple was destroyed **because of baseless hatred and jealousy of one another**, and the church hierarchy, isn't any different today. Instead of aspiring to be servants, it seems that everybody wants to lead, and as Messiah taught, **after pride comes the fall**. What we must understand, is that when we begin to judge one another, and speak out against one another, we become partners with satan, in his ministry of accusation.

So, in our Torah portion for today, we see that Qorach, Natan, Abiram, On, and the two hundred and fifty men are actually **participating with satan in his ministry of accusation**, while Mosheh and Aharon are on their faces on the ground, once more, practising the ministry of Messiah, the ministry of the humble servant and intercessor, *Numbers 16:4*

In *verse 28* we see that Mosheh says something, that our Messiah, also said, when He was here on earth with us. Mosheh says: *verse 28 Hereby you shall KNOW that Yahweh has sent me to do all these works; for I have NOT done them of my own mind.*

In *John 10:37 If I DO NOT DO the Works of My Father, THEN, DON'T believe Me. 38 BUT, IF I DO, DO THEM, even though you may NOT believe Me, BELIEVE THE WORKS: that you may know, and believe, that the Father IS IN ME, AND I IN HIM.*

John 12:49 For I have NOT spoken of Myself; BUT the Father who SENT Me, He gave Me a Commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

These words serve to further confirm that Mosheh **IS** indeed a shadow picture of our Messiah and His ministry here on earth.

Let us all be very careful and diligent in order that we do not fall into the same trap of seeking **our own honour, our own security, or own position, and our own will**, as Qorach, Datan, Abiram, On,

and the two hundred and fifty other leaders, did, and become part of satan's ministry of accusation. **BUT** instead, let us learn to have *a servant's humble heart as Mosheh did*, and pray and intercede for one another, and then, with the help of Yahweh's Holy Spirit, we **WILL** be able to move mountains to help the body of Messiah. ***Seek first the Kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness***, should become our daily mantra.

Mosheh commanded Qorach and the rebellious crowd, to come before Yahweh the very next day, and he told them, that they were to bring their censors with them, and put fire in them before Yahweh, and he said, *it shall be that whomever Yahweh does choose, he shall be Holy*.

Mosheh continues on to tell this rebellious bunch that Yahweh has honoured them, by separating them from the congregation, to bring them near to Himself, to do service in the Tabernacle of Yahweh, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them, and Mosheh says: *this is how you **repay** Yahweh, by rebelling against His anointed Ones*.

Please remember, that when Mosheh called Datan and Abiram to come before Yahweh the next day, they rebelled again and said, *we will **NOT** come up before Yahweh as **YOU** have commanded*.

Despite their refusal to obey Mosheh's command to come, they had a change of heart and decided the next day, they would show up at the door of the Tabernacle, with their censors filled with the fire they had put in them, along with the incense. And they came before Yahweh, and Yahweh appeared unto the whole congregation and said to Mosheh and Aharon, ***separate yourselves from among this congregation***.

Here we see that Yahweh is preparing to do something, Yahweh was going to smite them **ALL**, and what did Mosheh and Aharon do? Both of them, Aharon and Mosheh, fell on their faces before Yahweh Elohim, and pleaded with Him to save the congregation, even though, they had participated in the murmuring against Mosheh and Aharon. So Yahweh instructs Mosheh to speak to the congregation, and instruct them to separate themselves from the Rebellious group of Qorach, Datan, Abiram and On.

In *verse 32* we see what happened to Qorach and the other three men that were his allies, *And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and **all the men** that appertained unto Qorach, and all their goods. 33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation*.

Qorach, Datan, Abiram, and On, were swallowed alive by the earth, and the two hundred and fifty men that had joined themselves onto them, to rebel against Mosheh and Aharon, were **burned alive** for their part in this rebellious act.

Verse 35 And there came out a fire from YHVH, and consumed the **two hundred and fifty men** that offered incense.

Qorach, Datan, Abiram, and On, murmured and complained against the Land, and the Land swallowed them up, and the two hundred and fifty men murmured against Yahweh's anointed One, and they were burned to death. This story reminds me of the strange fire that Nadab and Abihu, the

sons of Aharon brought before Yahweh and were consumed by fire. They too had a wrong heart, towards Yahweh and His people, and suffered the consequences.

I want all of you to see the great significance of what is happening here. As you know or should know, Mosheh represents, and is a shadow picture of Messiah, who is the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, which means, that the name Mosheh and the Torah **ARE** synonymous terms. You might ask why is that significant? Well, **IF** Mosheh does indeed represent the Torah, as Scripture quite clearly points out that he does, then **IF** anyone tries to do away with the actual **WORD of ELOHIM's Torah of Life**, as these people tried to get rid of Mosheh, then they can expect the very same results, that Qorach, Dathan, Abiram, and On, and their two hundred and fifty compatriots received, they will indeed be put to death, but this second death, will be a permanent and everlasting death.

Yahweh is **NOT** mocked my friends, and His Torah, will stand forever, while those who murmur against any of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, will **NOT** have everlasting Life.

I have two *verses* that I would like to quote;

*Exodus 19:9 And Yahweh said unto Mosheh, Lo, I Yahweh come unto **YOU** Mosheh, in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear* (shemah, which means, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey) *the Words that I speak to **YOU**, and **BELIEVE YOU FOR EVER**;*

And in:

*Hebrews 10:28 It says, He that despises Mosheh's Torah (Law) **DIES** without mercy, under two or three witnesses.*

Yahweh has made it abundantly clear throughout Scripture, that He wants **ALL** of His Children to **BELIEVE FOLLOW AND OBEY ALL THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH**, that He so graciously gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinay, and **IF** anyone chooses to discard and or toss out any or all the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, as yesterday's trash, **THEN**, they **DO SO at their own peril**, for they are going against the wishes of the omnipotent and omniscient Creator of the universe, and whether they know it or not, they are actually supporting the works of satan.

Therefore, beware, be alert, and **always** search the Scriptures to ensure that whatever your teachers are telling you, lines up perfectly with **ALL** the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, for we are all personally responsible to work out our own salvation.

The process is very simple my friends, **IF WHATEVER YOUR TEACHER IS TEACHING YOU, DOES NOT LINE UP PERFECTLY WITH THE WORD OF ELOHIM's TORAH OF LIFE, THEN** find yourself another teacher, whose words **DO indeed LINE UP with ALL the Words of Elohim's Torah of Life**, for it is Elohim's one and only **TRUTH**.

We have to understand, that ultimately, **WE** are responsible for our own deeds, our own actions and for what **WE** choose to believe. **WE** cannot blame anyone, but ourselves, for whatever belief system **WE** have chosen to follow and obey. We, **ALL** of us, must search out the Word of Yahweh for ourselves, *Romans 1:20-25 For the **INVISIBLE THINGS** of Him from the creation of the world are **CLEARLY SEEN, HOW? Being understood by the things THAT ARE MADE**, (In creation, like kind produces like kind) *even His eternal power and Godhead;**

(This tells us that we can actually **SEE** YHVH Elohim in what He created, in the rhythm and the cycles of life, of animals, birds, fishes, and the seasons)

*So that **WE**, you and I, and all of mankind **ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE**: Because that, when they knew Elohim, they did **NOT** glorify Him as Elohim, neither were they thankful (they were unable and unwilling to **HUMBLE** themselves before Elohim); **BUT** became **VAIN** (**NOT** humble servants, but prideful) in their imaginations, and their **FOOLISH heart was darkened**. (we have to understand that without the Light of the World, which happened to be the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, who is filled with **Grace and TRUTH** of our heavenly Father, every one becomes classified as, **a fool in our Father's eyes**) Professing themselves to be **WISE**, they became **FOOLS**, And they changed the **glory of the INCORRUPTIBLE Elohim** into an image made like to **corruptible man**, and to **birds**, and **four-footed beasts**, and **creeping things**. Wherefore, Elohim also **gave them up to uncleanness THROUGH the lusts of their own hearts**, to **dishonour their own bodies** between themselves: Who changed the **TRUTH** of Elohim (the Words of His Torah of Life) into a **LIE** (for they teach that the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, have somehow been changed and or abolished in whole or in part, and that it has been replaced by man made oral torahs or the teachings of the church fathers of the man made religion of Catholicism and Christianity), and worshipped and served the **creature more than the Creator, who IS blessed for ever. Amein***

There are 6 stand-alone Aleph Tav's in this *Numbers 16*

*Verse 28 And Mosheh said, Hereby you shall know that YHVH has sent me to do all **Aleph Tav** these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.*

*Verse 31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all **Aleph Tav** these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:*

*Verse 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and **Aleph Tav** their houses, and all the **men** that appertained unto Korah, and all **Aleph Tav** their goods.*

*Verse 35 And there came out a fire from **Aleph Tav** YHVH, and consumed **Aleph Tav** the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.*

There are also another *eleven* Aleph Tav's that are attached to words with a Maqef, and there are *twenty two* words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number eleven in Scripture, represents, falling short, or missing the mark of Yahweh's planned goal for our lives, for this number eleven, is between the number Ten which represents Yahweh's Commandments, His Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which are based on His infinite wisdom, and the number twelve which represents Yahweh's righteous Way of governing His kingdom. The number twenty two in Scripture represents Light, and since Messiah **IS** the Light of the world, it represents Him also. Therefore I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tav's, that **IF** we will turn away from our rebellious disobedient ways, and choose instead to turn to His Light, the Words of His Torah of Life, and obey what the Light of the world, Messiah, teaches us, then we too will become a Light unto the nations of the world that are mired in darkness. Amein

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem!*