



INTRODUCTION

Numbers 16:1 Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and on the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; 2 and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. 3 They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?"

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Incident in Numbers 16

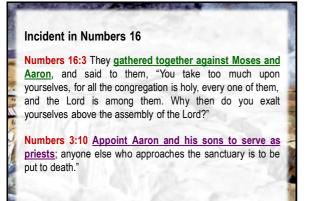
Exodus 6:21 The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg and Zikri.

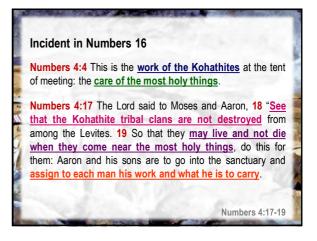
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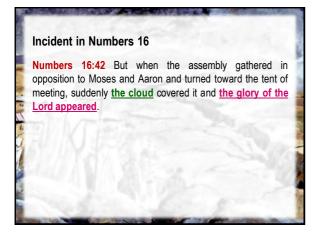
Deuteronomy 11:6 and what He did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, their households, their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel—

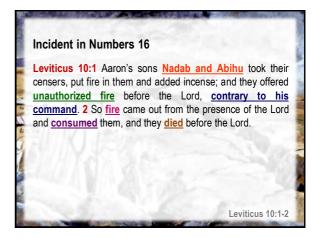
Genesis 49:3 Reuben, you are my firstborn, my strength, the child of my vigorous youth. You are first in rank and first in power. 4 But you are as <u>unruly as a flood</u>, and you will be first no longer. For you went to bed with my wife; you defiled my marriage couch.

Genesis 49:3-4







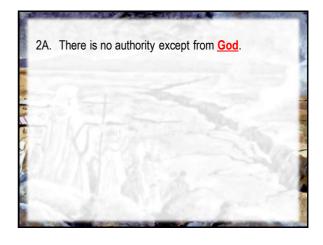


God alone has absolute authority.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying,
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

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Description:



2B. God has set up 4 Authority Structures over our lives.

i. Government

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:1-7

2B. God has set up 4 Authority Structures over our lives.

i. Government

Romans 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

Romans 13:1-7

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Government

Romans 13:5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Romans 13:1-7

2B. God has set up 4 Authority Structures over our lives.

ii. Employer - Bosses

Ephesians 6:5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

Ephesians 6:5-8

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ii. Employer - Bosses

Colossians 3:22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as menpleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:22-24

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iii. In the Home

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the <u>head of woman is man</u>, and the head of Christ is God.

Ephesians 6:1 <u>Children</u>, <u>obey your parents in the Lord</u>, for this is right. 2 "<u>Honor your father and mother</u>," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

Ephesians 6:1-3

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iv. In the Church

Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

2B. God has set up 4 Authority Structures over our lives.
iv. In the Church

1 Thessalonians 5:12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Characteristics of Rebellion in Church

Disrupting the leader's ability to effectively lead.

Grumbling

Causing dissension or division among the flock.

A spirit of defiance.

Spiritual blessing and activity of the Holy Spirit seems to be missing.

Suggesting that a leader is not needed or is unworthy to lead.

Enticing others to follow rebellious suggestion.

Counselling contrary doctrines opposed to the Word.

3A. We are to submit to authority over us at all times.

3B. When we rebel against the authority God placed over us, we rebel against God Himself.

Numbers 16: 11 Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the Lord. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?"

Romans 13:2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

3C. The only time we do not submit is when the authority requires us to break the Law of God.

Acts 5:29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey.god.rather.than.men.

4A. The spirit of rebellion is the spirit of anti-Christ.

Isaiah 14:12 How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

4B. Rebellion is not just outward behavior, it is an attitude problem, a heart issue.

Numbers 11

- discontent led to complaining.
Numbers 12

- jealousy led to criticism.
Numbers 13 & 14

- unbelief led to compromise.
Numbers 16

- rebellion led to contempt.

4C. Rebellion is likened to witchcraft.

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king."

John 10:10a

Ephesians 4:27

5A. The spirit of anti-Christ is in the world and manifests as lawlessness.
5B. Lawlessness i.e. the spirit of rebellion is contagious.
Numbers 16:1 Now Korah ... Dathan ... Abiram ... took men; 2 ... rose up ... two hundred and fifty leaders ...
3 ... gathered together against Moses and Aaron ...

6. God will always vindicate His chosen ones whom He place in authority.

Numbers 16:30 But if the Lord creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the Lord."

31 Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them,

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Numbers 16:32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods. 33 So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.

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Numbers 16:35 And a fire came out from the Lord and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.

6. God will always vindicate His chosen ones whom He place in authority.

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me," says the Lord.

7. There is always hope and blessing for those who learn from the rebellion of Korah.

Jude 1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Numbers 26:10 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah when that company died, when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men; and they became a sign ...

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 Numbers 26:11 Nevertheless the children of Korah did not die.
 Psalm 84:10 For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

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 Chronicles 9:19 Shallum son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his fellow gatekeepers from his family (the Korahites) were responsible for guarding the thresholds of the tent just as their ancestors had been responsible for guarding the entrance to the dwelling of the Lord.

