

COVID-19

Compliance with MOH Advisory

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No more than 250 per event-gathering.

For this weekend, we have clarified and obtained
approval from MCCY
for each of our gatherings/events in Sanctuary, Chapel,
Halls 1 & 2 with the usual standard caveats.

Social Distancing & Avoiding Physical Contact +++

+++Standard Conditions:

- Sit one chair away except family members and CGMs.
- Separate entry-exit.
- Come in clean - go out clean.
- Obey all Travel Advisories re SHN, LOA, etc.
- If sick and unwell, do not come!
- Ushers will assess by sight those not well to go home.
- No mingling at common areas before and after services.
- Stagger dismissal times for the 250 in each hall to avoid clustering at the staircases and to leave BBTC immediately.

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REBELLION OF KODRAH

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.



The background of the slide features a dark, silhouetted crowd of people with their arms raised in the air. The scene is bathed in a strong, warm red or orange light, creating a dramatic and intense atmosphere. The figures are mostly in shadow, with the light highlighting the outlines and the overall mood of the gathering.

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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?”



Numbers 16

8 Then Moses said to Korah, “Hear now, you sons of Levi: **9** Is it a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to serve them; **10** and that He has brought you near to Himself, you and all your brethren, the sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking the priesthood also? **11** Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the Lord. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?”

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Numbers 16

24 “Speak to the congregation, saying, ‘Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.’”

31 Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, **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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35 And a fire came out from the Lord and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.

40 to be a memorial to the children of Israel that no outsider, who is not a descendant of Aaron, should come near to offer incense before the Lord, that he might not become like Korah and his companions, just as the Lord had said to him through Moses.

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1. The root causes of the rebellion of:
Korah was different from that of **Dathan & Abiram**

It was 2 Rebellions Intertwined!



1. The root causes of the rebellion of Korah:

- From the 12 tribes of Israel, God chose the tribe of Levi for full time service to Him.
- Only the descendants of Aaron were allowed to serve as priests. Aaron was the first high priest of Israel.
- Rest of the tribe of Levi to serve in all other matters re the temple.

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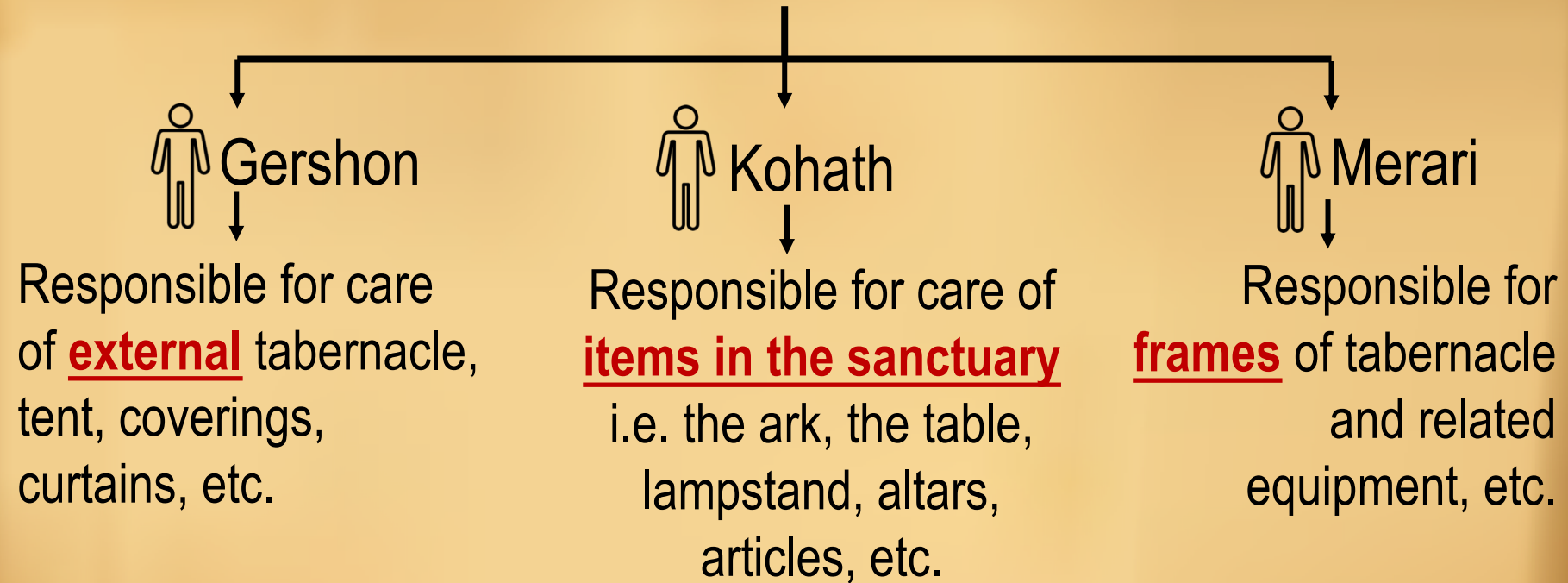


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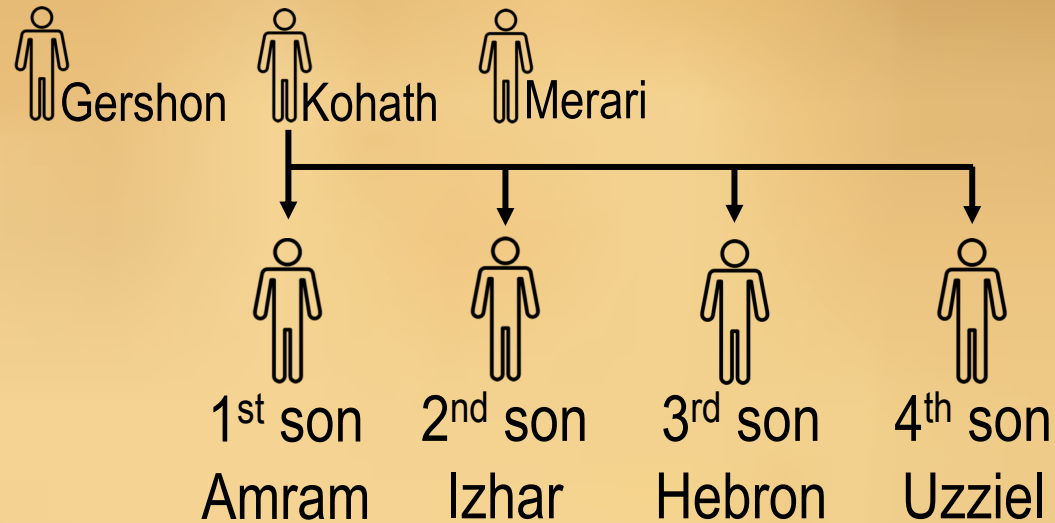
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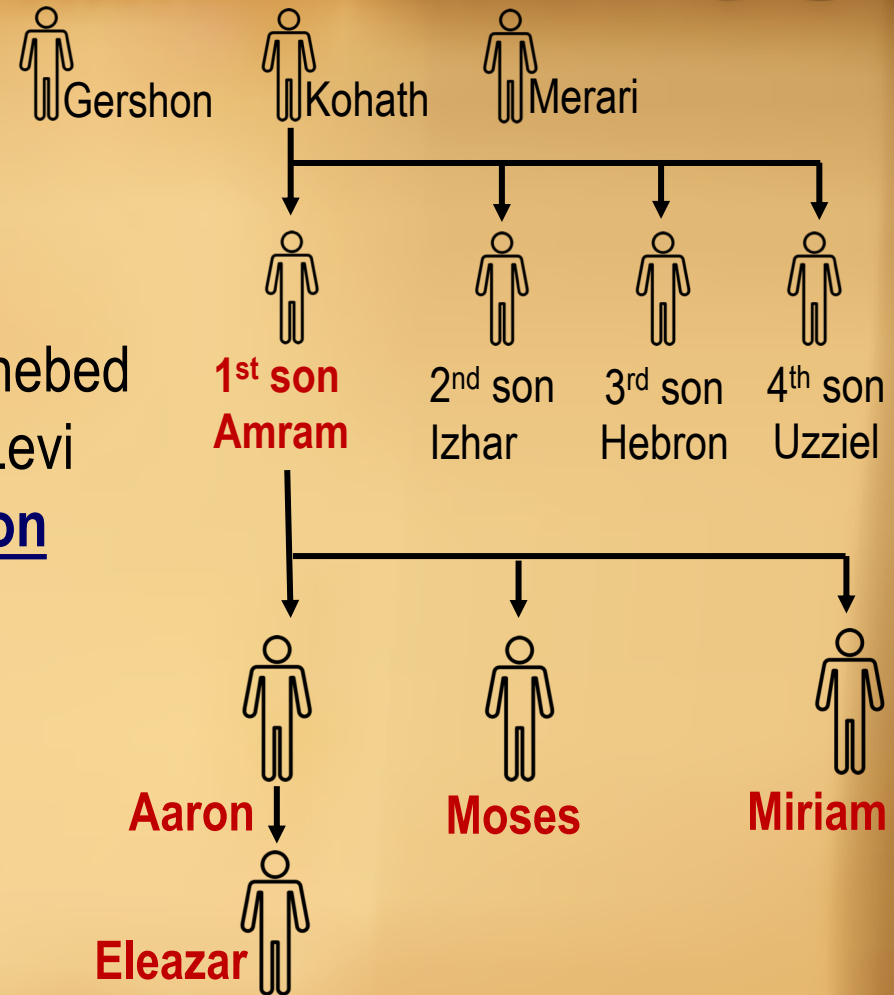


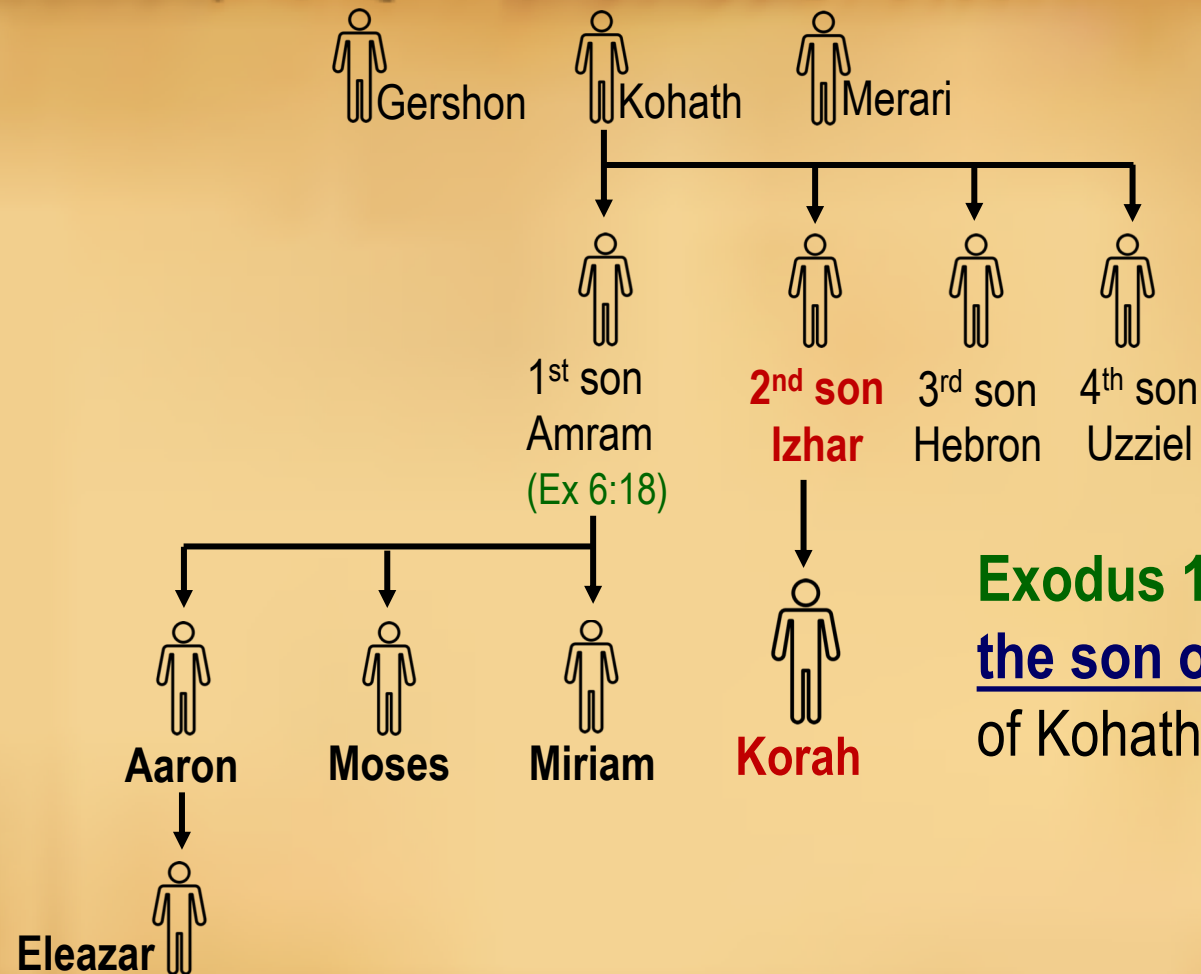
Exodus 6:18 And the sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were one hundred and thirty-three.

Numbers 26:58-59

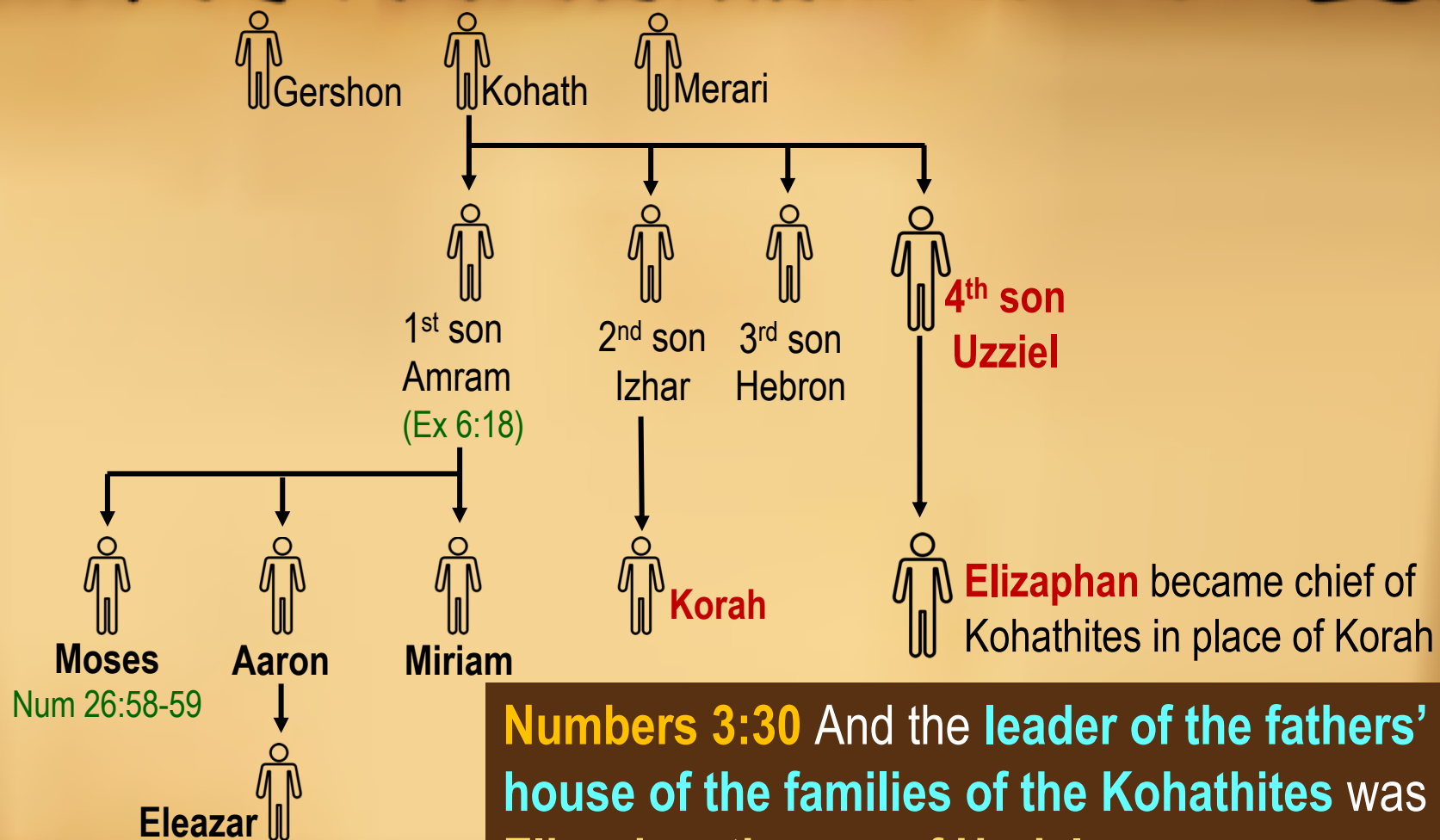
58 ... And Kohath begot Amram.

59 The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt; and to Amram she bore Aaron and Moses and their sister Miriam.





Exodus 16:1 Now Korah
the son of Izhar, the son
of Kohath, the son of Levi, ...



Numbers 3:30 And the **leader of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites** was **Elizaphan the son of Uzziel**.

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1. The root causes of Korah's rebellion was:

Envy, jealousy, sense of unfairness & selfish ambition on 2 counts:

- A. His cousin, son of his uncle (youngest son of his grandfather) obviously younger than him, became chief of the family tribe.
- B. Moses and Aaron, his cousins were given the priestly duties compared with him who was given "menial" tasks.

Sense of entitlement - Unresolved Issues - Unhealed Hurts

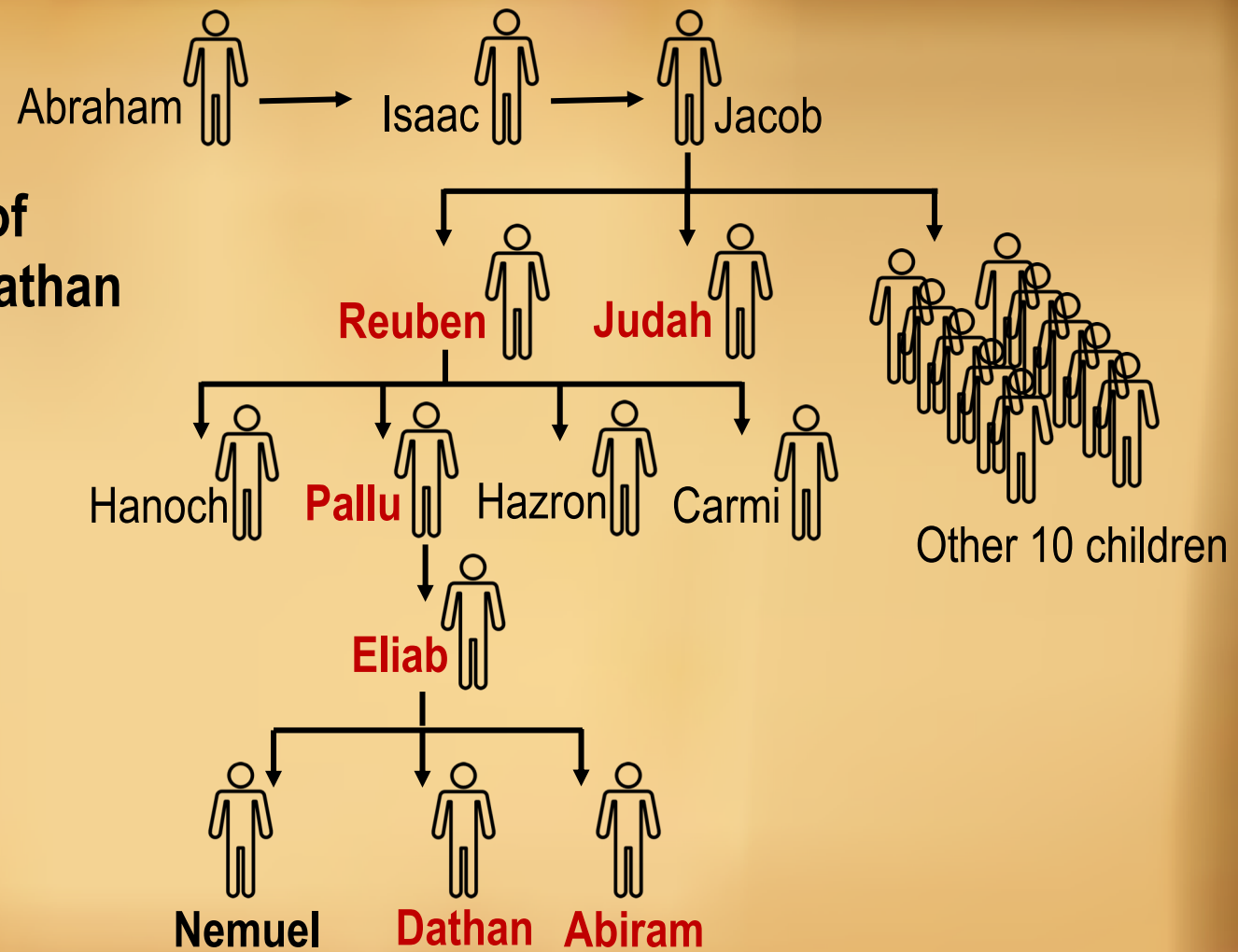
This led to growing selfish ambition and the consequent rebellion!



II. What were the root causes of the rebellion of **Korah, Dathan & Abiram**?

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2. The root causes of Dathan & Abiram's rebellion:

Grievance, jealousy and sense of unfairness as the Reubenites were the first born but replaced by the descendants of Judah to the leadership among the 12 tribes of Israel.

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III. Lessons to learn from this rebellion and applications:

1. Guard our hearts from comparison which is the devil's snare.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

- A. Comparison will lead to envy, jealousy and all wrong doing.
- B. It will affect our attitudes and motivations which then affect our decisions in words and actions.





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James 3:14-16

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking (selfish ambition) in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. **15** This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking (selfish ambition) exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

services

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HOW?

Philippians 2:1-4

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, **2** fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

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2. Watch out for the company we keep.

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”





2. Watch out for the company we keep.

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

Watch out for what you are mostly reading and hearing from your social media.



2. Watch out for the company we keep.

Numbers 16:26 And he (Moses) spoke to the congregation, saying,
“Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs,
lest you be consumed in all their sins.”

Do not get swept up in a Rebellion

2. Watch out for the company we keep.

Romans 16:17-18

17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. **18** For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

Stay away from divisive-argumentative-contentious people
in the Body of Christ.



Observations of those who operate in the spirit of Korah. Questions:

- what is their hidden motive?
- what is their track record?
- do they complain and murmur?
- do they campaign for their ideas?
- do they struggle when their ideas are not implemented?
- do they fail to support ideas that are not theirs?



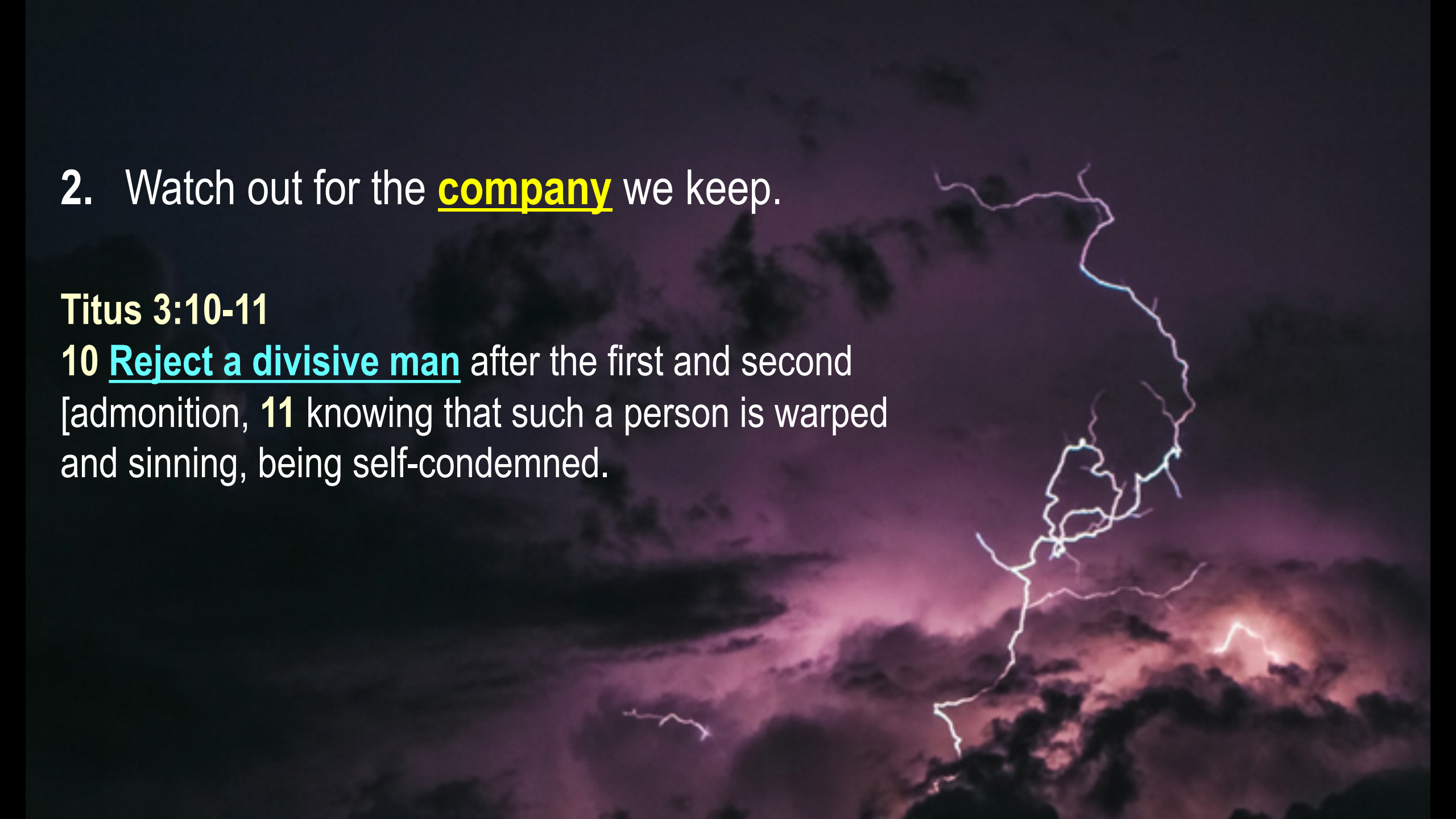
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- do they have difficulty with submission?
- are they hyper-spiritual?
- do they speak down or despairingly to those in authority?
- do they make one in authority above them look bad?
- do they seek authority without being under?

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Titus 3:10-11

10 Reject a divisive man after the first and second [admonition, **11** knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.





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3. Seek wisdom from above and wise godly counsel.

James 3:17-18

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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godly counsel.

Joshua 9:14 Then the men of Israel took
some of their (Gibeonites) provisions; but
they did **not** ask counsel of the Lord.

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Numbers 16:12, 27a

12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab,
but they said, “We will not come up!

27a So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram ...

What happened to “On”?

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What happened to “On”?

- May have heeded the counsel of Moses and Aaron and turned back from his rebellion.
- Rabbinic legend, it was On’s wife who rebuked him for taking part in the rebellion and thus, saved him from destruction.



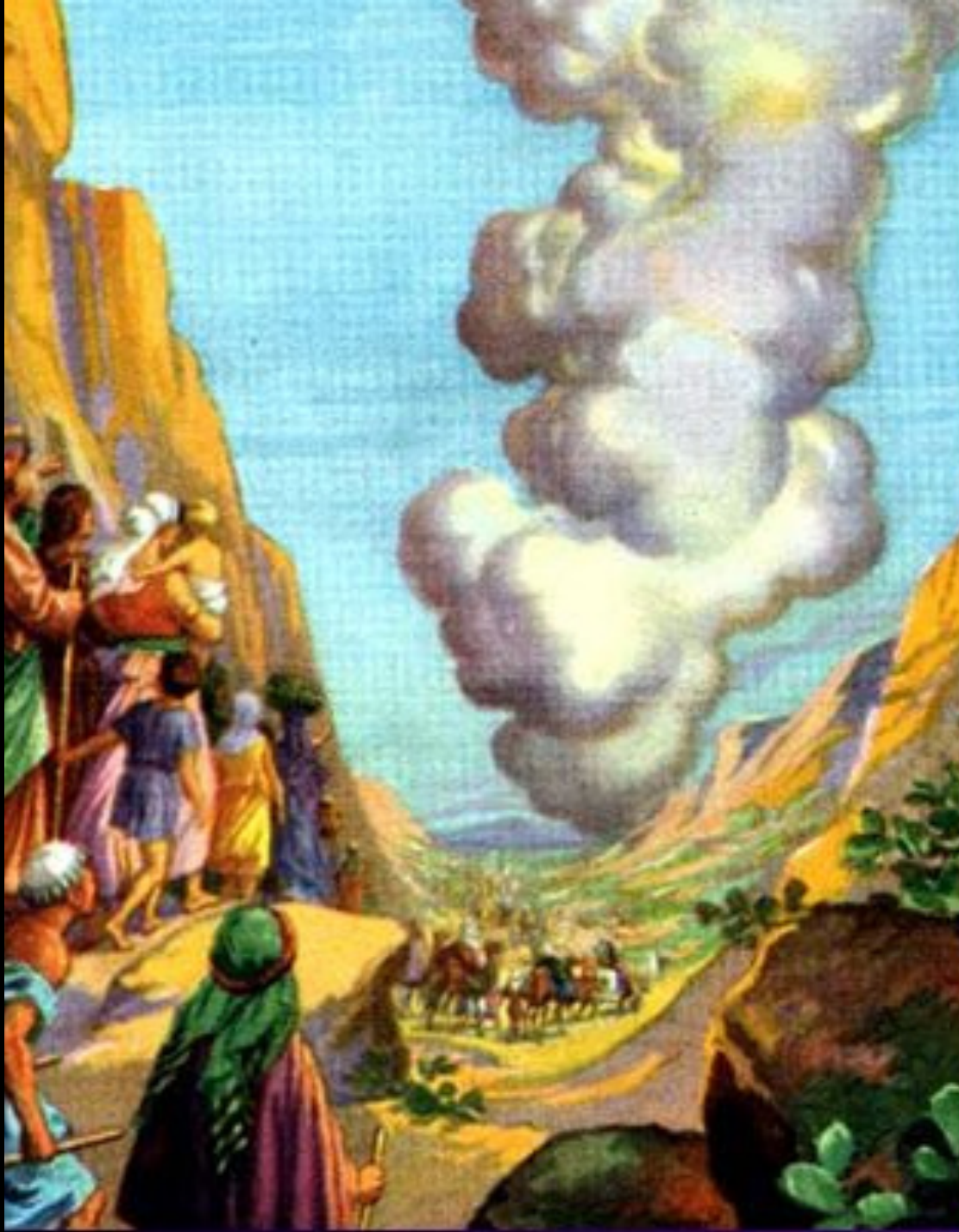
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Who else joined the rebellion?

Not the ordinary people but the princes, leaders of the community.

Even leaders can be misled as rebellion appealed to their pride.



3. Seek wisdom from above and wise godly counsel.

Numbers 26:11 Nevertheless the children of Korah did not die.

- One branch of his descendants became temple guardians (1 Chronicles 9:17).
- Another branch served as temple singers and musicians (6:31, 33, 39, 44).
- The sons of Korah wrote 12 works to the Book of Psalms.

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Sample - Psalm 88:1-5

1 O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. 2 Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry. 3 For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to the grave. 4 I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man who has no strength, 5 adrift among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more, and who are cut off from Your hand.



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Proverbs 13:20a He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.

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4. Be established in Christ,
our Righteousness.

Colossians 2:6-7

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and
established in the faith, as you have been taught,
abounding in it with thanksgiving.

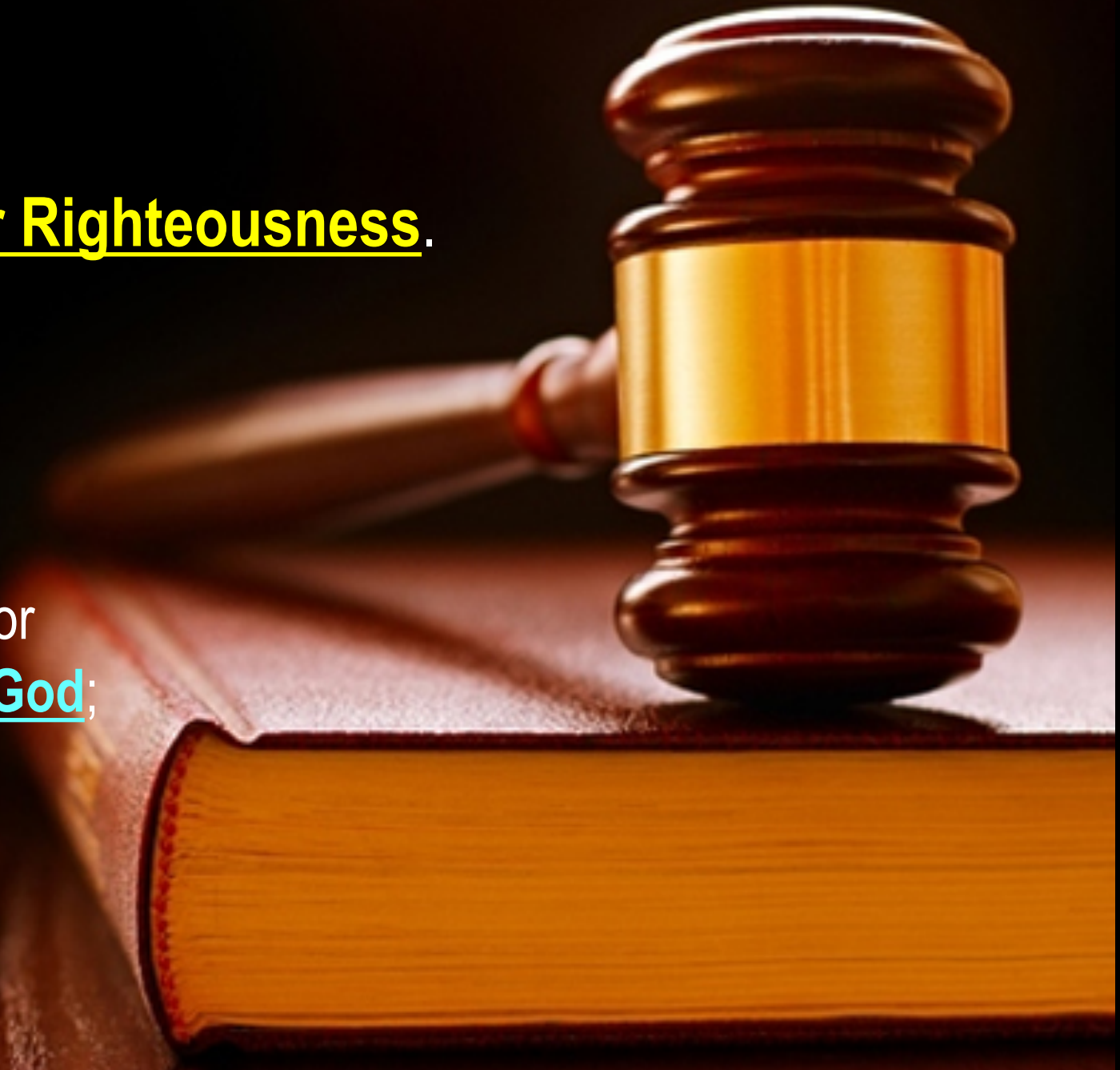
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COVID19 is also a shaking
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1 Peter 4:17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

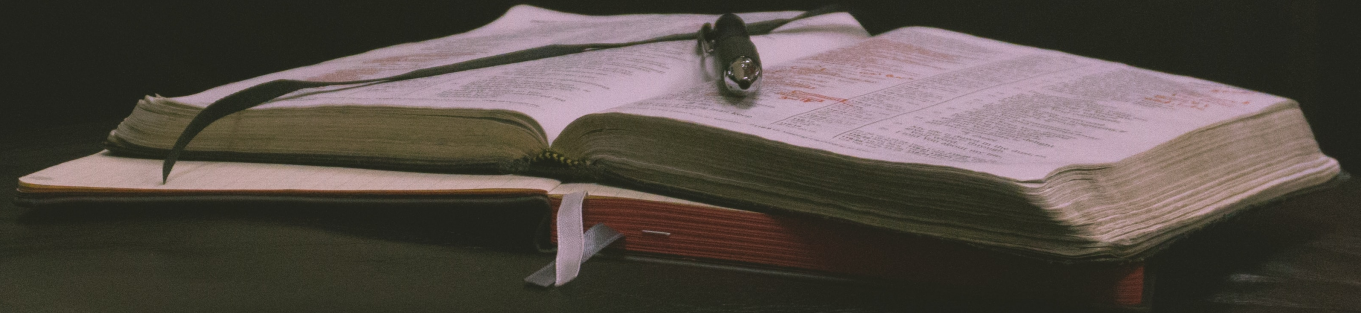


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Increasing separation between:

- those who walk & those who do not walk with the Lord
- the righteous & unrighteous
- the overcomers & strugglers
- the wise & the foolish
- the holy & the worldly



4. Be established in Christ, our Righteousness.
 - A. The righteous are those who live out from their standing with the Lord and from the living Word in them.

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4. Be established in Christ, our Righteousness.

B. The righteous will not be shaken in the adversities of life.

Psalm 112:6-8

6 Surely he will never be shaken; the righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

8 His heart is established; he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies.





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B. The righteous will not be shaken in the adversities of life.

Matthew 7:24-25

24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: **25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

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C. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.





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D. With the exception of persecution, martyrdom and a corrupt mortal body, the righteous will be protected by the Lord always.

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

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Isaiah 54:14 In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.





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E. The Lord will avenge the righteous who surrenders to Him.

Deuteronomy 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; their foot shall slip in due time; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them.'

Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.



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F. The righteous lives in godly contentment.

1 Timothy 6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

Philippians 4:11-12

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.



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G. The righteous lives and knows their position, boundaries and honour God's appointed leadership.

Romans 13:1-2

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.

A close-up, high-contrast image of fire with bright orange and yellow flames against a dark background.

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G. The righteous lives and knows their position, boundaries and honour God's appointed leadership.

Leviticus 10:1-2

1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. 2 So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them ...

Summary of Applications:

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2. Watch out for the company we keep.
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BOTTOM-LINE

Numbers 16:46-48

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Hab 2:14