
Numbers 16:1-40

"A very scary, old story"

Introduction

Sinai...the golden calf...Moses intercession...Kadesh Barnea...the 12 spies...Moses intercession and now for a third time...

vv 1-3 ...A rebellion against Moses

Why? Pride – all these men were leaders

"You've gone too far."

They had a problem with divinely revealed salvation

vv 4-7 "Let's let God decide

"If God's work is false, its me."

"If its true, its you."

"You have gone too far

Their thought was "We need no mediation!"

vv 8-11 God has exalted you with service

But it's gone to your head

Your problem is not Aaron or Moses

Your problem is God.

vv 12-14 Korah would not come.

They wanted a takeover led by Korah.

So... they falsely accused Moses of failure and pride.

vv 15 Moses appeals his innocence...

vv 16-17 ...and repeats his demand. "Let God decide."

vv 18-19 Now all the congregation assembles against Moses.

vv 20-21 God threatens destruction for a third time.

vv 22- And for a third time, the nation is saved by Moses' intercession.

vv 23-24 *They are saved by the very thing they rejected!*

But God will destroy the leaders of the mutiny.

vv 25-30 Moses orders the nation to get far away from these men

- *Same as today.*

vv 31-35 Those who denied the law of God

Refused his mediation.

And led the nation astray.

Are visibly destroyed on the spot.

vv 36-37 The censers were good.

vv 38-40 The *violation* of the word was evil.

A lesson is given to the nation forever... The burning, glowing, hammered plating of the altar

And

The rod of Aaron.

Conclusion: Deuteronomy 18.

One will come just like Moses

"Listen to Him."