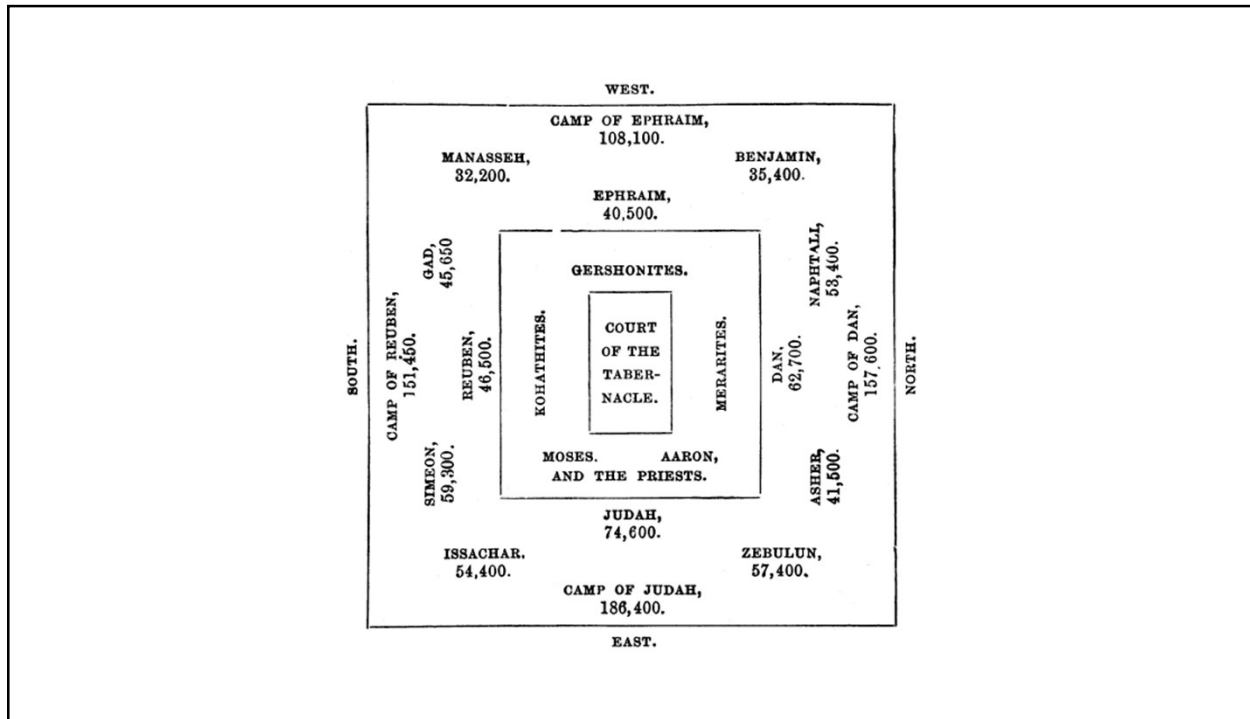


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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:1-40
    - No timeline is given of how far into the 40 years this instance occurs.
    - Korah was of the clan of Kohath of the tribe of Levi. This was the clan entrusted with moving the most holy things of the tent of meeting.
    - Dathan and Abiram were from the tribe of Reuben. This was the lead tribe of one of the groups and camped in closest proximity to the Kohathites.
    - These three then stirred up another 250 leading men from other tribes and clans. ( It seems from 16:25 that this did not include any of the 70 chosen to help Moses as recorded in 11:16-30)

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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:1-40
    - Korah's charges against Moses and Aaron
      - You have over-reached in your authority
      - Proposed that all the assembly were on the level where God had placed the priests as holy.
      - Moses and Aaron had exalted themselves above the rest of the people.

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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:1-40
    - Moses' response
      - Yahweh will reveal who is holy.
      - Orders that in the morning all of those with Korah were to take censers upon which they would offer incense. (Note that this was the exclusive responsibility of the priests)
      - Rebuked them that they had "gone too far" by despising the place God had given them as serving at the tabernacle and wanting now to lay hold of that which was the exclusive purview of the priests.
      - Points out that their rebellion is not against Aaron but against Yahweh.

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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:1-40
    - The specific charges and actions of Dathan and Abiram
      - They refused to come before the tent of meeting
      - Accused Moses of taking them from Egypt, which they refer to as a "land flowing with milk and honey", to kill them in the wilderness
      - Blamed Moses for the fact that the Israelites had not entered the Promised Land.
      - Implied that any who supported Moses were blind to reality.

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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:1-40
    - Judgment day
      - Korah and the 250 were called before the tent of meeting to offer incense on the fire of their censers (a metal container with burning coals).
      - God told Moses and Aaron to get away from the congregation and He would “consume them in a moment.”
      - Moses and Aaron pray for mercy for the congregation, understanding that they are acting at the instigation of Korah.

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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:1-40
    - Judgment day (cont)
      - God orders the congregation to move away from Korah, Dathan and Abiram.
      - Since Dathan and Abiram refused to come to the tent of meeting, Moses, Aaron and the [70] elders of Israel went out them.
      - Moses pleads with the congregation to get away from these men and anything that may belong them.

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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:1-40
    - Judgment day (cont)
      - Moses says of Dathan and Abiram and those who stood with them that if they die a natural death, then that is a sign that Yahweh did not choose Moses to lead this people.
      - If a new thing happens and the ground opens up and swallows them up alive then that is a sign that these people have despised Yahweh.
      - Immediately the ground opened up and swallowed them and closed back over them.
      - Fire came down from heaven and consumed the 250 men offering incense.

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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion led by Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:1-40
    - The aftermath
      - The priest, Eleazar, son of Aaron commanded to collect the censers because they were now holy and to hammer them into plates covering the altar. This would have been the altar of burnt offering since it was made of bronze.
      - This was to serve as a reminder and warning of what happens to those who presume to usurp what is holy.

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## The Journey from Sinai to Moab 10:10-21:35

- Rebellion against Moses and Aaron 16:1-50
  - Rebellion of the congregation in the aftermath of the judgment on those of the rebellion of Korah, Dathan and Abiram 16:41-50
    - The congregation reacted by accusing Moses of being the cause of these deaths.
    - God again offers to wipe out the people and Moses and Aaron again intercede for them.
    - A plague had already gone out to wipe out the people and Aaron is instructed to take his censer with fire from the altar and carry it out into the congregation to make atonement and stope the plague
    - Aaron did so but not before 14,700 people died.

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## Lessons

- There will always be some who are jealous and critical of those God has placed in a leadership role.
- The fastest and cheapest way to gain a following is to be critical of those who are in places of legitimate authority.
- There will always be people who are discontent and many times the discontent is self-inflicted.
- A little fanning of the flames of discontent grows like wildfire.
- Jealousy and self-centeredness have a profound blinding influence.
- God is the defender of those of those He raises up.

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