#### WILL WORSHIP THAT BRINGS DEATH

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#### **EXODUS 19:5**

5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

#### **EXODUS 19:6**

6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

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# **NUMBERS 16:5**

5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all **his \*COMPANY**, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

# **COMPANY:** 'edah {ay-daw'} congregation, gathering

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4:10-13 that God gave the church has failed, so they are taking over. Here we are right in the midst of the fulfillment of prophecy, called the gainsayings of Korah, and they don't even know that they have fulfilled it. They are blindly going on preaching experience for truth. May God have pity on them. May their eyes be opened before it is too late. Oh, listen to me. When did the prestige of money, social leadership, business ability, or sheer mental prowess ever qualify a man for spiritual leadership, or give any weight to the Word of God? And when in any way materiality or human values begin to show as the media by which God works instead of the Holy Spirit ALONE, then we are fighting against God, not for Him.

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Moses and Joshua had faith in the Word. The others wanted to dance and strip the women--Korah. Why? By his Egyptian wisdom. Moses didn't want that. Look at them Korahs today, making a easy way, dancing, all night parties, women bobbed hair, short dresses, anything. "Don't make any difference, that's all right." It isn't all right! The Word says it's not right, That's right. Same thing. See?

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62-4 Korah would... had the same baptism that the rest of them did, but what did he want to do? Let the women just dance, and they drink a little wine, and have a little time, strip them off, and have adultery, and have... You know the Bible said they did that. They took those women and stripped their clothes, and made them dance, and things like that; and Moses became angry with them. You remember the time? Why? They had Dr. Korah along, that had wisdom. He said, "I'll take you back to Egypt." And that's where they'd have went too. But, brother, Moses, when he come down, it was different! Him and Joshua stayed with that Word. God gave a promise; they stayed with it. All right.

Others wanted to dance, and strip the clothes, and from-by Korah's wisdom; they was all baptized in one.

- Notice they complained about God's provided way, was the reason they died. (Now, closely, don't miss these last few remarks.) They complained! What made them die in the wilderness, they complained about God's provided way: by a one-man Message, a prophet, a leadership of one man. Tell me when God ever used a group to lead. You won't find it in the Bible. One man, they... The Word came to Moses!
- 154 Korah; we all know that he--he got hisself together and complained about God not being just, to do a thing like that, **to make one man with the Message.** He said, "We're all holy. Why can't we have a denomination? And why can't we have... set up this, and do this, and do that?"
- 155 God told Moses, "Separate yourself from him, I've had enough of it." And remember, **Jude speaks the same thing, in the last days**. That's right, "They perished in the gainsaying of Korah." **We also know what happened to Korah and the- and the rest that <u>questioned God's Word and God's wisdom of that one-man leadership: every one of them perished.**</u>

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But you notice, just before they entered the promised land, all of the--the differences that--that had rose up among them. They... One of the great things was Korah. He didn't want this one-man leadership. Dathan, and how they come up before Moses and tried to tell him that "the--the message had to mean this," and put a different interpretation to it, their own ideas of what it was. And they every one perished! Every one!

Jesus said, "There wasn't none of them but what perished."

They said, "Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness, for the space of forty years," Saint John 6.

Jesus said, "And they are every one dead."

Dead means "Eternally separated." They're all dead, yet they enjoyed hearing the message, yet they enjoyed the manna that fell. Not another manna; the genuine manna!

Now let us take a **Scriptural warning here**. Was it not in the days of Moses whom God had vindicated that Korah rose up and withstood that mighty prophet? He disputed with Moses and claimed that he had as much from God to lead the people and that others shared in the Divine revelation as well as did Moses. He denied the authority of Moses. Now the people back there, after they had heard the true Word and were well acquainted with the fact that a true prophet was vindicated of God, I say those people fell for Korah and his gainsayings. Korah was not a Scriptural prophet but the people in great numbers with their leaders went for him. How like the evangelists today with their golden calf schemes like Korah's. They look good to the people as Korah looked good then. They have blood on their foreheads, oil on their hands and balls of fire on the platform. They allow women preachers, **let women** cut their hair, wear slacks and shorts, and by-pass the Word of God for their own creeds and dogmas. That shows what kind of seed is in them. But not all the people turned on Moses and left the Word of God. No. The elect stayed with him. The same is happening again today. Many are leaving the Word but some are staying with it. But remember the parable of the wheat and tares. The tares have to be bundled for burning. These apostate churches are getting bound closer and closer together, ready for the fires of God's judgment. But the wheat is going to be gathered to the Master.

## **NUMBERS 16:6**

6 This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;

# **NUMBERS 16:7**

7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.

## **NUMBERS 16:8**

8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:

#### **NUMBERS 16:9**

9 Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?

## **NUMBERS 16:10**

10 And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

## **NUMBERS 16:11**

11 For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?

#### **NUMBERS 16:12**

12 ¶ And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up:

# **NUMBERS 16:13**

13 Is it a small thing that **thou** hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, **to kill us in the** wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?

# **EXODUS 1:10**

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

# **EXODUS 1:11**

11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses.

## **EXODUS 1:12**

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.

## **EXODUS 1:13**

13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with **\*RIGOUR**:

**RIGOUR:** perek {peh'-rek} harshness, severity, cruelty

### **EXODUS 1:14**

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in morter, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.