

WILL WORSHIP THAT BRINGS DEATH II

NUMBERS 16:1

1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:

NUMBERS 16:2

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:

NUMBERS 16:3

3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

NUMBERS 16:4

4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

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83 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. "

84 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. "

85 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!

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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 mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service of the field; Josephus says, they were ordered to part the river (Nile) into many canals, to build walls about cities, and raise up mounds, lest the water overflowing the banks should stagnate; and to build pyramids, obliging them to learn various arts, and inure themselves to labour:

so Philo the Jew says, some worked in the clay, forming it into bricks, and others in carrying straw: some were appointed to build private houses, others the walls of cities, and to cut ditches and canals in the river, and obliged day and night to carry

burdens, so that they had no rest, nor were they suffered to refresh themselves with sleep;

and they were not only employed in the fields in ploughing and sowing and the like, but in carrying of dung thither, and all manner of uncleanness: of their being employed in building of pyramids and canals.

Philo tells us, that they were made to carry burdens above their strength, and to work night and day; that they were forced to be workers and servers;

that they were employed in brick-making, digging, and building; and that if any of them dropped dead under their burdens, their friends were not permitted to bury them.

EXODUS 32:9

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

EXODUS 32:10

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

EXODUS 32:11

11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

EXODUS 32:12

12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

EXODUS 32:13

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

EXODUS 32:14

14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

EXODUS 32:31

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

EXODUS 32:32

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

EXODUS 32:33

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

NUMBERS 16:14

14 Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

II TIMOTHY 4:3

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The word rendered *heap* does not occur elsewhere in the New Testament. It means to *heap up upon, to accumulate*; and here *to multiply*.

TEACHERS: didaskalos {did-as'-kal-os}
one who is fitted to teach, or thinks himself so

II TIMOTHY 4:3

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The word rendered *itching* occurs only in this place in the New Testament. It means *to rub, to scratch*; and then *to tickle*. To feel an itching for something pleasing or gratifying. The image is derived from the desire which we have when there is an itching sensation, to have it rubbed or scratched.

II TIMOTHY 4:4

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto *FABLES.

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth. That is, the people themselves will turn away from the truth. It does not mean that the teachers would turn them away by the influence of their instructions.

The truth strips them of their vices, sacrifices their idols, cries against their easily besetting sins, and absolutely requires a conformity to a crucified Christ; therefore they turn their ears away from it.

FABLES: muthos {moo'-thos}
a fiction, a fable; an invention, a falsehood

It is a righteous retribution, that when men *turn away* from the truth, they should be *turned to* fables.

NUMBERS 16:15

15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

NUMBERS 16:16

16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to morrow:

NUMBERS 16:17

17 And take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of you his censer.

NUMBERS 16:18

18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.