

Numbers 16:41-50 **Congregation Rebels After Death of Korah and Company**

Complaint of the people

41 On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have killed the people of the LORD."

Glory of Yehowah Appeared

42 Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.

Yehowah threatened to consume the Congregation

43 Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting. 44 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 45 "Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment." And they fell on their faces.

Moses instructed Aaron regarding the plague which had already begun

46 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun."

Aaron acted immediately and the plague stopped

47 Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. So he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living; so the plague was stopped.

14,700 had just died of the plague

49 Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, besides those who died in the Korah incident. 50 So Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, for the plague had stopped. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ God does not accept people who attempt to take upon themselves the role of leadership which God Himself has placed upon others. [Matthew 23:14, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:46-47, Hebrews 5:4, James 3:1]
- ✧ In Korah's rebellion, 250 prominent leaders of Israel from all the tribes had died from the fire of Yehowah after the earth had swallowed up Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and all the people of their families as a result of their rebellion against Moses and Aaron. [Numbers 16:1-40]
- ✧ The next day the congregation of the Children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron saying, "**You have killed the people of the Lord.**" [Numbers 16:41]
- ✧ God very clearly hears our complaints when we do not see Him or think that He is near, and He will respond to our attitude and actions.
- ✧ The cloud covered the Tabernacle of Meeting and suddenly the Glory of the Lord appeared. Moses and Aaron came and stood before the Tabernacle of Meeting. [Numbers 16:42-43]
- ✧ Yehowah said to Moses, "**Get away from among this congregation that I may consume them in a moment.**" [Numbers 16:44-45]
- ✧ Moses and Aaron fell on their faces, then Moses told Aaron to take a Censer with fire from the Altar and Incense and go quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them, because Wrath has gone out from Yehowah and the plague has begun. [Numbers 16:45-46]

- ✧ Aaron took a censer with fire from the altar and incense and ran into the midst of the congregation and made atonement for the people, standing between the dead and the living and the plague was stopped. 14,700 people had died of the plague. [[Numbers 16:47-49](#)]
- ✧ Aaron returned to Moses at the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting because the plague had stopped. [[Numbers 16:50](#)]
- ✧ The things done before became an example to us to encourage us to be careful in our lives so we may be pleasing in the sight of God to Whom we must all give account. [[1 Corinthians 10:1-11](#), [2 Corinthians 5:9-11](#), [Hebrews 4:11](#), [2 Peter 2:4-11](#), [Jude 1:5-7](#), [Matthew 12:36-37](#), [Romans 4:10](#), [14:2](#), [Hebrews 4:13](#), [1 Peter 4:1-6](#)]