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Numbers 16:1-11

(1) Now Korah, son of Izhar son of Kohath son of Levi, betook himself, along with Dathan and Abiram sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth—descendants of Reuben— (2) to rise up against Moses, together with two hundred and fifty Israelites, chieftains of the community, chosen in the assembly, men of repute. (3) They combined against Moses and Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all the community are holy, all of them, and God is in their midst. Why then do you raise yourselves above God's congregation?” (4) When Moses heard this, he fell on his face. (5) Then he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, “Come morning, God will make known who is God's and who is holy, and will grant him access to God; Adonai will grant access to the one God has chosen. (6) Do this: You, Korah and all your band, take fire pans, (7) and tomorrow put fire in them and lay incense on them before Adonai. Then the man whom Adonai chooses, he shall be the holy one. You have gone too far, sons of Levi!” (8) Moses said further to Korah, “Hear me, sons of Levi. (9) Is it not enough for you that the God of Israel has set you apart from the community of Israel and given you access to God, to perform the duties of God's Tabernacle and to minister to the community and serve them? (10) Now that He has advanced you and all your fellow Levites with you, do you seek the priesthood too? (11) Truly, it is against Adonai that you and all your

במדבר ט"ז:א'-י"א

(א) וַיִּקַּח קֹרַח בֶּן־יִצְהָר בֶּן־קֹהַת בֶּן־לֵוִי וְדָתָן וְאַבִּירָם בְּנֵי אֱלִיאָב וְאוֹן בֶּן־פֶּלֶת בְּנֵי רְאוּבֵן: (ב) וַיִּקְלְמוּ לִפְנֵי מֹשֶׁה וְאַנְשֵׁים מִבְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲמֹשִׁים וּמֵאָתָּה נְשִׂאֵי עֵדָה קְרָאִי מוֹעֵד אַנְשֵׁי־יָשָׁם: (ג) וַיִּקְהָלוּ עַל־מֹשֶׁה וְעַל־אַהֲרֹן וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲלֵהֶם רַב־לָכֶם כִּי כָל־הָעֵדָה בָּלֵם קֹדְשִׁים וּבְתוֹכָם יְהוָה וּמִדּוֹעַ תִּתְנַשְּׂאוּ עַל־קֹהֶל יְהוָה: (ד) וַיִּשְׁמַע מֹשֶׁה וַיִּפֹּל עַל־פָּנָיו: (ה) וַיַּדְבֵּר אֶל־קֹרַח וְאֶל־כָּל־עֵדָתוֹ לֵאמֹר בְּקֹר וַיִּלְדַּע יְהוָה אֶת־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וְאֶת־הַקְּדוֹשׁ וְהַקְּרִיב אֵלָיו וְאֶת אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר־בוֹ יִקְרִיב אֵלָיו: (ו) זֹאת עֲשׂוּ קְחוּ־לָכֶם מִחֹתָוֹת קֹרַח וְכָל־עֵדָתוֹ: (ז) וּתְנִי בִּהֶן אֵשׁ וְשִׂימוּ עֲלֵיהֶן קִטְרֶת לִפְנֵי יְהוָה מִחֹר וְהָיָה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־יִבְחַר יְהוָה הוּא הַקְּדוֹשׁ רַב־לָכֶם בְּנֵי לֵוִי: (ח) וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־קֹרַח שְׂמְעוּ־נָא בְנֵי לֵוִי: (ט) הַמָּעַט מִכֶּם כִּי־הִבְדִּיל אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶתְכֶם מֵעֵדַת יִשְׂרָאֵל לְהַקְרִיב אֶתְכֶם אֵלָיו לְעַבֹד אֶת־עַבְדָּת מִשְׁכַּן יְהוָה וְלַעֲמֹד לִפְנֵי הָעֵדָה לְשָׁרְתָם: (י) וַיִּקְרַב אֲתָהּ וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲחֵיהּ בְּנֵי־לֵוִי אֲתָהּ וּבְקִשְׁתֶּם גַּם־כִּתְהַנְּהוּ: (יא) לָכֵן אֲתָהּ וְכָל־עֵדָתְהוּ הַנִּצְעָדִים עַל־יְהוָה וְאַהֲרֹן מֵה־הוּא כִּי תִלוּנוּ [תְלִינוּ] עֲלֵיו:

company have banded together. For who is Aaron that you should rail against him?”

I Samuel 12:18-22

(18) Samuel prayed to Adonai, and God sent thunder and rain that day, and the people stood in awe of Adonai and of Samuel. (19) The people all said to Samuel, “Intercede for your servants with Adonai your God that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins the wickedness of asking for a king.” (20) But Samuel said to the people, “Have no fear. You have, indeed, done all those wicked things. Do not, however, turn away from Adonai, but serve God with all your heart. (21) Do not turn away to follow worthless things, which can neither profit nor save but are worthless. (22) For the sake of God's great name, Adonai will never abandon God's people, seeing that Adonai undertook to make you God's people.

שמואל א י"ב:י"ח-כ"ב

(יח) וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־יְהוָה וַיִּתֵּן יְהוָה
 קֹלֶת וּמָטָר בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא וַיִּירָא כָּל־הָעָם
 מְאֹד אֶת־יְהוָה וְאֶת־שְׁמוּאֵל: (יט) וַיֹּאמְרוּ
 כָּל־הָעָם אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל הַתְּפִלָּל בְּעַד־עֲבֹדֵיךָ
 אֶל־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְאֶל־נַמּוֹת כִּי־יִסְפְּנוּ
 עַל־כָּל־חַטָּאתֵינוּ רַעְיָה לְשָׂאֵל לָנוּ מִלְּךָ:
 (כ) (כ) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־הָעָם אֶל־תִּירְאוּ
 אִתְּם עֲשִׂיתֶם אֵת כָּל־הָרָעָה הַזֹּאת אֲךָ
 אֶל־תִּסּוּרוּ מֵאֲחֵרֵי יְהוָה וְעַבַּדְתֶּם אֶת־יְהוָה
 בְּכָל־לִבְבְּכֶם: (כא) וְלֹא תִסּוּרוּ כִּי אֲחֵרֵי
 הַתְּהוּ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִוָּעִילוּ וְלֹא יִצְּלוּ כִּי־תִהְיוּ
 הָמָּה: (כב) כִּי לֹא־יִטֹּשׁ יְהוָה אֶת־עַמּוֹ
 בְּעַבּוֹר שְׁמוֹ הַגָּדוֹל כִּי הוֹאִיל יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת
 אִתְּכֶם לוֹ לְעָם:

