

Jude 13 - Korah's Democratic Rebellion

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Jude 11

Prologue - Balaam Wins His Money: Loses His Life (Nu 31:1-18)

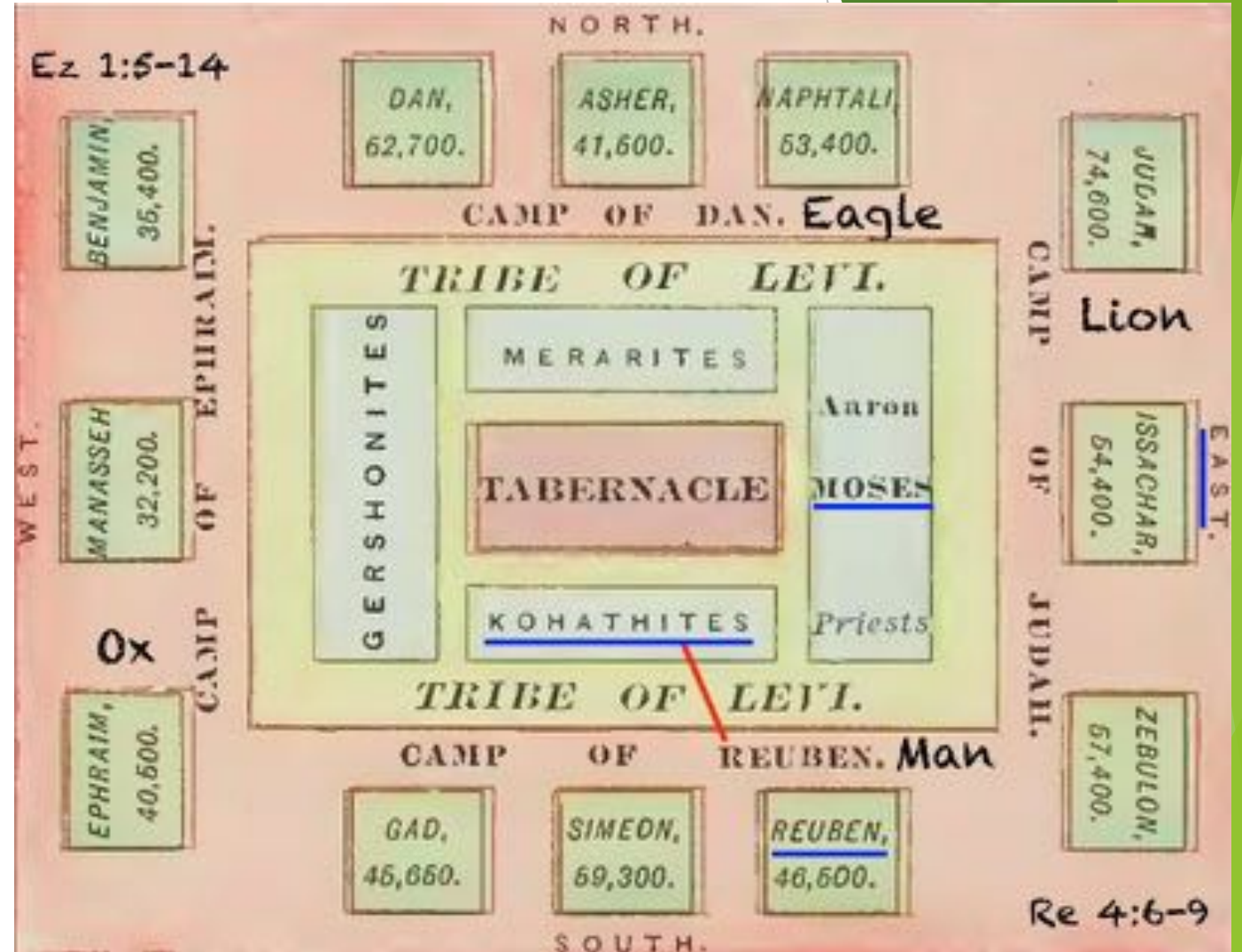
- ▶ After Balaam blesses Israel, Bible depicts Israelite leadership intermarrying Moabite women; Satan falls back to Plan B to prevent Christ's Advent (Nu 25:1-13)
 - ▶ Astute reader, Logical Inference, realizes the Truth; Bible plainly tells us less astute ones the reason: Balaam's False Teacher guidance (Nu 31:15-16; Re 2:14)
 - ▶ Balak {Satan} could Control Israel after Moabite women intermarried altering society to idolatry via natural fleshly attraction-antagonism between sexes (De 7:3-6)
 - ▶ Women have intimate connection with their children through breastfeeding {5 Y/O} (Ps 131:2; Is 66:10-14)
 - ▶ What one learns earliest is retained the longest (Pr 22:6)
 - ▶ Moabite women targeted the leading men, Sons of men who built the Golden Calf, for greater influence; hence the prohibition against intermarrying unbelievers which applies to Christians for the same reason (1Co 7:12-16; 2Co 6:14-18)
 - ▶ Balaam would suffer death later when Israelites defeated Midianites; then he would have to give an account to God (Nu 31:1-8)

Prologue - Error of Balaam: Establishment of a New Order

- ▶ Women are God's change agents Satan uses to destroy the family system {transfers culture-values to next generation}: Destroy Christ's Salvation Truth
 - ▶ 20th century: Female single parent families yield highest divorce rate in history, greatest uptick in personal violence, drug usage and sexual moral decline
 - ▶ Women's liberation include abortion as a sign of freedom???
 - ▶ 21st Century: Men replacing women making women irrelevant; LGBTQA+, Trans...
- ▶ Once societies are in turmoil, accepting good as evil and evil as good; then *hidden* fascism forces undertake Resetting Society: Rebellion against God
 - ▶ Korah's Rebellion; *attempted* enslavement of Man to Satan's society-Examples: Cain's society; Nimrod's society; Holocaust; future Great Tribulation; and Millennial Rebellion: Satan never deviates from his goal - Next lesson

Tribal Camp in Wilderness

- ▶ Two protective rings around the Tabernacle
 - ▶ 12 tribes faced toward Gentiles {Court of Gentiles}
 - ▶ Levitical ring protected Jews from violating Tabernacle {Court of Priests} (Nu 3:5-10)
- ▶ Notice proximity of Kohathites to Reubenites {Red line}
 - ▶ Easy access to influence the Reubenites to the cause



East is favored direction. When Christ returns, He will come from the East; entering Jerusalem via Eastern Gate which Muslims sealed
(Ez 10:18-19; 44:1-3; Mt 24:27)



Holy to the Lord

- ▶ Jews were *holy-ish* cf. to Gentiles (Ex 19:5)
 - ▶ They had Scriptures (Ro 3:1-4)
 - ▶ Messiah, Son of David was to come from them (Mk 10:46-52)
- ▶ Not holy cf. to God
 - ▶ God *covered* them based on Christ's future sacrifice (Ro 3:21-26)
- ▶ All holy when *True Jews* accept Messiah {New Covenant} (Is 61:6; Ze 12:7-10)

Who was Korah?

Who Joined His Rebellion?

- ▶ Genealogy is important: Levi begat Gershon, Korath and Merari (Ex 6:14-25; Nu 3:1-39)
 - ▶ Korath begat Amram who begat Aaron, Miriam and Moses
 - ▶ Korath begat Izhar who begat Korah
 - ▶ Thus, Moses and Korah were cousins {Familiarity breeds contempt} (Mt 13:57; Jn 4:44)
- ▶ History is important: Reuben
 - ▶ Reuben tried to usurp Jacob by sleeping with his concubine {Absalom} (Ge 35:22; 2Sa 16:20-23)
 - ▶ God, via Jacob, removed Reuben from right of first-born {Cain}: No Leadership
- ▶ Wounded spirits easily manipulated into rebellion (Pr 15:13; 18:14; SS 2:15; Ro 1:28-32)
 - ▶ Korah's proximity to Reubenites allowed them to be swayed by his insidious gossip; appeals to their desire to be the leading tribe {Absalom} (2Sa 15:1-12)

Korah's Rebellion: Populist Democratic Rebellion

- ▶ Korah gathered support from among the tribes - Appeal to: Majority, Authority
 - ▶ Two clans of Reubenites: Dathan and Abiram plus On (Nu 26:5-11)
 - ▶ Elders from the other tribes: 250 tribal/clan chiefs
- ▶ Korah appealed to: Equality and Fraternity; except for Moses and Aaron
 - ▶ Everyone in the congregation {synagogue, church} is holy {equal} but Moses exulted himself above the tribes {broke fraternity}
- ▶ Reubenites appealed to: Liberty
 - ▶ Moses made himself leader over the tribes reserving for himself the making of laws, not God; i.e., implying oppression
 - ▶ Moses could not fulfill his promise of leading them to the Promised Land; i.e., forcing them to die in the Wilderness - Did not believe in God; everything came from Moses' mind is implied by their charge

Korah's Rebellion: Ignored Sin and Truth

- ▶ Korah not the first to challenge Moses' leadership: Aaron and Miriam (Nu 12)
 - ▶ Miriam struck with leprosy {sin} for seven days then healed to reenter the Camp
 - ▶ Dramatic depiction that God had chosen Moses rather than Moses chose himself
 - ▶ Moses' humility is clearly exemplified in these Scriptures (He 3:5)
- ▶ Korah, Reubenites and Elders ignored the reason they were not in the Promised Land: Their lack of faith (Nu 13-14)
 - ▶ Nearly all the people listened to the ten *spies*, ignoring the two who appealed for faith in God's Promise
 - ▶ God judged them; they would wander 40 years until that, first, generation died
 - ▶ Then people rebelled again trying to enter Canaan by battle without Moses', Aaron's and God's support only to be defeated; Wilderness hardship was for their lack of faith-obedience: This was projected onto Moses as his failure; not their sin

Korah's Rebellion: Sin Redefining Scripture {Traditions}

- ▶ Priesthood early on attracted power hungry sinners, corrupting the people
 - ▶ Korah rejected his helping position in the Tabernacle, he wanted to Control the Tabernacle and thus the people; like Sadducees in Christ's day (Mk 11:15-19)
 - ▶ Eli's sons corrupted by their priestly positions; continued through Monarchy though God promised He would raise up a faithful Priest; i.e., Christ (1Sa 2:27-36; He 5:5-10)
 - ▶ Old Testament ends with God indicting the priesthood for their corruption (Mal 2:1-9)
- ▶ Elders vied against God-Moses being instigators of the Golden Calf and jealously guarded their political Control throughout Old Testament (Ex 32)
 - ▶ They approved Saul and later supported David, eventually; they were also the agents approving the division of the kingdom (1Sa 8:4-18; 10:17-24; 2Sa 5:1-4; 1Ki 12:1-5, 16)
 - ▶ Talmud, Midrash and Mishna traces its oral tradition {customs} origins to these elders placing them above Moses and the Scriptures (Mt 15:1-9)

Korah's Rebellion: Dramatic Conclusion

- ▶ Moses did not retaliate or defend his leadership; he was appointed by God and God would defend him or replace him; which He eventually did with Joshua
 - ▶ Korah and the rebellious Reubenites went into Sheol {Hell} with their families; something never before occurring proving it was from God (Lk 16:22-23)
- ▶ Elders were told to offer incense using censors before the Tabernacle; something they should have avoided after the incident with Aaron's son who offered unauthorized incense to God and were immediately killed (Le 10:1-3)
 - ▶ Elders in their sin were prideful and when told to offer their incense in opposition to Aaron's incense, they did and were consumed by fire; i.e., killed
 - ▶ Their censors were *holy* and hammered into bronze covering for the altar as a reminder of the prideful sin of oral tradition opposing God and His word

Korah's Rebellion: Ignored First Three Words

- ▶ Korah appealed to populism to secure his leadership in opposition to Moses whom he saw as leader only by circumstance; he did not believe God existed
 - ▶ He and those he persuaded never believed despite the outward *miracles*; even the ongoing pillar of smoke and fire over the Tabernacle (Lk 16:27-31; Ro 3:10-18)
 - ▶ They ignored God's first Three Words uttered at Horeb (Ex 20:1-7)
 - ▶ They based their beliefs on a worldview without God; as do all sinners (Ro 1:18-28)
 - ▶ Moses gave them overnight to rethink their sinful position and remember past events, which they squandered
 - ▶ Their fate demonstrated reality of judgment: Sheol and Fire {Hell-Lake of Fire}
- ▶ Jude uses Korah's Rebellion to exemplify the methods and end of False Teachers: Satan never changes his tactics; only the *stage dressing* (Ec 1:9-11)

False Teachers: Populism Against Christ

- ▶ False Teachers use Korah's lies appealing to immature Christians and the Lost to follow them: Liberty, Equality and Fraternity
 - ▶ But their end is Socialism, slavery to Satan through his entitled Antichrist (2Th 2:3-12)
- ▶ Christ gives these three elements and eternal life; which He purchased (Ro 3:21-26)
 - ▶ Liberty: Freedom from Sin (Ro 6:15-23)
 - ▶ Equality: All saved are One in Christ and Father (Jn 17:20-23; Ga 3:27-29; Col 3:9-11)
 - ▶ Fraternity: Body of Christ unified by the Spirit (1Co 12:12-27)
- ▶ Churches who fall into Satan's snare become conduits to Hell: Wokeness
 - ▶ Begins with changing one's first love from Christ to self {Satan} (Re 2:4-5)
 - ▶ You become the poor and blind fool rejecting Christ who stands knocking at your heart, in humility, giving you mercy to repent, to turn from your sin (Re 3:17-21)