

Korah 2022

Korah/Korach, Numbers 16:1-18:32, covers the rebellion within the camp of Israel regarding who has the right to lead Israel, a fight over the priesthood, and ends with thousands dead directly upon the heels of the sin of the spies! Isn't it interesting that there is still an ongoing war over the office of the priesthood that is going to become more evident as the days go on (between that of the eternal priesthood of the Messiah, the Melek Tzadik Righteous King and that of those who will attempt to use the guise of the Aaronic/Levitical priesthood, but will truly be a Korah rebellion again)! Yet if we don't understand what the significance of this calling is, how we're expected ourselves to walk in this position, then how can we without a doubt say that we will not play a part in this coming rebellion, lest we understand the responsibility that goes with being called as kings and priests?

Numbers 16:1-3

Korah: Strong's #7141 Qorach קֹרַח bald; from #7139 qarach קָרַח to make oneself bald specifically for the dead, an act Israel, and specifically the priests, are admonished against in Lev. 21 & Deut. 14! Most of the pagan rituals associated with this tradition deal with not only mourning for one who has passed away, but also the worship of a pagan/dead god! It's also interesting to note that there is a direct connection within these ancient pagan customs to inheritance as well – the one prepared to receive the inheritance, shaves their head/gives their hair, to receive it. Now this is quite interesting, because remember, this is directly on the heels of this generation of Israel being told they will not enter the land of their inheritance!

Another interesting point is the Hebrew word for hair: #8181 se'ar שֵׁעָר hair; cognate of #8179 sa'ar שַׁעַר gate, gateways! Hair in the Hebrew mindset is endowed with a symbolic value that has to do with intense experience, and thus with knowledge – it would seem then that these ancient cultures understood there's a deeper meaning behind this ritual, it's not just for mourning, but it's about gateways being opened for the purpose of having an experience and receiving knowledge and blessings from whatever fallen/dead one is being called upon!

*It's no accident that starting tomorrow and over the next several days CERN is celebrating 10 years of research, and live-streaming the celebrations across multiple platforms, with the finale on July 5th starting Run 3, a new energy record in stable-beam collisions...opening gateways...but once they are opened, what is the next step? Can these answers be found in the pattern of Korah?

It seems the rebellion of Korah is revealing much more than meets the eye! This individual, by taking on this name (Korah), seems to be revealing that he is one who has prostituted himself to the dead ones, in order to usurp an inheritance that has been denied by Yahweh, and the very next step is now he seeks the priesthood!

What is so significant about inserting oneself into this position? Perhaps only then can we understand why the anti-messiah as well will follow this same pattern and attempt to usurp this role, as well as why the role of priest on the earth, representing Messiah (from Adam forward) is continually attacked, so much so that today most believers don't understand what it means to function as this nation of kings and priests! Could the ability to possess the gates (**Gen. 22:17** – "...thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.") be directly tied to this position of priest?

*If this is the case, then the restoration of this office via the work of Messiah becomes paramount! He restores you and I to the calling of a royal priesthood in order for us to be able to successfully possess the gates to establish His Kingdom and authority upon the earth, making His enemies His footstool!

Priesthood: Strong's #3550 Kehunnah כֹּהֲנָה priesthood; from the root word kohen כֹּהֵן which is formed by inserting the ה (to reveal, something released or breathed, creative power) into the כּ root which means to establish a standard – the one who functions in the role of the priest is the one whose words once released/breathed out becomes and establishes the standard! It's a fight over who has the right and the authority to release seed (Word), and therefore establish dominion, which is why it is directly connected to the gates!

*It's no accident that the numerical value of Kohen is the same as Heylel/Lucifer (75) – it's a mantle he has long sought after for this very reason!

Looking closer at this root word of Korah - qarach, an interesting distinction is found, though both Lev. 21 & Deut. 14 both read very similar in the English translations regarding the prohibition from making oneself bald for the dead, in the Hebrew two different terms are used for the word dead! In Deut. 14 the term for dead is the common expected word mut (#4191) מוּת to die, be put to death; but in Lev. 21 when dealing with the kohanim the term for dead in Hebrew is nephesh (#5315) נֶפֶשׁ soul, life, emotion, passion, desire, the mind or inner being

*Could this be indicating that there is a greater hazard when one who is called and functioning as a priest, or a nation of priests, finds their selves compromised by contact with death, or when one in this compromised condition attempts to intrude into this office?

Looking closer, it's no accident that nephesh has a numerical value of 430, a number associated with the bondage of Egypt, as well as the number of years of exile prophesied by Ezekiel (40 for Judah & 390 for Israel)! Could this be revealing that when one functioning in the office of the priest is compromised by death/dead ones, anyone who is under their covering then is brought into exile and bondage?! It not only speaks of a physical exile, but an enslavement of the mind, the inner man!

*It's only from this position of Kohen/Priest, that one has the ability to affect the nephesh, the mind/inner man to either send one into exile and bondage or to restore – hence the reason understanding the Messiah's role as the High Priest is fundamental to our restoration and deliverance! **2 Corinthians 5:18** – "And all

things are of Yah, who hath reconciled us to himself by Yahshua Messiah, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;”

Romans 6:9 also reiterates that death has no dominion over Him, He is the only High Priest who is not subjugated by death, therefore the only one who can hold this office and bring restoration and deliverance (not only physical but spiritual, to the very nephesh/mind of man)!

*Is the light bulb beginning to turn on regarding the significance and purpose behind this coming third temple and reinstated priesthood and the effect it will have? If the Messiah’s work as the Kohen HaGadol/High Priest has restored and delivered us, then what is the purpose of this coming reinstating of another priesthood? Whether with full understanding or caught up in zeal, the results will be the same – exile and bondage of the nephesh/mind! With the current mindset of the majority it’s very evident whom most have allowed to be the priest in their own lives!

It’s no accident that the numerical value of Korah equals 308, the same value as the Hebrew term buwsh (#954) בּוֹשׁ to put to shame, be ashamed, disconcerted; when applied to the mind can indicate troubled, disturbed, confused, as well as to be put to silence. **Gen. 2:25** describes Adam as being “not ashamed/buwsh” prior to the fall and compromising of his role as high priest (which also infers then that this is an apt description afterwards)! We see this same term in **Exodus 32:1** – “And when the people saw that Moses delayed/buwsh to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves unto Aaron....” And so begins the building of the Molten Calf and the loss of Israel’s position as a nation of priests!

*When there is not one capable of operating as a priest, the door is left open for another to step in bringing buwsh/shame leading to a troubled, disturbed, and confused mind (nephesh) and renders those affected as silent – without the ability to declare and release the WORD! Korah simply exposes Israel’s own shame and condition having rejected the mantle they were called to!

Adam was the first high priest upon the earth, when he allows himself to be compromised by death and comes in contact with the dead one (nachash), everything under his authority is now exiled and brought into bondage – all of Creation! **Romans 5:12** – “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

It would seem to point towards the restoration of this office being the solution then as well! Perhaps this is hinted at in **Romans 8:19-21** “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

This is why Israel, upon exiting the bondage of Egypt, were called to be a nation of priests – upon coming out from under Pharaoh’s bondage and priesthood, their physical exile was

over, and it was now time for the renewing of their mind/nephesh in order to be fully set free, and in turn set all of creation free! **Exodus 19:6** – “And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.”

Yet we find, they just like Adam, prostitute themselves to the dead ones (Molten Calf), and it is not until Messiah Yahshua walks the earth that once again this office is restored to its fullness and offered to the nation as a whole again – **1 Peter 2:9** – “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:”

It seems the role of the priest is unique in its connection to the state of the nephesh/mind, are there further clues that help us to understand this connection though? Perhaps the law of first reference will reveal more - Adam as the 1st high priest on the earth is given his instructions in **Genesis 2:15** – “And Yahweh Elohim took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.”

Put: Strong’s #3240 yanach יָנַח to rest, settle down, remain, to obtain rest, or be granted rest; from #5117 nu’ach נָח to rest; can indicate the place where the Spirit, Name, or Glory of Yahweh rests – seems to infer that Adam is strategically placed here in order to become the resting place of the Name and Glory of Yahweh and by doing so, he in turn causes or brings rest to Creation!

Adam being the resting place of the Name of Yahweh is directly connected to the responsibilities of dressing and keeping (‘abad & shamar – two Hebrew terms only seen joined again in regards to the ministry of the priests!)

Dress: Strong’s #5647 ‘abad אָבַד to work, serve, describes the Priestly service or work; breaking this word down: אָ = to see, understand, discern; אָב = threshold; & אָב = to separate – He is charged with standing at the threshold, guarding the altar (access point) and separating/distinguishing that which brings forth life and stopping that which bring forth desolation!

*‘Abad is a cognate of #6-#8 ‘abad אָבַד to perish, be lost, wander, to destroy, to reduce to some degree of disorder (linked with death) – with every Hebrew word holding both a blessed aspect and a cursed, could this be revealing the effects of a compromised/prostituted priesthood? Instead of one who guards against desolation, they become the doorway to exile, destruction, and death!

Keep: Strong’s #8104 shamar שָׁמַר to keep, guard, observe, give heed, to keep within bounds or to restrain; breaking this word down: שָׁ – Name (Character, authority, power) & מַ – head; to keep – to put My Name upon the heads of Israel? Seems that this is reiterated with the Priestly Benediction of **Numbers 6:27** – “And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.”

*The role of the Kohen is to be the link/connection between the Name/Character/Authority/Power of Yahweh and the people! Yet once again, remember that even when dealing with a compromised aspect of this role the

principle remains the same – the ability to place one’s name upon the head (mind?) of another.

It’s no accident that both Ezekiel and Revelation speak of a group being marked/sealed in the forehead by Yahweh with His NAME, seeming to stand in direct opposition to those who have been marked/sealed by the beast (Revelation 13:6)! With this foundation being laid, is it possible that these prophecies regarding the mark in the forehead are actually directly connected and identifying factors regarding whose priesthood you serve under and are a part of?

*And if this is the case, then once again we have to question the role of the coming third temple and if this will be a tool for the beast to mark with his name/authority/character all those who choose to fall under its umbrella!

We find the Messiah fulfilling both of these responsibilities as the Melchizedek High Priest! He dresses/’abad, guards the threshold/door (**John 10:9** – “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”) & He keeps/shamar by revealing the Name of Yahweh (**John 17:26** – “And I have declared/manifested unto them thy name, and will declare it...”).

Yet upon this example that is set, we find we then are told that we are to be a royal priesthood – in other words, we too are charged with guarding the threshold, understanding that we’ve been given the responsibility and the authority to ensure that destruction and desolation does not cross, and we too are to be a resting place for His Name! In the face of the coming Korah priestly system that will attempt to cover the nations with shame, leaving them in a troubled, disturbed, and confused state, silenced before them, it will be the chosen generation raised up as a royal priesthood, marked by His NAME, a resting place for His Presence, who will stand in opposition, the very ones all of Creation is waiting upon to rise up!

Continuing to explore these powerful connections that lend prophetic insight into our days, it’s quite intriguing to note that Joseph’s head is also shaved when presented to Pharaoh (**Gen. 41:14**) – Joseph was Jacob’s heir, the one chosen to take on the mantle of the kingship and the priesthood. Yet Pharaoh attempts to compromise this position and subjugate Joseph beneath his covering, and we find that Joseph’s descendants have been in that compromised position for generations, their identity lost, yet Messiah Ben Yoseph restores this mantle and identity. Will the Joseph of today allow another to once again usurp this mantle, or will we collectively stand and declare Od Yoseph Chai – Joseph lives, as the NAME of the Most High enters these dry bones to make His habitation, a resting place for His Name?

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