

## Numbers 17

1. Unlike the other instances where the people complained, grumbled, and came against leadership, God does not stop with the punishment. What does God tell Moses to do in verse 2?

How are they to identify the staffs?

What do you think is the significance of these staffs?

Whose name was put on the staff of Levi?

What is Moses to do with these 12 rods?

According to verse 5, why is God doing this?

How will the people know Who God has chosen?

Why would this sign be so miraculous?

If you had been one of the 12 leaders, what might you have been thinking?

Today, how do we know whom God has chosen to be in leadership?

2. Why do you think Moses was not chosen as one the leaders?

According to verses 6 & 7, what does Moses do?

The next day, what did Moses find?

Look back at verse 5. What does the LORD say will happen to the staff of the man He chooses?

Why do you think God not only caused Aaron's rod to sprout but also to bud, bloom, and produce almonds?

Where specifically was Aaron's staff when it produced fruit?

What does this mean for us?

Look carefully at Matthew 3:8 & 10, Matt 7:16, and John 15:4 & 5. How do these verses relate to this episode with Aaron's staff?

What type of fruit did Korah and the others produce?

What does Moses do with the twelve rods after he enters the Tent of the Testimony?

Why does Moses not say anything?

Are there times the Lord does not want us to say anything? Please explain.

3. What does God have Moses do with Aaron's staff?

Why is Moses to do this?

Notice, God said the staff that has bloomed is to be a sign for whom?

Why do you think it was to be a sign for the rebellious and not the righteous?

4. According to verse 13, what do the people say?

From where do you think this "fear" came?

Look carefully at verse 14. What conclusion do the people reach?

How or why do you think they reached this conclusion?

Was this God's message? Please explain.

What is so "dangerous" about their conclusion?

Have you ever been affected by a misleading teaching about God? Without revealing names, please explain.

Do you think the people have "learned their lesson?" Please explain.

5. What conclusion can we draw from this chapter?