

## Communion Meditation – In the Wilderness

Numbers 16.1-40

God's Gracious Plans

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### Popularly Known as Korah's Rebellion

- Korah, Dathan & Abiram & 250 Leaders Rebel
- Moses commanded them to gather before the Lord (**v16**)
- Korah obeyed the command & brought 250 w/censers (**v17-19**)
- Dathan and Abiram did not / they stayed at their tents (**v25**)
- Dathan and Abiram & entire families stood at door of tents (**v27**)
- The earth swallows them plus Korah (**v31-33**)
- And fire fell upon the 250 men with censers (**v35**)

### “Who was Swallowed Up?”

- Dathan and Abiram's families perished / “**What about Korah's?**”
- **Read Num 26.9-11** (Second Census) / “**the children of Korah did not die**”
- So Dathan and Abiram's family lines ended that day (Reubenites)
- But Moses is clear that only Korah perished with them / not his children

### Who were the Korah, Dathan and Abiram?

- Korah was a Levite / Dathan and Abiram were Reubenites
  - Korah was a descendant of Kohath a son of Levi
  - The Kohathites were carriers of the contents of the tabernacle
  - The process is described in **Num 4.1-20** (**Read Num 4.15-20**)
  - Korah came to resent his duty as if he were a beast of burden
- In **1 Chr 6** we learn the prophet Samuel was a Levite / a descendant of Korah
  - Look at inspired intros to **Psalms 44 – 49** (“**sons of Korah**”)

### Duty & Obedience

- Korah was accustomed to obeying Moses and the Priests
- Though rebelling he obeyed Moses' instructions / Dathan & Abiram did not
- Korah's family was spared death / but Dathan & Abiram's families died too

God's grace covered Korah's family even amidst his rebellion

God's plan extended to 7+ generations of Korah's children

God's grace lessens the extent and severity of our sinfulness