

# We are here to:

Teach those who want to be taught

Serve those who want to be served

Shepherd those who want to be  
shepherded

Prescott AZ 2019

**6/27/2020**  
**Shabbat Service**  
**10:30 am**

***Korach | "קורח" | "Korah"***

***Torah: Numbers 16:1 - 18:32***

***Prophets: 1 Samuel 11:14 - 12:22***

***Brit Hadasha: Luke 18:35 - 19:28;***

***Romans 13:1-7; 2 Timothy 2:8-21;***

***Jude 1:1-25***

# Sounding the Shofar



# Opening Prayer









# Announcements

- **Walker House Reno Update**
- **Next Shabbat is going to be**





# Shema

“Hear, O Yisra’ěl: יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one!  
And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart,  
and with all your being, and with all your might. And  
these Words which I am commanding you today shall be  
in your heart, and you shall impress them upon your  
children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your  
house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie  
down, and when you rise up, and shall bind them as a  
sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between  
your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of  
your house and on your gates.” And you shall love your  
neighbor as yourself. I am יהוה.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ; Leviticus 19:18**



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יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה, וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ.  
יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיַּחֲנֶךָ.  
יִשְׁאַ יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיִּשִׁים לְךָ שָׁלוֹם.

yevarechecha YHWH veyishmerechah  
ya'eyr YHWH panav eylechah vichunekah  
yissa YHWH panav eylechah  
veyaseym lecha shalom

*YAHWEH bless you, and keep you:  
YAHWEH make His face shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you:  
YAHWEH lift up His countenance  
upon you, and give you peace.*

# Blessing of the Bread

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

ha'·o·lam      me·lekh      e·lo·hei·nu      **YAHWEH**      'at·tah      ba·rukh  
*the universe*      *king (of)*      *our God*      -----      *are you*      *Blessed*



הַמּוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

ha'·a·rets      min      le·chem      ham·mo·tsi  
*the earth*      *from*      *bread*      *the Who brings forth*

[Respond: *Amen.*]

# Blessing of the Vine

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בוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגָּפֶן.

hag·ga·fen

*the vine.*

pe·ri

*fruit of*

bo·re

*Who creates*

Lets Eat





Question  
Find  
Ask  
Hello  
Greetings  
Shalom Aleichem  
Listen  
Make yourself at home  
Bruchim Habayim  
Create  
Come in  
Welcome  
Explore  
Discover  
Do  
Shalom  
Try  
Act  
Hear  
Learn



# Prayer



# Questions

- We will have a question and midrash session at the end of this presentation
- If you have a question, write it down and during the midrash we can address it

**Torah is the key  
to understanding**

**YESHUA**

**“For if you believed Mosheh, you would have believed Me, since he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings how shall you believe My words?”**

**John 5:46-47**

*Korach* | " | קורח *Korah*"

**"And He Took"**

**Authority & Rebellion**

# Setting the Stage

- **Still in the wilderness within a few years of:**
  - leaving Mitsrayim
  - Crossing the Red Sea
  - The golden calf
  - The smashing of the 2 Tablets

# What have they witnessed?

- The 10 plagues against Mithriam
- The parting of the Red Sea
- The destruction of Pharaoh's army

These event were epic, each in its own way. Forgetting them one would think would take generations. Events like these would have had lasting effects, from which many would be suffering from PTSD.

# Heart Condition

And all the children of Yisrael *grumbled against Moshe and against Aharon*, and *all the congregation said* to them, “If only we had died in the land of Mitsrayim! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! And why has Yahweh bringing us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become prey? Would it not be better for us to turn back to Mitsrayim. And they said to one another, “Let us appoint a leader, and let us turn back to Mitsrayim.”

Numbers 14:2-4



# Korah Background

- **From the Tribe of Levi**
- **Son of Kohath**
  - **Responsible for carrying the Set-Apart items  
Num 10:21**
  - **This means he was already set-apart and had a special role appointed by Yahweh**
    - **This wasn't good enough, he wanted to be the High priest and the leader the children of Yisrael were grumbling for**

# Numbers 16:1

Now Korah son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth, sons of Reuben took

Now Korah took

2 tribes identified

Korah was not in a position to take anything. His duty was to carry the set-apart objects. Now he's going to take anyways... What does he take?

## **Numbers 16:2**

***And they rose up before Moshe with some of the children of Yisrael, 250 leaders of the congregation, called one of the meeting, men of name***

***250 Leaders/Priests/Chiefs***

***These were men of great esteem, well known leaders***

## **Numbers 16:3**

**And they assembled against Moshe and against Aharon, and said to them, “Enough of you! For all the congregation is set-apart, all of them, and Yahweh is in their midst. Why do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of Yahweh?”**

# **Breaking Down Korah's Argument**

- **Each person of Israel was already kadosh, therefore they did not need the leadership of Moshe and Aharon**
  - **As a nation they are set-apart and holy**
  - **How many individuals does Yahweh identify as kadosh (holy/set-apart)?**
    - **Aharon**
- **We are starting to see twisting of the Word that leads to their own destruction**
  - **Kepha gave a warning about Shaul in the Brit Hadasha on this exact thing**

# Who's elevating who?

*When Moshe was anointed, who anointed him?*

**YAHWEH**

*Did Moshe seek this out for his own esteem?*

**NO**

*Moshe actually tried to reason with Yahweh, I don't speak well, to not take on the role.*

*What did Yahweh Do?*

**Anointed and appointed Aharon**

# Taken offense

## • ***The Rebellion***

***–took offense toward Moshe and Aharon for their own transgression***

***–They were all grumbling wanting to go back***

***–They had already been banished from the Promised Land***

## ***Banishment***

**And Yahweh said, “I shall forgive according to your word, but truly, as I live and all the earth is filled with the esteem of Yahweh, for none of these men who have seen My esteem and the signs which I did in Mitsrayim and in the wilderness and have tried Me now these ten times and have disobeyed MY VOICE, shall see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor any of those who scorned Me see it.”**

**Numbers 14:20-23**



# The Rebellion

- Brought forth false testimony against Moshe and Aharon*
- They had little to no control over anything*
- They were trying to usurp the anointed authority*
- They were discrediting Moshe and Aharon*
- They contended with Moshe & Aharon because they could see them in the Physical, they could not see Yahweh in the physical form to contend with Him*

## Proverbs 6:16-19

*These six matters Yahweh hates, and seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands shedding innocent blood, a heart devising wicked schemes, feet quick to run to evil, a false witness breathing out lies, and one who causes strife among the brothers.*

# The Outcome

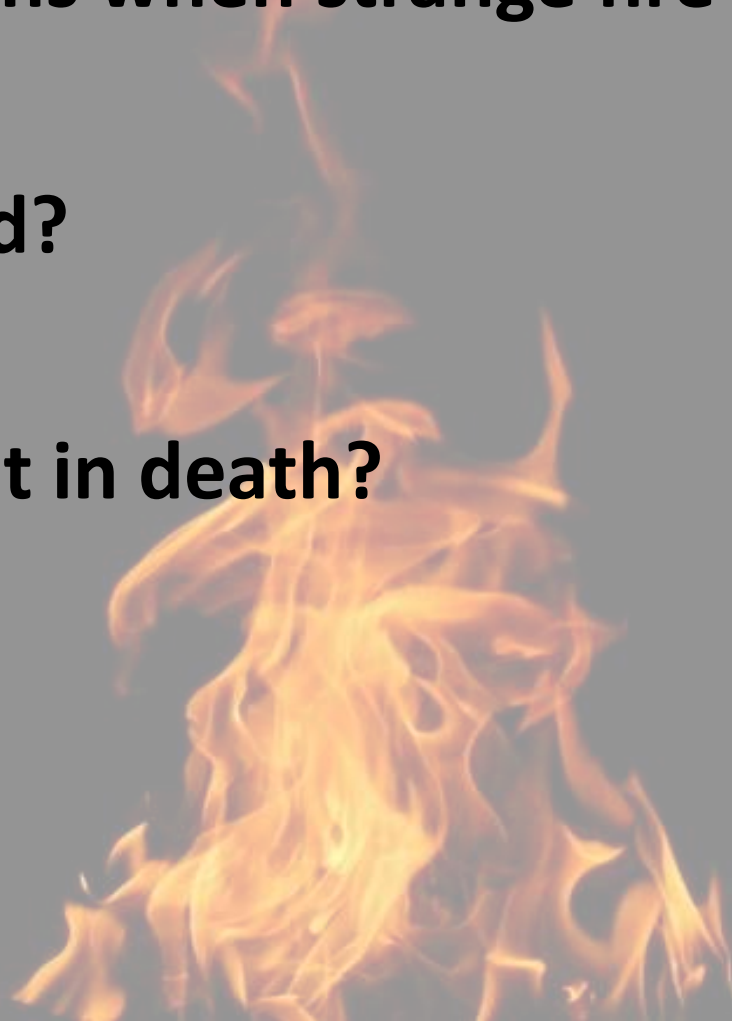
- **The rebellion was instructed to take fire holders and put fire and incense on them**
  - Spoiler alert – this is a task only the high Priest can do
- **Moshe reminded them they already had a set-apart duty, which they were not happy with as they wanted more**
- **Moshe calls them out on seeking the priesthood as well their given duty**

## **Isaiah 30:1-3**

***“Woe unto the stubborn children,” declares Yahweh, “to make counsel, but not from Me, and to devise plans, but not of My Spirit, in order to add sin to sin; who are setting out to go down to Mitsrayim, and have not asked My mouth, to be strengthened in the strength of Pharaoh, and seek refuge in the shadow of Mitsrayim! And the strength of Pharaoh shall become your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Mitsrayim your confusion”***

# Strange Fire

- What happens when strange fire is offered?
- Is it accepted?
- Does it result in death?



# Results

- **The tents, wives, children and possessions of Korah, Dathan and Abiram were taken down to Sheol while still alive. The earth opened up, consumed them, then closed again**
- **Korah and his rebellious 250 men were struck down by fire**

## Proverbs 22:24-25

*“Make no friendship with one given to wrath,  
and do not go with a man of rage, lest you  
learn his ways, and find yourself snared”*

## The Next Day

*After seeing the events of the prior day, the children of Yisrael are still grumbled against Moshe and Aharon accusing them of killing those the day prior.*

*After all they have witnessed in the last few years, the children of Yisrael still did not have faith in Yawheh*



# Lack of Faith in the Wilderness

- The power of Yahweh was manifest right in front of the Yisraelites eyes, **TIME AND TIME AGAIN**
  - *Manna and quail*
  - *Parting the Red Sea*
  - *The 10 plagues*
  - *The earth opening up and consuming people*
- **THEY REJECTED THE NOTION OF THE MOST HIGH AND BLAMED MOSHE AND AARON**

# Lack of faith in Messiah

**John 5:46-47**

***“For if you believed Moshe, you would have believed me, since he wrote about ME. But if you do not believe his writings, how shall you believe My words?”***

**Luke 16:30-31**

***And he said, “No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they shall repent. “But he said to him, “If they do not hear Moshe and the prophets, neither would they be persuaded even if one should rise from the dead.””***

# Ponder these Questions

- Do we struggle with control, or a lack of control, a lack of complete control or a lack of giving up control completely?
- How many of us gave something to Yahweh, and when it seemed as if He wasn't answering in the way we want, we took it back?
- Do we feel our faith is like that of Yisraelites during their wilderness journey?

# Still Pondering

- ***Are we like the Yisraelites***
  - ***grumbling about those who are leading the flock today?***
  - ***Lack faith in those around us?***
  - ***Have a rebellious heart?***
  - ***Still holding on to parts of our past that were comfortable?***

# The Takeaway

**Who appoints and anoints His servants for His Kingdom?**

**We have leaders in the body to bring us into unity and maturity. Without the leaders, we would all be led astray.**

**Leaders should be building people up in preparation for the Kingdom**

## 2 Tim 4:3-4

***For there shall be a time when they shall not bear sound teaching, but according to their own desires, they shall heap up for themselves teachers tickling the ear, and they shall indeed turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to myths***

# The Takeaway

**We seen what happened when people tried usurped something that was not theirs?**

**Did King David usurp control of the throne that he was anointed to occupy?**

**Those anointed as leaders still have someone they answer to.**

# My Path

- I was a lot like Moshe, in that I submitted myself to Yahweh
- I asked to be used in whatever manner He saw fit (be careful what you ask for 😊 )
- I was not seeking a lead position, that was actually the furthest thing on my mind and I balked at the idea of leading anyone other than my family
- I was content being a spectator, watching from the sidelines



# My Path

- I didn't choose which body part I wanted to be, I was assigned one
- After reading the Torah, I'm of the opinion that nobody in the right mind would seek out a leadership or teaching position in the faith. The judgment for the words that are taught are 2 times that of a non teacher.

## Matthew 23:12

*“And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.”*

**Remember who was hand picked each time (Moshe, Aharon, the 12 Apostles). They were not always the most obvious choice, the most prepared to lead. They didn't choose their role, they were hand picked to serve the role, contrary to public opinion of the day.**



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