



Parasha #38

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Themes of this parasha



The rebellion of hearts



The rod of Aharon blossoms



Support for the priests and Levites



MEANING:

DEPILADDO NUMBERS 16:1 - 18:32

Mitzvot



The commandment to guard the Sanctuary (Numbers 18:4)



The precept to redeem a firstborn human son (Numbers 18:15)



The precept of the Levite's service in the Sanctuary (Numbers 18:23)

Korah, son of Izhar, along with Dathan and Abiram, and two hundred and fifty men of the Israelites, men of renown, rebelled against Moses and Aaron, challenging their authority. Moses, after hearing all this, fell facedown and spoke to Korah and all who were with him, saying, "Tomorrow the Lord will show who is the chosen one. You shall take incense offerings, you and all who are with you, and place them before the Lord." Despite Moses' warnings, the rebellion persisted. The Lord told Moses and Aaron to separate the congregation from the rebels, and when the earth opened, it swallowed Korah and his followers. Fire also consumed the two hundred and fifty men who offered incense. Despite this, the community continued to murmur, which led to a plague that killed fourteen thousand seven hundred people. Aaron interceded, and the plague was stopped.



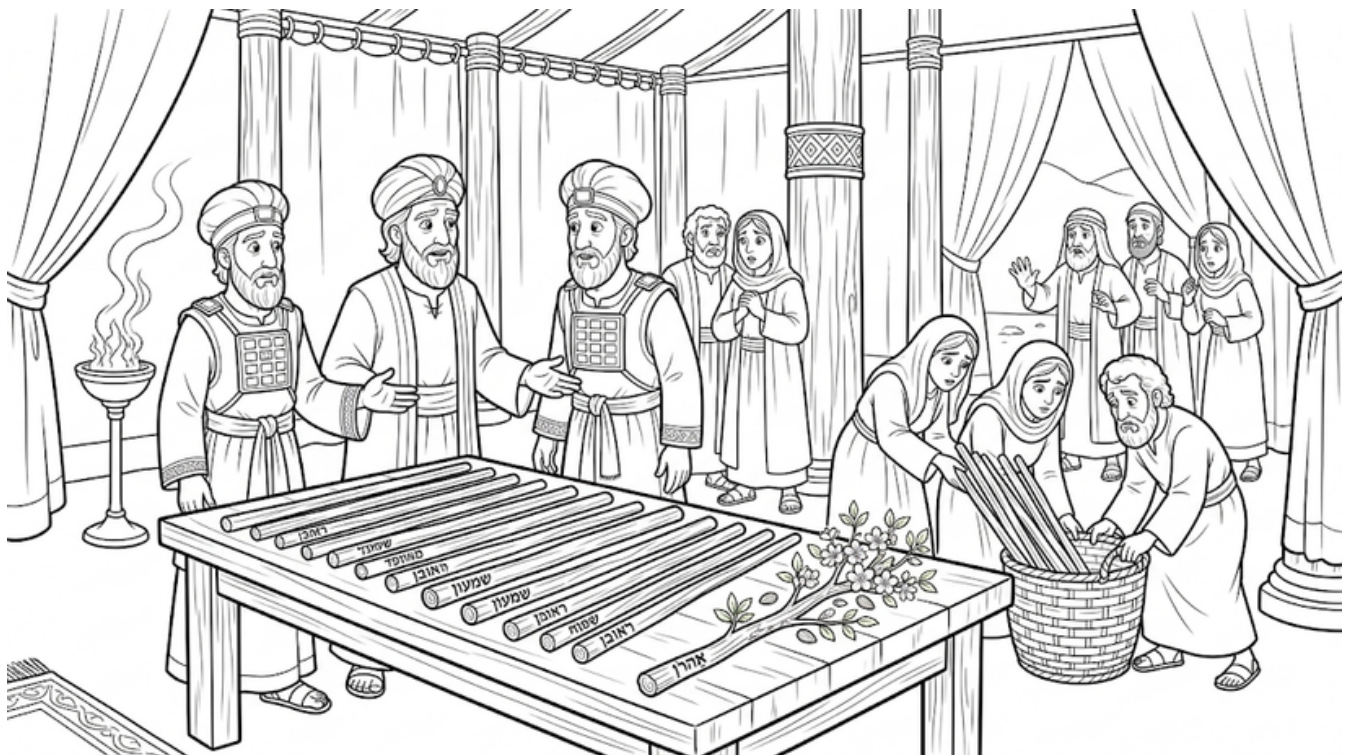


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Then Adonai instructed Moses to take a staff from each of the houses of the leaders of Israel, totaling twelve staffs. Aaron's staff represented Levi. These staffs were placed in the tabernacle, and the next day, Aaron's staff blossomed, symbolizing his election. Moses showed the staffs to the people, and Adonai commanded that Aaron's staff be kept as a sign for the rebels, to stop their grumbling. The Israelites, seeing this, feared for their lives, wondering if they would die if they approached the tabernacle.





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Adonai instructs Aaron about the priesthood and the responsibilities of him and his sons. The Levites are to serve in the tabernacle, but not to touch the holy vessels. Aaron and his family will receive the offerings and tithes of the Israelites as their inheritance, and they must present a tenth of those tithes to Adonai. The Levites will have no inheritance in the land, as their ministry is their inheritance. The importance of maintaining holiness in the service and offerings at the tabernacle is emphasized.





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Place the name and one male from each tribe on the rod and decorate Aaron's rod with the flowers and leaves.

Materials:

12 popsicle sticks, glue, and scissors.

Procedure:

Trace each man along his outline, cut out the flowers and leaves, and each tribe name, glue each man to the top of the stick and glue the name in the middle of the stick, on Aharon's staff you will glue Aharon, the flowers and leaves as shown in the model on the next page.



AHARON



RUBEN



SIMEON



JUDA



ZABULON



ISACAR



DAN



GAD



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