The Rebellion of Korah, Today

In Ecclesiastes 1:9 we read:

That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.

Then in chapter 3, verse 15, it is repeated:

That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.

The main purpose of the Old Testament is to set forth, to prophesy, what Yahweh God will do among man. This is true from the opening Genesis account, to the closing verses in Malachi regarding the Elijah. The entirety of the Old Testament foreshadows and sets forth the failure of man, particularly pertaining to the church, as well as Yahweh's judgment and His mercy. That which takes place naturally in the Old Testament, foreshadows that which is fulfilled spiritually today. Or as Paul said, first the natural and then the spiritual. Therefore, by seeing and examining these dramatic testimonies, we can understand how Yahweh actually regards our aberrant actions, as well as the consequences thereof.

With this prophetic element in mind, let us examine the account from Numbers 16 and see how that which has been already is finding fulfillment today. And again, since what we are getting ready to read will be fulfilled, especially today, we would be wise to carefully and thoughtfully examine this and gain insight. Our hope thereupon is as it is written in Daniel 12:3: "Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

In Numbers 16, we read the account concerning the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, as they rose up against Moses. Verse 3 states their objection:

"You [Moses] have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Yahweh is in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of Yahweh?"

Their objection was very much like that of Miriam and Aaron just four chapters prior to this, where they equally spoke against Moses, saying:

"Has Yahweh indeed spoken only through Moses? Has He not spoken through us as well?" [Numbers 12:2]

Thereupon, Miriam became leprous and was put outside the camp for seven days. Obviously, Korah, Dathan, and Abiram did not learn from that.

So, what was the outcome for these three men and their households? Far worse! "The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who belonged to Korah with *their* possessions. So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly" (vss. 32-33).

This is indeed most dramatic; but again, it is a picture of that which takes place in the spiritual. So what is that fulfillment today? There are several ways, and even levels of its fulfillment; but we will focus on one that is particularly relevant.

To begin with, in Jude 1:8-11 we find the New Testament's own reference to this event, addressing those who "by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority," who "revile the things which they do not understand." It then adds that these are like those who "perished in the rebellion of Korah." Thus we find Korah identified with rebellion and lack of understanding.

In the biggest picture, even the highest level, this example is fulfilled in the kingdom of heaven, the church. This has in fact been the fate of all believers for two thousand years—they all die and do not enter into the Promised Land. They actually enter into Sheol, or death, and the earth closes over them. These three men—Korah, Dathan, and Abiram—in type represent the three parts, or three thousand years of the church. Remember, Yahshua warned that if these days are not cut short—from three to two—no flesh will be saved (Matthew 24:22 and Mark 13:20). In confirming testimony, these three men were equally split two and one. Representative of the two thousand years of the church that have been cut off and died (Zechariah 13:8) and are in the grave, so Dathan and Abiram would not come to Moses at the doorway of the tent of meeting where there was Yahweh's presence. Furthermore, even as the third part of Christianity will enter into the Millennial Reign in the presence of Immanuel, so the third man, Korah, did come to Moses at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

Thus, in the big picture we see that for the last two thousand years, the church has gone by the way of two of these three men, and would continue in the same way for the third part if their time is not cut short. But how could this apply to a nation, or even an individual? Here we are not just talking about physical death, but spiritual, like unto that which is written in Jude. We will now look at the personal level.

There is one particularly relevant item we must focus on here regarding this personal or individual level. And as you will see, this is not just a casual or vague application. Based on the evidence and clear specific testimony relative to this account and other scriptures, its application is not only evident but obviously intentional, entirely relevant, and remarkably specific.

Let us begin by adding some most important and pertinent information. First, what is the meaning of the name, "Korah"? It means, "to make bald," "shaved," or "baldness."

Let us now tie this to today, for which this foreshadowing event obviously took place. The evidence here is empirical. In 1 Corinthians 11:5-6 we read:

But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying dishonors her head [her husband], for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off [lit., let her be sheared]; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off [lit., to be sheared] or her head shaved, **let her [fully] cover her head**.

Paul then adds the clear directive:

Therefore the woman is **obligated** to have authority on her head, because of the angels [vs. 10].

And finally, he compellingly concludes this instruction with the clear and encompassing statement:

But if one is inclined to be contentious, we have no other practice, nor have the churches of God [vs. 16].

The obligation of a woman to cover her head is profoundly clear. Even so, how many women today cover their heads? Very, very, very few! Why not? As you will see, the reality is that women, and men, have become spiritual Korahs, rebelling against authority. 1 Corinthians 11:5 clearly states that a woman who prays with her head uncovered "dishonors her husband" and "is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved." Women, and men, today read these verses and then act out of their own wills, just as did Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and Miriam. Like these four, they too have decided that they can determine for themselves what God wants, irregardless of what the Scriptures clearly require. "Korah" means "shaved," and this is precisely the spiritual condition of women today. They too, along with men (who shave their face and their head), rebel against God and want to do their own will. They are Korahs! They are spiritually bald—"one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved"! And they all go down alive into Sheol Christianity. They are Miriams! They are in leprous mark-of-the-beast-seven Christianity.

The church given to man is the fulfillment of the original Garden of Eden; and like the original Garden, kingdom man has failed. Yahweh warned Adam: "... but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it, [literally] in dying you will die." Therefore, what has been the fate of believers for the last two thousand years? They die! They too are eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, doing their own will, and in dying they die. In like testimony, they live in Sheol and will die.

Confirming this even further, in Job 26:6 we read:

"Naked is Sheol before Him, and Abaddon has no covering."

Abaddon is inherently identified with Sheol, death, and the grave (Proverb 15:11, 27:20; Job 28:22; Psalm 88:11), and the word bears the meaning: "perishing, going to ruin, being in a ruined state." The abandonment of women from their place and role as a woman—throwing off their coverings, including rejecting the man—has led to the ruinous state of society and the church today. Women have rejected men as their God-

ordained heads, attesting to this by casting off their headcoverings. Replacing the word "Abaddon" with its meaning, we thus read: "a ruinous state has no covering." This is the state of women today, attested by the fact that they are uncovered! They are the fulfillment of the rebellion of Korah who descended alive into Sheol! They are "one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved"! So when you see a woman praying or prophesying with her head uncovered, think Korah! Think Abaddon!

To help you understand this better, let me share a personal testimony. Experience gives understanding, though sometimes at a painful cost, which was the case here. It was in fact by experiencing the personal application of what was just set forth, that its application to the church was evident.

Beginning on New Years Eve, 1989, my family prayed in the new year for the first time with my wife and the girls covering their heads. From that time on, our understanding and faithfulness regarding headcoverings increased, providing amazing insight that was eventually published in the book, *Coverings*. It was a wonderful time and wonderful experience. My family was the perfect family. They dressed modestly, my wife and the girls covered their heads, and they were exemplary in behavior, including honoring me as husband and father.

But, things changed, and I eventually lost them. What caused this? Basically, there were three reasons. First, what we hoped for in the Bride—the latter rain—did not take place. Many times we had hopes and expectations, but they did not come to pass. This relates very much to the rebellion of Korah. Expressed by Dathan and Abiram and undoubtedly shared by Korah, these men and their households—even all Israel—had experienced great disappointment. In verses 13 and 14 they expressed: "Is it not enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to have us die in the wilderness, but you would also lord it over us? Indeed, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor have you given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards." Disappointment is a HUGE motivator, and caused them to lose sight of the many things that Yahweh had already done on their behalf, clearly attesting that He was with them and leading them through Moses. disappointment causes blinding doubt. I can very much understand the disappointment that Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and the people experienced; and it was that kind of disappointment that equally brought great doubts and the change of attitude and actions among my family.

The second cause for their change was the lure of the world. As my children became older, sadly, there was a natural inclination and desire to be like others, and to enjoy the seductive and blinding pleasures that the world has to offer. As with the Israelites, they were looking back at Egypt. And third, with the influence and urging of Christians, they began to reject the Bride more and more, as well as me, and wanted to go back into Christianity. Of course there they could still keep religion and enjoy the worldly things they desired. So, I lost them all.

This sorrowful and painful experience is how the correlation with Korah became evident to me. With these three influences, and with the encouragement and support of Christians, they likewise rejected me as the authority that Yahweh had set forth in their lives as the husband and father. This is the rejection of authority which is common among Christianity and is expressed in Jude 1:8—" by dreaming, [they] defile the flesh,

and reject authority." And with that rejection they sank down into worldly Sheol Christianity alive, throwing off and immediately rejecting their headcoverings, becoming Korahs, and dressing and behaving like the world.

And I must say that I could certainly identify with Moses here in that he became very angry with Dathan and Abiram, for he had not violated them in any way (Numbers 16:15). Neither had I violated any of my family; and it was very disturbing and immensely painful what they, with their Christian supporters and even promoters, were doing. They were violating everything good and right. Seemingly prophetic, some of the last words of my grandfather just before he died were: "I had five children, and lost them all!" I too have five children, and lost them all, along with an obedient wife.

So, that which happened in the rebellion of Korah, I too painfully experienced. With my family rebelling against and rejecting the authority of the home, the authority of the family, violating its government that God has set forth to be honored and obeyed, this personal experience made it possible for me to see the like violation at the higher level of the church. Furthermore, my wife and daughters had been covering their heads for several years; and upon rejecting me, immediately they uncovered themselves. When one adds to this the meaning of Korah's name—bald or shaven—as well as the refusal of Christian women to cover their heads, and are thereby equally bald, the relationship and higher fulfillment was rather obvious. Even as my family rejected me and my authority and instruction, so Christians reject Yahweh God and His authority and instruction. Christian women refuse to cover their heads today, and are thereby Korahs—bald. They too want the pleasure and approval of the world. Men and women alike reject the authority of God's word and His governmental order, following in the ways of Korah.

In addition, it is most significant that Yahweh's revelation to me of the profound truth of the two-part Remnant Bride, was preceded by His revelation regarding headcoverings. And, it was this vital truth regarding headcoverings that brought about the phenomenal truth regarding the <u>Nazirite vow</u>. If you want to know how important, vital, and relevant headcoverings are, then recognize that they were the entrance way to the revelation of the Nazirite vow and Remnant Bride truth. Yahweh uses the foolish—headcoverings—to shame the wise. Today, this CLEARLY and FORTHRIGHTLY stated instruction is rejected, revealing man's Korah ways. Therefore, how much more important is it that women, especially if they make claim to being in the Bride, cover their heads?

Briefly, let us examine this as it pertains to the nations. England and America have a most unique role among the nations. As addressed in the video, "Thinking Governmentally, Part 2," they are the kingdom of heaven at the nations level. Therefore, what they do will follow the same pattern of the true fulfillment of the kingdom—the two-part Bride, split by the Body of Christ. So, it is not incidental that these two nations have followed the same course of lack of understanding and departure that we have seen already, and for which are equally held accountable by God. Both nations long held to the practice of women covering their heads and dressing modestly; but as was addressed in the video, "The Slippery Slope of Compromise," they too have gone the way of Korah. Both of these nations, as well as

the entire world, need to be restored to righteousness, to right behavior before God and man.

In the opening of this writing, we read that "That which has been is that which will be ...," and saw a highly impacting way in which this is taking place—by women, and men, becoming Korahs. We also read from Jude 1:8 and 10 that there are those who "by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority," who "revile the things which they do not understand." In that same passage in Jude, verse 6, it likewise warns:

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day

Ladies, what is the difference between angels abandoning their place, and women abandoning their place, as we see so clearly today? There is no difference! That which has been Women have abandoned the home. They have abandoned motherhood. They have abandoned godly behavior. They have abandoned simplicity. They have abandoned modesty in dress and adornment. They have abandoned covering their heads. They have abandoned submitting to their husbands. Instead of accepting their God-ordained place and role as a helpmate (helper), they demand equality with men. They are no different whatsoever from the angels who abandoned their proper abode. Again, I know, for I have experienced this abandonment personally, and we see it all around us.

Women cannot fault the angels when they themselves have done the same. And what is MOST amazing and relevant, 1 Corinthians 11:10 states that the woman "is obligated to have authority on her head, **because of the angels**." I have always thought of this from the aspect that angels are God's messengers. However, now seeing this clear association of the angels abandoning their proper abode and woman doing the same, it could just as well be a grave warning for women. Ladies, the headcovering that God obligates you to wear, is a testimony that you are under the authority of a man; and when you go to God uncovered, you are attesting to and identifying with the angels "who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode."

So with all of this failure, where is our hope today? First, it cannot be in Christianity. For two thousand years they have failed to bring forth the fruits of the kingdom; and they cannot and are not going to begin doing so now. And, our hope certainly cannot be in the nations, which have failed for six thousand years. What is it that brings Christians and the nations out of death? As addressed in *Resurrection and Judgment*, it is the second resurrection and the white throne judgment. Today, what we need is our own white throne judgment where we judge ourselves. This will bring us out of death, allowing us to ascend alive as the <u>obedient people</u>, fulfilling the words of Yahshua: "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death" (John 8:51).

The only hope I have is that the Holy Spirit will be poured out in the latter rain and "will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:8). My only hope is that the Bride will be called out and repent so as to be the obedient people, and that the Elijah spoken of in Malachi 3:3 "will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver." Silver is the Remnant. We cannot afford to follow in the ways of Korah and

choose for ourselves what WE want to do, conforming to the world and its lusts. In 1989 when I was first challenged about the woman covering her head, my response was that it did not matter whether I understood all about headcoverings. If God's word said to do it, I was to obey. Later the understanding did come, as addressed in *Coverings*; but first I had to simply obey. That is who Yahweh is looking for today—obedient people. Not Korahs!

We close here with the writings of the sons of Korah as recorded in the Psalms. Although Numbers 16:32-33 states that Korah's household and "all the men who belonged to" him perished, in Numbers 26:11 we read that the sons of Korah did not perish with the others. Why this unusual contradiction? Why were they spared? One could conclude that it was the reward for Korah obeying and coming to the tent of meeting as instructed. But most importantly, prophetically it would speak to the third part of the church that will not die, but be delivered from Sheol. Attesting to this, their writings speak of this very thing: "But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me" (Psalm 49:15).

The Psalms of the sons of Korah are chapters 42, 44-49, 84, 85, 87, and 88. I encourage you to read each one of them. Surely you will find some of your favorite passages within them. Their father was obedient to assemble at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and it is noteworthy that his offspring became its gatekeepers: "These were the gatekeepers for the camp of the sons of Levi. ... over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent" (1 Chronicles 9:18-19). Also, attested by these Psalms, under King David they "ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting" (1 Chronicles 6:32, 37). Though in the Millennial Reign Christians will not be a part of the temple of Yahweh—the Bride that comes down from heaven—we see evidenced that they will be the gatekeepers. They are indeed members of the kingdom of heaven and will undoubtedly serve.

Therefore, as you read these passages, remember that they represent those of Christianity who do not sink down into death, as have those in the first two thousand years of Dathan and Abiram Christianity. Also, appropriately, they are most often cries of repentance and pleas of not being forsaken.

Psalm 44:24-26

Why do You hide Your face *and* forget our affliction and our oppression? For our soul has sunk down into the dust; our body cleaves to the earth. Rise up, be our help, and redeem us for the sake of Your lovingkindness.

Psalm 49:13-15

This is the way of those who are foolish, and of those after them who approve their words. Selah.

As sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd; and the upright shall rule over them in the morning, and their form shall be for Sheol to consume so that they have no habitation.

But God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me. Selah.

Psalm 85:2-13

You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. Selah.

You withdrew all Your fury; You turned away from Your burning anger.

Restore us, O God of our salvation, and cause Your indignation toward us to cease.

Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?

Show us Your lovingkindness, O Yahweh, and grant us Your salvation.

I will hear what Yahweh God will say; for He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Lovingkindness and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth springs from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. Indeed, Yahweh will give what is good, and our land will yield its produce.

Righteousness will go before Him and will make His footsteps into a way.

So may it be soon, Father.