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Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy



Num 15-18

- WHEN= the first thing the Lord does after enacting discipline (14:45) is confirm his promise to bring his people into the land (15:2)
- The information regarding the burnt, meat, and sin offerings (15:1-31) is **COMPLEMENTARY**, not **CONTRADICTORY** to that given in (Lev 1,2,4)

Additional Information Regarding The Offerings (15:3-29)			
Burnt Offering	A lamb	A ram	A bullock
Meat Offering	1/10 deal of fine flour mingled with 1/4 hin of oil	2/10 deals of fine flour mingled with 1/3 hin of oil	3/10 deals of fine flour mingled with 1/2 hin of oil
Drink Offering	1/4 hin of wine	1/3 hin of wine	1/2 hin of wine
Heave Offering	A cake of the first of their dough		
Sin Offering	For the CONGREGATION- a kid of the goats		For the INDIVIDUAL- a she goat of the first year

- A man guilty of gathering on the sabbath day was executed under the **LAW** (15:32-36), but those guilty under **PROMISE** were merely rebuked (Exo 16:27-29)
- The execution of the sabbath breaker is the **FOURTH** of eight instances of fatalities recorded in Numbers (11:1,33; 14:37; 15:36; 16:32-35,49; 21:6; 25:9)





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- The Lord commanded Moses to have the people make fringes in the borders of their garments, with a blue band upon it- this band reminded the people of the commandments of the Lord and their need to keep them (15:38-41) (e.g.- WWJD bracelets)
 - This blue band is displayed on the flag of the nation of Israel
 - By “enlarging the borders of their garments” (Matt 23:5), the Pharisees wanted to give the impression that they remembered the word of God more than others
 - Korah was Moses’ cousin and a LEVITE; Dathan, Abiram, and On were REUBENITES (16:1)
 - On is not mentioned in (16:12,24) implying he may have repented along the way
 - These four men rose up in rebellion against Moses and Aaron with 250 (10 x 5 x 5 = # of DEATH) princes of the assembly (these princes were FAMOUS- the famous are usually rebellious toward the Lord)
 - They rejected the tribal priesthood and wanted to restore the patriarchal priesthood- they accuse Moses and Aaron of NICOLAITANISM (“conquest of the common people”)
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Num 15-18

- Korah knew that MOSES SAID God chose Aaron and his sons to be priests, but he believed this was more an act of NEPOTISM than divine revelation
- Jude calls this rebellion, “the gainsaying of Kore” (Jude 11) because Korah is denying and opposing the Aaronic priesthood
- Moses knew that the only way to come near to God (and live) was with the acceptable MAN in the acceptable MANNER, so he issues the challenge (16:5-7)
- Dathan and Abiram call Egypt a “land that floweth with milk and honey”, and accuse Moses of being a SELF appointed leader, rather than a DIVINELY appointed one (16:13)
- Some actually thought that the miracles they witnessed in the wilderness were some form of wizardry or slight of hand on Moses’ part (16:28)
- The earth is said to have a MOUTH that SWALLOWS, and what is swallowed goes down to the PIT (16:30); therefore, the pit is the earth’s BELLY cf. (Jon 2:2)- a person with an insatiable appetite is called a BOTTOMLESS PIT
- The first appearance of the PIT and it is associated with rebellion against God
- The death of Korah and his company is the FIFTH of eight instances of fatalities recorded in Numbers (11:1,33; 14:37; 15:36; 16:32-35,49; 21:6; 25:9)





Num 15-18

- All that pertained to Korah including his house and possessions went down into the pit with him, but his children were spared (26:10-11) either because they separated themselves from him (16:24-26) or on the basis of (Deu 24:16)
 - The plague that kills 14,700 for their murmuring is the SIXTH of eight instances of fatalities recorded in Numbers (11:1,33; 14:37; 15:36; 16:32-35,49; 21:6; 25:9)
 - The events of Num 16 proved to all the people that only Aaron and his sons were to be priests; the events of Num 17 proved that only the Levites were the priestly tribe
 - Aaron's rod that budded is a type of CHRIST resurrected (Isa 11:1)- as the buds on Aaron's rod proved he was chosen of God, so the resurrection proves Jesus Christ was chosen of God (Rom 1:4)
 - Following the rebellion of Korah and the budding of Aaron's rod, the Lord reconfirms the special responsibilities of the priests and Levites- only the Levites could minister about the tabernacle of the congregation, and only the priests could minister about the altar and within the veil (18:1-7)
 - The death penalty was imposed on all who violated this law, that is why false PRIESTS had to set up false PLACES to worship cf. (Jud 18:30-31; 1 Kin 12:28-31)
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- The exceptions are DAVID (2 Sam 24:25) and SOLOMON (1 Kin 8:63), who both offered sacrifices as PRIESTS because they were types of CHRIST
- A COVENANT OF SALT= in Semetic culture, partaking of SALT by people together was regarded as a pledge of FRIENDSHIP, it was also used in covenants to represent a most solemn covenant had been made
- The priests and Levites did not receive an inheritance in the land because the Lord was their inheritance; they also received of the tithes of the people (18:20-21) cf. (Jos 13:14)

The Tithe For The Service Of The Congregation cf. (1 Cor 9:10-14)

1. Meets the needs of the SANCTUARY
 2. Meets the needs of the SERVICE
 3. Meets the needs of the SHEPHERD
 4. Meets the needs of the SAINTS
- The Levites were not exempt from tithing, they were to tithe from among the tithes they received (18:26)
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