

KORAH & COMMUNISM

A CHARACTER STUDY OF A MALCONTENT AND A REBEL

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Numbers 16:2-3, “And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, ‘You take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are set apart/*kadosh*, every one of them, and YHVH is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of YHVH?’”

Korah Was a Malcontent

Numbers 16:9, “Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that Elohim of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of YHVH, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?”

It was a situation of class struggle: the “haves” versus the “have nots”. Korah was not content and thankful to be a Levite; he wanted the “whole enchilada.” He took his spirit of discontent, separated himself with others who had a similar grudge against authority and started an uprising (“He stood up”—*Stone Chumash*; “gathered themselves together”—*KJV*)—a class struggle. With Karl Marx (the father of modern communism) it was the Proletariat (working class/lay people) versus the Bourgeoisie (the leaders).

Korah: Spirit of Accusation

Numbers 16:3, *Ye take too much upon you...* Korah starts by accusing Moses and demanding equal rights with Moses.

(Satan did the same thing toward YHVH in the Garden to Adam and Eve.) Power to the people, which is democracy, which is the basis of communism. “Proletariats of the world unite!” which is Marx’s final call to action in his book on communism entitled, *Communist Manifesto*.

Korah Had No Fear of Authority/YHVH

Numbers 16:11, For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against YHVH... (See *Stone Chumash*, notes on verse 11, p. 823).

Democracy In Action—Class Struggle & Power to the People!

Here we see democracy (mob rule which leads to anarchy) rearing its ugly head. At issue is “power to the people”—a constitutional form of government based on the Torah (a divine revelation from YHVH of eternal and unchanging truths) versus democracy, or the will of the people based on the right of the people to choose what they want to do, when and how they want to do it regardless of what the “national Constitution” (the Torah) given to them by YHVH at Mt. Sinai said. Discuss *lex rex* versus *rex lex*. Democracy is the ruination of a society. America’s leaders now refer to this country as a “democracy,” not a “republic” anymore and the New World Order is attempting to spread democracy worldwide. (This was Marx’s aim, as well and he states it in his *Manifesto*.) We have lost our devotion to a biblical morality and ethic and are pandering to the base instincts of the masses and we are going the way of spiritual and moral ruin and degradation just as Marx predicted would happen in his *Manifesto* when socialism would dominate (family structure and marriage abolished, free sex, public education, no parental control over children, abolishment of religion and eternal values, etc.).

At the basis of this revolt is a revolt against the Torah-Constitution of Israel that YHVH had given to them; i.e., no fear of YHVH, the Author of divine instruction and law. It was a rebellion of men lifting their will against the will of YHVH—an elevation of man and diminishing of YHVH (at least in man's eyes).

Lucifer Was the Original Rebel

Isaiah 14:12-14, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation [i.e., Mt. Moriah], in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

Notice all the "I wills..." Satan the original rebel (democrat/communist) against YHVH's rule is the originator of humanism—the exaltation of man over YHVH.

Communism Started At the Garden of Eden

Such rebellion had its roots at the Garden of Eden in front of the Tree of Knowledge where the serpent, the archenemy of YHVH enticed man to rebel against YHVH's divine law, and to exalt man to a position to be able to determine for himself what is right and wrong—i.e., humanism. Man can chart his own course and determine his own ethics or lack thereof. This is democracy. POWER TO THE PEOPLE! GOD IS DEAD or at least irrelevant!

Communism Rears Its Ugly Head Again With Nimrod

Nimrod collectivized people in cities.

- (a) He was the world's first dictator (Gen. 10:8).
- (b) He was *before (in front of)* YHVH (Gen. 10:9).
- (c) He endeavored to exalt man through human efforts up to the level of YHVH by building a tower (Gen. 11:4).
- (d) He wanted man to make a name (fame, reputation, glory, a memorial) for himself vis-à-vis YHVH; exalt man and diminish YHVH (Gen. 11:4).

YHVH Judges Communism By Sending It Into the Pit of Sheol

The earth swallows Korah et al (Num. 16:32) even as Satan, the originator of the rebellion, will be cast into the bottomless pit.

Spirit of Rebellion Has a Strong Grip On the Children of Israel

Even after YHVH judged Korah and his rebellion the people still had within them the seeds of rebellion, for they rebel again in Numbers 16:41.

Fear of YHVH Is Finally Restored

YHVH had to take strong disciplinary actions against Israel to root out humanistic/democratic/communistic rebelliousness. The fear of YHVH is finally reestablished in 17:12-13, though Israel never really demonstrates heartfelt repentance. They changed their attitude to save their skin from a furious El Elyon!

Evolution Is the Religion of Humanism

Evolution is the religion of atheism. It aims to kick YHVH off his throne as Creator and Righteous Judge of the

Universe and elevate physical matter and man to that status. Matter and man are worshipped in place of YHVH. Moral law (the Word of YHVH) is abolished; the mind of man determines what is right and wrong (humanism).

The Book of Jude: Story of Rebellion and Moral Perversion

Jude equates Cain with *humanism* (my way, not YHVH's way), Balaam with *greed*, and Korah with *rebellion* and *lust for power*. Read and discuss the whole book in this light.

The subject of the book of Jude concerns how men rebel against divine authority and turn from the common salvation (Yeshua) and the faith once delivered to the saints (verse 3) and embark on a downward path of moral and spiritual decay. The result is that the "grace of Elohim is turned into lasciviousness" (unrestrained moral looseness) (Verses 7-8). Marxism is about discarding spiritual and moral restraint and turning to moral and spiritual perversion. The liberal Christian denominations are already doing this (pedophile/homosexual priests, ordaining of homosexuals, adultery, fornication and abortion rampant within the evangelical church). The next step on the downward spiral is "Denying the Master Elohim and the Master Yeshua the Messiah" (verse 4). These moral and spiritual perverts and apostates do not want anyone to be their "Lord" and to tell them what to do. They are so full of lust and perversion that they will deny Elohim before they will reign in their lustful perversions and repent of their evil. This is the state of our society religiously and culturally today in America!

Jude 11: The Rebellion of Korah: A Prophetic Warning To the End-Times Believers

Read and ponder.

A Call To Action

What are we as end-time Believers and Messianic Israelites to do about epic struggle that is occurring? The Torah-loving/obedient Messianic Israel movement is the answer to this path of destruction and wickedness. Returning to the ancient paths of Torah-righteousness and heeding all the warnings of the biblical prophets of old is the answer. We must dedicate ourselves to working tirelessly to letting our lights shine in the darkness by obeying him and helping others to see this same light of Torah by presenting the true message of a Torah-obedient Gospel and a Torah-obedient Messiah. Our only hope is to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered" (Jude 2) and to "keep yourselves in the love of Elohim, looking for the mercy of our Master Yeshua Messiah unto eternal life" (verse 22) and to be an instrument in YHVH's hands to save others who are sliding downward: "And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh" (verse 23).

THE BEST DEFENSE IS A STRONG OFFENSE!