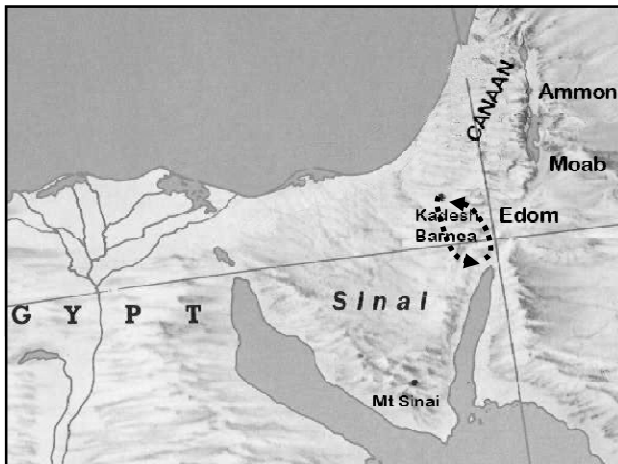


Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Lesson of Korah Numbers 16:36-17:13



Yad Vashem (Children's Memorial)



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Primary Objective

- *The vindication of the priesthood of Aaron: its exclusiveness and effectiveness*

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Numbers 16:36-40

1. The "Memorial"

- *Action:* Made a bronze plating over the altar out of the 250 censers as a preventative memorial
- *Lesson:* No person except the seed of Aaron could come near to the Lord as a priest

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Numbers 16:41-50

2. The Plague

- *Action:* Aaron made atonement for the people by his censer and thus stopped the plague of God's wrath
- *Lesson:* The necessity and effectiveness of Aaron's priesthood for the people's salvation

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Numbers 17:1-13

3. Aaron's Staff

- *Action:* Of all the staffs placed in the tent of meeting, God caused only Aaron's to sprout
- *Lesson:* Only Aaron's family are authorized as priests, through whom comes God's promise of blessing and life

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Overarching Lesson

- *The necessity of a God-ordained priest!*
 - necessitated by God's holiness which excludes sinners from His presence
 - necessitated by the need for atonement through a "holy" mediator on behalf of sinners

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The Fulfillment

➤ *Jesus, the Final High Priest*

- *His priestly work:* Jesus offered up Himself to make atonement on our behalf once for all time
- *His vindication:* God raised Him from the dead and seated Him as His right hand

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Conclusion

- Through Jesus *alone* we have relationship with God and the blessing of eternal life
- All other approaches to God apart from Christ will result in His eternal judgment