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The following is a brief overview of the main topics.
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Korah, Dathan and Abiram Rebellion.

Korah, Dathan and Abiram rose up; against Moses and Aaron with 250 well-known chiefs of the congregation and accused Moses and Aaron of exalting themselves above the assembly of the LORD, and have gone to far because the LORD is among the entire congregation so they are all holy, when Moses heard this he fell on his face.

Moses said to Korah; and all his company in the morning the LORD will show who is His and who is holy, He will bring near to Him the one He chooses, then tells them to take censers the next day and put fire in them and put incense on them before the LORD and the one the LORD chooses will be the holy one.

Moses asks Korah; why does he seek the priesthood, does he not value what the LORD has done for him, does he consider it a small thing that God has separated him and all his brothers (the sons of Levi) from the congregation to be near to the LORD and to do service in the Tabernacle to stand before the congregation to minister to them (Sons of Levi are in Gen 16:8, 10).

Moses asks Korah; and his sons what has Aaron done that they would grumble against him then tells Korah and his company that it is not Moses and Aaron they have gathered against but the LORD.

Dathan and Abiram refused to speak with Moses and accuse him of: -

- Not bringing them into the land flowing with milk and honey, but to kill them in the wilderness.
- Making himself a prince over them.
- Not giving them an inheritance of fields and vineyards.
- Deceiving the men that are with him (putting out their eyes).

Korah and all his company bring 250 censers before the LORD.

Moses was very angry because he had not harmed any of them, he told the LORD not to respect their offering and told Aaron, Korah and all his company (250 men) to take their censers and put incense on them and bring them before the LORD the next day. Every man took their censer, put fire in them, laid incense on them and stood at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting with Moses and Aaron, but while standing at the Tent of Meeting Korah turned the entire congregation against Moses and Aaron.

The Glory of the LORD Appears.

The LORD told Moses and Aaron to separate themselves from among the congregation so that He could consume them in a moment, but Moses and Aaron fell on their faces and asked God will He be angry and destroy the entire congregation because of one mans (Korah) sin.

Moses warns the congregation to get away from Korah, Dathan and Abiram

The LORD told Moses to tell the congregation to get away from the Tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, so he tells the congregation to depart from the Tents of the wicked men or they could be swept away with all their sins. The congregation got away from the Tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

The Earth opens its Mouth.

Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their Tents with their wives, their sons and their little ones and Moses says now the people will know that the LORD has sent him to do all the LORD'S work and that it has not been of his own accord. If Korah, Dathan and Abiram die a normal death or if they die by the fate of all mankind, then the LORD has not sent him, but if the LORD creates something new and the ground opens its mouth and the people go down alive into the grave with all that belongs to them then the people will know that these men have despised the LORD.

The ground swallows up more than 15,000 people.

As soon as Moses finished speaking the earth swallowed Korah and all the people who belonged to him with all their goods, the people and all that belonged to them went down alive into the grave and the earth closed over them and they perished from the assembly and all Israel who were around them fled at their cry for fear the earth would swallow them up.

Fire from the LORD.

Fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men offering the incense then the LORD tells Moses to tell Eleazar (Aaron's son) the priest to gather the 250 censers out of the fire and scatter the fire burning in the censers far and wide (presumably so they wouldn't start a fire) because the censers by being offered before the LORD at the Altar had become holy. Then Eleazar the priest was to take the 250 bronze censers and hammer them into plates for a covering of the Altar because they had become holy so they were hammered out as a covering for the Altar.

The 250 bronze censers placed on the Altar were a sign to the people of Israel to remind them that anyone who is not a descendant of Aaron was not to burn incense before the LORD or they would become like Korah and his company. The very next day the people turned toward the Tent of Meeting and the entire congregation grumbled against Moses and Aaron accusing them of killing the people of the LORD. The Cloud of the LORD covered the Tent and the Glory of the LORD appeared and Moses and Aaron came to the front of the Tent of Meeting.

A plague from the LORD consumes over 15,000 people.

The LORD told Moses to get away from the congregation so that He could consume them in a moment, Moses and Aaron fell on their faces and Moses tells Aaron that wrath has gone out from the LORD and the plague has begun among the people and tells Aaron to take his censer, put fire from the Altar on it then put incense on the fire and quickly carry it into the congregation to make Atonement for them. Aaron took the censer, put the incense on it and ran into the midst of the assembly and made Atonement for the people, Aaron stood between the dead and the living and the plague was stopped and Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

Those who died in the plague were 14,700, besides those who died in the affair of Korah.

End.