

Torah Portion #38: Korach (קורח) "Korah"

Torah ~ Numbers 16:1-18:32 | Prophets ~ 1 Samuel 11:14-12:22 | New Covenant ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-21; Hebrews 9:1-15

God's Separation

In this Torah Portion the Israelites continue to complain and rebel as they do throughout most of the book of Numbers. God commended those not involved in the rebellion to separate themselves in *Numbers 16:23-24* so that He could pour out His wrath upon the unrighteous in *Numbers 16:31-33*. We find this principle of separation throughout the Bible.

Believers must be separated from non-Believers, clean from the unclean, sheep from the goats, etc. In *Genesis 6:17-8:19* God separated His people by saving righteous Noah and his family from the flood waters by lifting them up to safety while the unrighteous remained on the earth.

One Taken and One Left

In *Matthew 24:38-41* Yeshua compares His second coming to the days of Noah's flood when He says that one will be "taken" and one will be "left." Yeshua is saying that God will once again separate His people at the second coming.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 "(16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words." NASB

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 "(51) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last shofar. For the shofar will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed." TLV Read *Matthew 24:31-51*

How to be prepared

Matthew 25:1-13 gives us a perfect example of how we are to be prepared for the return of Yeshua. Here we read the story of the ten virgins that was watching for the bridegroom (Yeshua) to come get His bride (believers). Five of the virgins was prepared because they had oil (Holy Spirit) for their lamps. The other five virgins was not prepared for the bridegroom (Yeshua) because they did not have oil (Holy Spirit) for their lamps.

Wheat and Tares

Yeshua speaks of His return in *Matthew 13:24-30* where it says that the wheat (believers) and the tares (unbelievers) will be separated. The wheat will be taken to His barn (Heaven) and the tares will be burned (Lake of Fire).

Fear Not

Matthew 24:36a "But of that day and hour no one knows" TLV

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in Adonai with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding." TLV

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Surely I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." TLV

Psalms 56:11 "In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?" NASB

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." NIV

2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we live by faith, not by sight." NIV

Conclusion

1 Thess. 5:9 "For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" ESV

Ezekiel 33:11 "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live." TLV

Romans 6:23 "For sin's payment is death, but God's gracious gift is eternal life in Messiah Yeshua our Lord." TLV

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." TLV