

- iii) But these three men wanted to have the job that Moses had. They went to overthrow Moses and put themselves in his position.
    - 2) And then there was Korah.
      - i) He was a Levite who came through Kohath.
      - ii) He wanted to take the place of Aaron the high priest.
      - iii) He had 250 men with him and these were leaders and officials of the people and they wanted to take the place of Aaron's sons as the priests.
      - iv) This was a conspiracy directed toward the complete overthrow of the administration that the Lord had set up.
  - d. When this rebellion broke out, Moses goes to Korah and says, "Now Korah, you take your 250 men and you come tomorrow to the court of the tabernacle. You come right beside the altar of burnt offering. You and your 250 men are going to take your censers. You are going to take fire off the altar and put fire into the censers and you are going to go and offer incense to the Lord (Nadab and Abihu tried to do this). But you are not the only one who is going to be there. Aaron is going to be there. And he is going to have incense and he's going to put fire in it and draw near to the Lord to offer incense. The Lord is going to show you just who is to be the high priest and who are to be the priests."
  - e. They came and the people all gather around.
    - 1) The text gives the impression that the people were sympathetic with Korah and the 250.
    - 2) And that's why the Lord was angry with the people.
  - f. The Lord spoke to Moses and says (for a 3rd time), "Moses, I want you and Aaron to separate yourself from this people because I am going to wipe them all out."
  - g. Moses says, "Please don't do that. Not for the sin of one man."
  - h. The Lord says, "I won't do that but here's what I am going to do. I want you to remember the way the camp is set up. I want you to go down to the southern part of the camp of Israel where you have the tribes of Reuben, Simeon and Gad and the Kohathites in between the tabernacle and these three tribes. <sup>Tell</sup> the people to separate themselves from the tents of these men because of they don't they are going to be killed."
 

*↳ Kohath, Dathan, Abiram (and On)*
  - i. Moses obeys the Lord and tells the people. He tells them to separate themselves from the tents of Dathan, Abiram, and On, all of whom are descendants of Reuben, and also from, the tents of Korah who <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ of the descendants of Kohath.