



Numbers 16:1-18:32 Expanded Chiasm

1A) 16:1-50 Rebellion **AGAINST THE PRIESTHOOD** of Aaron; {sx3+p+s+p}

1a.1) 16:1-19 Rebellion of Korah and 250 leaders; {s}

1A) 16:1-3A Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; **2** and they rose up in the face of Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty men; they were princes of the congregation, the elect men of the assembly, men of renown. **3** And they **ASSEMBLED THEMSELVES TOGETHER AGAINST MOSES AND AGAINST AARON**;

1B) 16:3B-7 **WHY DO YOU LIFT YOURSELVES UP ABOVE THE ASSEMBLY OF YHVH**;

1a) 16:3b And said to them, “**You take too much upon you**;

1b) 16:3c Seeing **all the congregation are holy**, every one of them, and YHVH is among them;

central axis) **16:3d-5a** Why then do you lift yourselves up above the assembly of YHVH?” **4** And when Moses heard it, he fell on his face. **5** And he spoke to Korah and to all his company, saying;

2b) 16:5b-7b YHVH will choose **who is holy**;

1A) 16:5B “In the morning YHVH will show who are His, and **WHO IS HOLY**, and will cause him to come near to Him; even him whom He may choose He will cause to come near to Him;

CENTRAL AXIS) **16:6-7A** **DO THIS: TAKE UP CENSORS, KORAH, AND ALL HIS COMPANY; 7 AND PUT FIRE IN THEM, AND PUT INCENSE ON THEM BEFORE YHVH TOMORROW**;

2A) 16:7B And it shall be that the man whom YHVH chooses, **HE SHALL BE HOLY**;

2a) 16:7c **You take too much upon you**, you sons of Levi;”

1C) 16:8-10A **YHVH HAS GATHERED LEVI TOGETHER** from among Israel;

1a) 16:8-9a And Moses said to Korah, “Hear now, you sons of Levi: **9** is it but a small thing to you, that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, **to bring you near** to Himself;

central axis) **16:9b** **To do the service of the tabernacle of YHVH, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them**;

2a) 16:10a And that **He has brought you near**, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you?

CENTRAL AXIS) **16:10B** **AND WILL YOU SEEK THE PRIESTHOOD ALSO?**

2C) 16:11 Therefore you and all your company that are **GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST YHVH**—; and as to Aaron, what is he that you murmur against him?”

2B) 16:12-15 **MUST YOU ALSO MAKE YOURSELF A PRINCE OVER US?**

- 1a) 16:12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, “**We will not come up**;
- 1b) 16:13a Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a **land flowing with milk and honey**, to kill us in the wilderness;
central axis) 16:13b But you must make yourself also a prince over us?
- 2b) 16:14a Moreover you have not brought us into a **land flowing with milk and honey**, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards; will you put out the eyes of these men?
- 2a) 16:14b-15 **We will not come up.**” 15 And Moses was very angry, and said to YHVH, “Do not respect their offering; I have not taken one donkey from them, neither have I hurt one of them;”
- 2A) 16:16-19 And Moses said to Korah, “You and all your congregation come before YHVH, you, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow; 17 and every man take his censor, and put incense upon them, and bring before YHVH every man his censor, two hundred and fifty censors; you also, and Aaron, each his censor.” 18 And they took every man his censor, and put fire in them, and laid incense on it, and stood at the door of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19 And **KORAH ASSEMBLED ALL THE CONGREGATION AGAINST THEM** at the door of the tent of meeting; and the glory of YHVH appeared to all the congregation; {s}
- 1a.2) 16:20-21 And YHVH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 21 “**Separate yourselves from among this congregation**, that I may consume them in a moment;”
- 1a.3) 16:22 And **they fell on their faces**, and said, “O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and will You be angry with all the congregation?” {s}
- 1a.4) 16:23-35 **YHVH’s wrath and judgment upon Korah**; {s}
- 1A) 16:23-27A Get away from Korah et al, **LEST YOU BE SWEEP AWAY** in their sins;
- 1a) 16:23-24 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 24 “Speak to the congregation, saying, ‘**Get away** from the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram;”
- central axis) 16:25 And **Moses rose up and went to Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him**;
- 2a) 16:26-27a And he spoke to the congregation, saying, “Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest you be swept away in all their sins.” 27 So they **got away** from the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side;
- 1B) 16:27B And Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood at the door of **THEIR TENTS, WITH THEIR WIVES, AND THEIR SONS, AND THEIR LITTLE ONES**;
- 1C) 16:28 And Moses said, “By this you shall know that **YHVH HAS SENT ME TO DO ALL THESE WORKS**, and that I have not done them of my own mind;
- 1D) 16:29 If these men die the **COMMON DEATH OF ALL MEN**, and are visited by that which visits all men, then YHVH has not sent Me;

CENTRAL AXIS) 16:30A BUT IF YHVH MAKES A NEW THING;

2D) 16:30B And the ground opens her mouth, and swallows them up, with all that pertains to them, and **THEY GO DOWN ALIVE INTO THE PIT**;

2C) 16:30C Then you shall understand that **THESE MEN HAVE DESPISED YHVH**;

2B) 16:31-33 And it came to pass, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground that was under them split asunder. 32 And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, **AND THEIR HOUSEHOLDS**, and all the men that pertained to Korah, and all their goods. 33 So they, and all that pertained to them, went down alive into the pit; and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the assembly;

2A) 16:34-35 And all Israel that were round about them fled at their cry; for they said, **“LEST THE EARTH SWALLOW US UP.”** 35 And fire came forth from YHVH, and devoured the two hundred and fifty men who had offered the incense; {s}

1a.5) 16:36-39 Consecrated **censors to be made into a covering** for the incense altar;

1A.1) 16:36-37A And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 37 “Speak to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, **THAT HE TAKE UP THE CENSORS** out of the burning, and scatter the fire away;

1A.2) 16:37B-38C Let them be made into **BEATEN PLATES FOR A COVERING** of the altar;

1a) 16:37b-38a For **they have become holy**; 38 even the censors of these men who have sinned at the cost of their lives;

central axis) 16:38b And let them be made into beaten plates for a covering of the altar—

2a) 16:38c For **they have become holy**, because they were offered before YHVH—

CENTRAL AXIS) 16:38D **THAT THEY MAY BE A SIGN TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**;

2A.1) 16:39A And **ELEAZAR** the priest **TOOK THE BRONZE CENSORS**, which those who were burned had offered;

2A.2) 16:39B And they **BEAT THEM OUT FOR A COVERING** of the altar;

central axis) 16:40 **To be a memorial to the children of Israel, so that no common man, who is not of the seed of Aaron, draws near to burn incense before YHVH; that he does not share the same fate as Korah, and as his company; as YHVH spoke to him by the hand of Moses**; {p}

2a.1) 16:41-43 But on the next day, all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, “You have killed the people of YHVH.” 42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was assembled against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tent of meeting; and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of YHVH appeared. 43 And Moses and

Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting [*i.e.*, **Rebellion** of all the congregation of Israel]; {s}

2a.2) 16:44-45a And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, **45 “Get away from among this congregation,** that I may consume them in a moment;”

2a.3) 16:45b And **they fell on their faces;**

2a.4) 16:46 And Moses said to Aaron, “Take your censor, and put fire in it from the altar, and lay incense on it, and carry it quickly to the congregation, and make atonement for them; for there wrath has gone out from YHVH; the plague has begun;” [*i.e.*, **YHVH’s wrath and plague upon Israel**];

2a.5) 16:47-50 Aaron’s **censor made atonement (covering)** for Israel, {p}

1A.1) 16:47A And **AARON TOOK AS MOSES SPOKE, AND RAN** into the midst of the assembly;

1A.2) 16:47B And, behold, **THE PLAGUE HAD BEGUN** among the people;

1B) 16:47C And he put on the incense, and **MADE ATONEMENT** for the people;

CENTRAL AXIS) 16:48A **AND HE STOOD BETWEEN THE DEAD AND THE LIVING;**

2B) 16:48B-49 And **THE PLAGUE WAS STOPPED.** **49** Now those who died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those who died about the matter of Korah;

2A.1) 16:50A And **AARON RETURNED TO MOSES** to the door of the tent of meeting;

2A.2) 16:50B And **THE PLAGUE WAS STOPPED;** {p}

1B) 17:1 And **YHVH SPOKE** to Moses, saying;

1C.1) 17:2-4 “Speak to the children of Israel, and take from them rods, one for each fathers’ house, of all their princes according to their fathers’ houses, twelve rods; you shall write every man’s name upon his rod. **3** And you shall write Aaron’s name upon the rod of Levi, for there shall be one rod for the head of their fathers’ houses. **4** And you shall lay them up in the tent of meeting **BEFORE THE TESTIMONY,** where I meet with you;

1C.2) 17:5A And it shall come to pass, that the man whom I shall choose, **HIS ROD SHALL BUD;**

1C.3) 17:5B And I will make the **MURMURINGS** of the children of Israel to cease from Me, which they murmur against you;”

1D) 17:6 And Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and **ALL THEIR PRINCES GAVE HIM RODS,** for each prince one, according to their fathers’ houses, even twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron was among their rods;

1E) 17:7 And **MOSES LAID UP THE RODS BEFORE YHVH** in the tent of the testimony;

CENTRAL AXIS) 17:8 AND IT CAME TO PASS ON THE NEXT DAY, THAT MOSES WENT INTO THE TENT OF THE TESTIMONY; AND BEHOLD, THE ROD OF AARON FOR THE HOUSE OF LEVI HAD BUDDED, AND PUT FORTH BUDS, AND BLOOMED BLOSSOMS, AND BORE RIPE ALMONDS;

2E) 17:9A And MOSES BROUGHT OUT ALL THE RODS FROM BEFORE YHVH to all the children of Israel;

2D) 17:9B And they looked, and EVERY MAN TOOK HIS ROD; {p}

2C.1) 17:10A And YHVH said to Moses, “Put back the rod of Aaron BEFORE THE TESTIMONY;

2C.2) 17:10B To be kept there, for A SIGN against the rebellious children [*i.e.*, YHVH introduces the Sign of Messiah of Resurrection Life, as the DEAD STICK BUDDED with new life];

2C.3) 17:10C That there may be made an end of their MURMURINGS against Me, so that they do not die;”

2B) 17:11 Thus Moses did; as YHVH COMMANDED him, so he did; {p}

2A) 17:12-18:32 Aaron and sons to ATTEND TO THE PRIESTHOOD and the sanctuary/ Levites to attend to the work of the tabernacle of meeting; {s+p+s+p+p}

1a) 17:12-18:7 The common man who comes near shall be put to death; {s+p}

1A) 17:12-13 And the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, “Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. 13 EVERY ONE WHO COMES NEAR, who comes near to the tabernacle of YHVH, IS TO DIE; shall we wholly perish?” {s}

1B) 18:1 And YHVH said to Aaron, “You and your sons and your fathers’ house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and YOU AND YOUR SONS WITH YOU SHALL BEAR the iniquity of YOUR PRIESTHOOD;

1C) 18:2-4 And YOUR BROTHERS also, THE TRIBE OF LEVI, the tribe of your father, bring them near to you, that they may be joined to you, and minister to you, you and your sons with you before the tent of the testimony. 3 And they shall keep your charge, and the charge of all the Tent; only they shall not come near to the holy furniture and to the altar, that they do not die, neither they, nor you. 4 And they shall be joined to you, and KEEP THE CHARGE OF THE TENT OF MEETING, WHATEVER THE SERVICE OF THE TENT MAY BE; but a common man shall not draw near to you;

CENTRAL AXIS) 18:5 AND YOU SHALL KEEP THE CHARGE OF THE HOLY THINGS, AND THE CHARGE OF THE ALTAR, THAT THERE BE NO MORE WRATH ON THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL;”

2C) 18:6 And I, behold, I have taken **YOUR BROTHERS THE LEVITES** from among the children of Israel; for you they are given as a gift to YHVH, **TO DO THE SERVICE OF THE TENT OF MEETING**;

2B) 18:7A And **YOU AND YOUR SONS WITH YOU SHALL KEEP YOUR PRIESTHOOD** in everything that pertains to the altar, and to that which is within the veil; and you shall serve; I give you the priesthood as a service of gift;

2A) 18:7B And **THE COMMON MAN WHO DRAWS NEAR SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH;**” {p}

1b) 18:8-20 The **holy gifts of the children of Israel** belong to Aaron; {s}

1A) 18:8-10 And YHVH spoke to Aaron, “And I, behold, I have given you the charge of My heave offerings; even of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel, **I HAVE GIVEN THEM TO YOU FOR A CONSECRATED PORTION**, and to your sons, as a due for ever. **9** This shall be yours of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every offering of theirs, even every grain offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every guilt offering of theirs, which they may render to Me, shall be most holy for you and for your sons. **10** In a most holy place you shall eat of it; every male may eat of it; it shall be holy to you;

1B) 18:11 And this is yours: the **HEAVE OFFERING** of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the children of Israel; **I HAVE GIVEN THEM TO YOU, AND TO YOUR SONS AND TO YOUR DAUGHTERS WITH YOU, AS A DUE FOR EVER**; every one that is clean in your house may eat of it;

1C) 18:12-13 All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the corn, the first part of them which they give to YHVH, to you I have given them. **13** The **FIRST RIPE FRUITS** of all that is in their land, which they bring to YHVH, shall be yours; every one who is clean in your house may eat of it [*i.e., The FIRSTFRUITS ARE YOURS*];

CENTRAL AXIS) 18:14 EVERY DEVOTED THING IN ISRAEL SHALL BE YOURS;

2C) 18:15-18 The **FIRSTBORN ARE YOURS**;

1a) 18:15a Everything that opens the womb, of **all flesh** which they offer to YHVH, both of man and beast, **shall be yours**;

1b) 18:15b However **the firstborn of man you shall surely redeem**, and the firstborn of unclean beasts you shall redeem;

1c) 18:16a And their **redemption money**—

central axis) 18:16b From a month old you shall redeem them—

2c) 18:16c **Shall be**, according to your valuation, **five shekels of silver**, after the shekel of the sanctuary—the same is twenty gerahs;

2b) 18:17 But **the firstborn of an ox**, or the firstborn **of a sheep**, or the firstborn **of a goat**, **you shall not redeem**; they are holy; you shall dash their blood against the altar, and shall make their fat smoke for an offering made by fire, for a sweet aroma to YHVH;

- 2a) 18:18 And **their flesh shall be yours**, as the wave breast and as the right thigh, it shall be yours;
- 2B) 18:19 All the **HEAVE OFFERINGS** of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to YHVH, **I HAVE GIVEN YOU, AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS WITH YOU, AS A DUE FOR EVER**; it is an everlasting covenant of salt before YHVH to you and to your seed with you;”
- 2A) 18:20 And YHVH said to Aaron, “You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them; **I AM YOUR PORTION** and your inheritance among the children of Israel; {s}
- 1c) 18:21-24 **The tithes** of Israel **are Levi’s inheritance**; {p}
- 1A) 18:21 And **TO THE CHILDREN OF LEVI**, behold, **I HAVE GIVEN ALL THE TITHE IN ISRAEL FOR AN INHERITANCE**, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the tent of meeting;
- 1B) 18:22A And henceforth the children of Israel shall not come near the tent of meeting [*i.e., They shall have NO PORTION in it*];
- 1C) 18:22B Lest they **BEAR SIN**, and die;
- CENTRAL AXIS) 18:23A **BUT THE LEVITES ALONE SHALL DO THE SERVICE OF THE TENT OF MEETING**;
- 2C) 18:23B And they shall **BEAR THEIR INIQUITY**;
- 2B) 18:23C It shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, and among the children of Israel they shall have **NO INHERITANCE**;
- 2A) 18:24A For **THE TITHE OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**, which they set apart as a gift to YHVH, **I HAVE GIVEN TO THE LEVITES FOR AN INHERITANCE**;
- central axis) 18:24b Therefore I have said to them, ‘Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance;’” {p}
- 2c) 18:25-32a **The tithe** of the Levites **are Aaron and sons’ inheritance**;
- 1A) 18:25-26 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 26 “Moreover you shall speak to the Levites, and say to them, ‘When you take the tithe of the children of Israel, which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall **SET APART OF IT** a gift for YHVH, even a tithe of the tithe;
- 1B) 18:27 And the gift which you set apart **SHALL BE COUNTED TO YOU**, as though it were the corn of the **THRESHING FLOOR**, and as the fulness of the **WINEPRESS**;
- 1C) 18:28A Thus **YOU ALSO SHALL SET APART** a gift to YHVH of all your tithes, which you receive of the children of Israel;
- CENTRAL AXIS) 18:28B **AND FROM IT YOU SHALL GIVE THE GIFT WHICH IS SET APART TO YHVH TO AARON THE PRIEST**;
- 2C) 18:29 Out of all that is given you, **YOU SHALL SET APART** all of that which is due to YHVH, of all the best of it, even the hallowed part of it, out of it;’

2B) 18:30 Therefore you shall say to them, ‘When you set apart the best of it, from it, then it **SHALL BE COUNTED TO THE LEVITES** as the increase of the **THRESHING FLOOR**, and as the increase of the **WINEPRESS**;

2A) 18:31-32A And you may eat it in every place, you and your households; for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting. **32** And you shall bear no sin by reason of it, seeing that **YOU HAVE SET APART** from it the best of it;

2b) 18:32b And you shall not profane the **holy things of the children of Israel**;

2a) 18:32c That you **do not die.**” {p}