

PARSHAS KORACH

KORACH IS THE NAME OF THE PARSHA THIS WEEK
AND THE NAME OF THE GUY OF WHOM THE PARSHA DOES SPEAK
HE GOT A LITTLE JEALOUS AND HE SAID SOME THINGS NOT RIGHT
AND STARTED UP WITH MOSHE AND CREATED A BIG FIGHT

SEE KORACH FELT THAT HE WAS GREAT AND SHOULD HAVE HAD THE JOB
THAT WAS GIVEN TO HIS COUSIN SO HE RILED UP A MOB
OF TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEN TO JOIN HIM AND PROTEST
THAT IT WAS WRONG TO SAY THAT MOSHE WAS GREATER THAN THE REST

SO HE TOOK HIS SONS AND DASAN AND AVIRAM
AND OIN THE SON OF PELES ALSO JOINED THE SCRUM
AND THEY STOOD BEFORE MOSHE AND ASKED HIM IF IT'S TRUE
DO YOU NEED TO PUT BLUE TZITZIS STRINGS ON GARMENTS MADE OF BLUE

WHEN MOSHE SAID YOU MUST THEY ALL LAUGHED TO HIS FACE
AND KORACH SPOKE UP AND HE SAID "IT IS A DISGRACE!
EVERY JEW IS HOLY, AND EVERY JEW CAN LEAD
SO MOSHE RABBEINU AND AHARON ARE LEADERS WE DON'T NEED!"

WHEN MOSHE HEARD THESE WORDS, HE FELL DOWN TO THE GROUND
HE REMEMBERED WHAT HASHEM DID SAY LAST TIME AROUND
WHEN THE YIDDEN MADE THE EIGEL AND HASHEM SAID I'LL ERASE
THIS ENTIRE NATION AND START A NEW ONE IN ITS PLACE

HASHEM SAID TO MOSHE "THIS TIME WON'T BE THE SAME
TOMORROW YOU'LL MAKE A TEST TO SEE EXACTLY WHO'S TO BLAME"
SO MOSHE SAID TO THE MOB "COME BACK FIRST THING IN THE MORN
AND WHEN WE ARE ALL GATHERED A SMALL TEST WE WILL PERFORM

"AHARON KOHEN GADOL WILL OFFER KETORES IN HASHEM'S NAME
AND YOU, KORACH, AND YOUR FANS WILL ALL DO THE SAME
AND HASHEM WILL BURN UP THE KETORES OF THE MAN HE DOES CHOOSE
TO BE THE RIGHTFUL LEADER, THE KOHEN GADOL OF THE JEWS"

MOSHE HOPED THAT OVERNIGHT THE PEOPLE WOULD REPENT
BUT INSTEAD OF DOING TESHUVA, THEIR ANGER THEY DID VENT
WHEN MOSHE CALLED FOR DASAN AND AVIRAM TO COME BE HEARD
THEY REPLIED "WE WON'T COME UP! WE DON'T RESPECT YOUR WORD!

"YOU PROMISED YOU WOULD TAKE US ALL TO ERETZ YISROEL
YOU SAID THAT IN THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY WE WOULD DWELL
BUT NOW YOU SAY THAT WE'LL ALL DIE IN THE DESERT WHERE WE STOOD
YOU SHOULD'VE LEFT US IN MITZRAYIM WHERE EVERYTHING WAS GOOD!"

MOSHE TRIED ONCE MORE TO CALM DOWN KORACH AND HIS GANG
AND GET THEM TO CHANGE THEIR MINDS AND SKIP THIS WHOLE SHEBANG
HE SAID "YOU'RE ALL LEVIIM, AND THAT'S A VERY SPECIAL THING
WHY ISN'T THAT ENOUGH, WHY DO YOU INSIST ON BEING KING?"

WELL KORACH WASN'T LISTENING, TO HIM IT WAS "FIGHT ON"
AT THIS POINT IT WAS OBVIOUS HIS REASONING WAS GONE
'ה SAID "MOSHE LET ME DESTROY THEM ALL IN ONE FELL SWOOP!"
BUT MOSHE SAID "PLEASE PUNISH JUST THE LEADERS OF THE GROUP"

FOLLOWING HASHEM'S COMMAND IN THE MORNING MOSHE WENT
AND SPOKE TO KORACH AND HIS PEOPLE RIGHT OUTSIDE THEIR TENT
WITH ALL THE NATION WATCHING THEY HAD JUST ONE CHANCE TO REPENT
BEFORE PUNISHMENT NEVER SEEN BEFORE HASHEM WOULD INVENT

BUT TESHUVA WASN'T ON THEIR MINDS THEY STILL HAD NO RESPECT
SO MOSHE SAID "HASHEM PLEASE HEAR, THE PEOPLE DO EXPECT
THAT SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN TO THESE FOLKS WHO ACTED MEAN
THEY'RE EXPECTING TO SEE SOMETHING WE'VE ALREADY SEEN

"BUT I REQUEST THAT IN THIS CASE A NEW MIRACLE YOU DO
A FANTASTIC KIND OF PUNISHMENT WE HAVEN'T SEEN FROM YOU
NOT A FLOOD OR A PLAGUE OR A CORDLESS-BUNGEE DIVE
I'D LIKE THE EARTH TO OPEN UP AND SWALLOW THEM ALL ALIVE!"

AS SOON AS MOSHE SAID THESE WORDS THE EARTH BENEATH THEM SPLIT
AND ALL THE REBELS AND THEIR STUFF WERE SWALLOWED UP IN IT
THE REST OF THE YIDDEN RAN AWAY IN TOTAL FRIGHT
THINKING THAT THE EARTH WOULD SWALLOW EVERYONE IN SIGHT

THE NEXT DAY CAME AND BROUGHT WITH IT ANOTHER SAD EVENT
THE YIDDEN CAME AND CHALLENGED MOSHE RIGHT OUTSIDE HIS TENT
"THE KETORES IS KILLING PEOPLE, WE WANT KORACH BACK!"
HASHEM SAID "MOSHE STAND ASIDE, THE PEOPLE I'LL ATTACK!"

HASHEM SENT FORTH HIS ANGER AND A DEADLY PLAGUE DID SPREAD
AND BY THE TIME THAT MOSHE STOPPED IT, MANY JEWS WERE DEAD
AHARON BROUGHT THE KETORES NEAR AND ALL THE DYING ENDED
THE KETORES CAN GIVE LIFE OR DEATH, IT'S WHAT HASHEM INTENDED

HASHEM TOLD MOSHE TAKE A STAFF, A STICK FROM EVERY SHEVET
AND AHARON'S STAFF BEGAN TO BLOSSOM, GROWING ALMONDS ON IT
AGAIN THEY SAW THAT AHARON WAS THE ONE HASHEM DID CHOOSE
AND THEY LEARNED MOSHE AND AHARON WERE NOT TO BE ABUSED

HASHEM REPEATED ALL THE RULES AND ALL THE SPECIAL LAWS
OF HOW WE TREAT THE KOHANIM AND THE LEVIIM BECAUSE
SHEVET LEVI SHOULDN'T FEEL BAD THIS HAPPENED CUZ OF THEM
THEY ARE UNIQUE AND THEY STILL ACT AS SERVANTS OF HASHEM

KORACH THOUGHT MITZVOS ALONE CAN MAKE YOU A GOOD JEW
HE FELT YOU MUSTN'T LEARN TORAH TO MAKE A HOLY YOU
NOW WE LEARNED THAT TORAH AND MITZVOS MUST BUILD YOUR HOME
THAT GUARANTEES YOU HASHEM'S LOVE AND A SHABBAT SHALOM! 😊