

## Korach Vocabulary

<u>Rebellion</u>- when a group of people openly go against the rules of a government or ruler.

A person who goes against the rules is called a rebel (reb/el).

The ACT of going against the rules is called: to rebel (re/bel).

<u>Ulterior motive</u>- a secret reason why someone does something or says something.

A *motive* is a reason someone does something.

\*\*An ulterior motive is the secret reason someone does something-NOT the reason that someone says\*\*

| Characters         | Details   |  |
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| Moshe              | Leader of BY<br>Brother = Aharon  |  |
| Korach             | Leader of rebellion against Moshe<br>From Tribe of Levi                                       |  |
| Datan and Aviram   | Brothers (rebels) Joined Korach's rebellion Reuven's tribe                                    |  |
| On (Own) Ben Pelet | Part of Korach's rebellion<br>Reuven's tribe<br>Cousin's with Datan and Aviram                |  |
| 250 leaders        | Part of Korach's Rebellion<br>Important, powerful people<br>People respect and listen to them |  |

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## Characters (Who?):

Hashem Moshe & Aharom

Korach Datan & Aviram On Ben Pelet 250 leaders



Setting (Where/ When?): In the desert, after BY left Egypt with Moshe and got the Torah.

## Problem (What?):

Korach, Moshe's cousin, is jealous of Moshe, so he starts a rebellion against Moshe's leadership.

## Events:

- 1. Korach takes himself + 253 people to rebel against Moshe.
  - a. Korach makes 4 accusations:
    - i. You have all the power
    - ii. The whole nation= holy (Rashi: everyone was at Har Sinai)
    - iii. Hashem is with all of BY
    - iv. You raised yourself to leadership
- 2. Moshe falls on his face / tells Korach Hashem will show who is really the holy chosen leader.
- 3. Moshe tells Korach & group → take firepans, light incense/ whoever Hashem accepts= holy

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- 4. Moshe calls for Datan and Aviram / they refuse/ accuse Moshe of taking them  $\rightarrow$  desert / to die
  - a. Rashi- had big egos and tried to attack Moshe +curse Hashem
- 5. Hashem wants to kill Korach's WHOLE group/ Moshe prays for them/ only 1 person sinned
- 6. Hashem instructs/BY → go away/ Korach + family + Datan + Aviram + family / so/ won't get punished
- 7. Korach, Datan and Aviram, and family/ punished= earth swallowed them / unnatural death/ so everyone knows it is a punishment from Hashem
- 8. 250 rebels/ punished = fire "ate" / consumed them