(Sunday morning 7-25-76) JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS (Auditorium Class)

INTRODUCTION:

Korah ... Means bald.

Dathan and Abiram others involved.

1. The "gainsaying of Korah." Jude 11

1. He was leader in the rebellion against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. Num. 16:

2. He was aided and encouraged by Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab. Num. 16:1

3. Korah, the son Izhar the son of Kohath. 16:1

2. The three accuse Moses and Aaron.

- 1. A backhanded slap at Moses and Aaron: "Ye take too much upon you...wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord?" Num. 16:3
- 2. They pay Israel a great compliment when they said, "seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them." Num. 16:3
- 3. Their move was to elevate themselves into the office of the priesthood.
  - 1. Heb. 5:4, "And no man taketh this honor unto himsefl, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."

4. The result of this intrusion:

- 1. Moses calls for a meting saying, "Even to-Num. morrow the Lord will shew who are his,.. "16:5
  - 1. Moses gave them time to think it ove r.

2. No turing back:

1. He had gained considerable following.

2. The pride of leadership and authority led him on to the last extreme.

2. From Num. 16:27 it seems that Korah was not with Dathan and Abiram when the earth opened up and swallowed them.

3. Fire came out from the Lord and destroyed 250 who offered incense. Num. 16:35; Lev. 10:1

1. With fire they sinned and by fire they were

destroyed.

4. No intimation in Numbers 16 that Korah died at this time but Numbers 26:10 says that he did. His children did not perish at the time Numbers 26:11.

5. We see here an example of fine abilities abuse. WHAT A GREAT HELPER HE COULD HAVE BEEN

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## 5. The destructive effects of sin are twofold:

1. PERSONAL

1. Effects of the sin on the sinner himself.

1. As in the case of Korah standing among those identified as "famous in the congregation, men of renown." Num. 16:2

2. Speaking of Achin's sin Joshua said, "...that man perished not alone in hi iniquity." Joshua 22:20

2. Mournful epitaph for a sinner's grave, "That man perished not alone in his sin."

2. SOCIAL

1. In the case of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram their sin was fatal to others.

1. Each sinner is a center of contagion. Eccles. 9:18; "Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good."

2. One cannot sin with impunity to oneself, nor to one's family, nor to others.

3. Sin propagates sin. It involves others, directly or indirectly, in its fatal consequences. ILLUSTRATION:

1. King Saul and the catastrophe to both

family and nation at Gilboa.

2. Mortally wounded, with his three sons and armor bearer lying dead beside him Saul leaned heavily upon his huge spea and the darkness of death covered him. 1 Samuel 31

3. From the day of Saul's disobedience he was disowned of God and abandoned by Samuel. L. Sam. 15 and 16.

4. So sets in gloom on Mt. Gilboa the sun which rose in such splendor at Jabeshgilead.

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