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I want what I want, I want it now, and I want it easy. And more importantly, I want what's yours, and I especially don't want you to have it! That my friends is covetousness in its purest form. Now let's mix in a little witchcraft and make a public spectacle of the whole

thing and let's see whose side Yahweh is on. I'm confident He's on my side, as it is clear you have just come with your own agenda, and what is more clear is that there is no reason God chose you when he could have chosen me and my rebellion. Plus, I'm terribly dissatisfied with what I've been given, even though Yahweh says it too is special, He's clearly mistaken; I'm confident I know better than He as well! Does any part of this resonate in your spirit, even a tiny bit? If so, tune in and let's see where the Fire of Yahweh lands!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

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Numbers 16:3 NKJV

“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**, that you should keep **acting like a prince over us?**” Numbers 16:13 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“But Jesus **knew their thoughts**, and said to them: “**Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation**, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.” Matthew 12:25 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This week's Torah reading tells the story of how Korah led an unsuccessful rebellion against Moses and Aaron. After thwarting the insurrection, God confirms Aaron in the priesthood and provides additional legislation regarding priestly and Levitical privileges and responsibilities.
2. **Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron:** Korah leads 250 leaders, men of renown, against Moses as he accuses Moses of exalting himself as 'more holy' than the rest of them, making himself a prince among men, and of taking too much upon himself.
3. Moses' powerful response is a declaration that Yahweh will show them all who is 'holy' by drawing near to Himself those He has chosen.
4. Moses tells Korah to have him and all his cohorts put fire incensers to bring before Yahweh the next day and Yahweh will choose.
5. Moses then asks some powerful questions and makes a powerful declaration, challenging the seeming dissatisfaction

Korah and his compatriots have for their special calling inside the priesthood.

(a) **“Is it a small thing** to you that the God of Israel has **separated you** from the congregation of Israel, **to bring you near to Himself**, to do the work of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to serve them?” “And are you seeking the priesthood also?”

(b) “Therefore you and all your company *are* gathered together against the Lord. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?”

6. **Now catch this Satanic shift:** Korah gives a brutally sarcastic and rebellious answer to Moses’ directive that they come up before Yahweh the next day to determine who He will draw near to Himself as His chosen. It’s almost beyond comprehension, and in reality as is always the case, the rebelling is against Yahweh, not man (Moses)! They even think Moses is calling them up so he can enact his own punishment against them, to quell any uprising and silence the voices of anyone exposing his secret agenda of exalting himself .

(a) **Their answer:** “We will not come up! **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, that you should keep acting like a prince over us?”

- (1) **Did you catch it?** Moses is being absolutely authentic as he reminds Korah that the sons of Levi have been separated from all the tribes of Israel for such honorable and awesome positions, each called to specific duties. He's shocked that they are so dissatisfied and jealous that their unique calling is not appreciated, and instead that they feel disdain for their role, even unto coveting the role of Aaron and his sons. They answer Moses back so sarcastically, even to use Moses' own words, **“Is it a small thing...?”** Moses reminds them that their unique calling is NOT to be looked upon as insignificant, but rather as an immense honor. And in response they accuse Moses of orchestrating his own agenda so he can stay in power.
- (b) They continue: “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? We will not come up!”
- (1) Yahweh promised to provide for all the Levites in a special way WITHOUT giving that tribe an “inheritance in the land.” He called them into special service instead and, as such, He would provide for them abundantly without them needing to participate in dividing the land. I guess Yahweh's promises and provision are not good enough!

7. Moses entreats Yahweh to respond as such: “Do not respect their offering.”
 - (a) **Showdown Time:** Aaron will take his censor representing the priesthood, and you, Korah, and your 250 men, each take your own censor before Yahweh.
 - (b) So Korah gathered them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, but notice that Korah, Dathan, and Abiram stay at their tents to “protect themselves” from what they believe will be Moses’ punishment. And the glory of the Lord appears to all the congregation.
8. **A NEW THING was about to happen:** Yahweh tells Moses to separate from these rebels and Moses even intercedes on their behalf. “Please don’t kill them all just because one man, Korah, has led so many astray.”
9. **Yahweh warns:** “Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.” And Moses warns everyone to get away from the tents and the belongings of these men, so they are not consumed with them.
10. **What is at stake here?** Has Moses been sent by Yahweh to do all these works or has he appointed himself?
 - (a) **Special Note:** Notice that this is the EXACT spirit in operation when a scribe accuses Y’shua of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub in Matthew 12 and when the Jews

accuse Him of coming with “His own” deceiving doctrine in John 7.

11. These key men leading the rebellion, Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, stood at the door of their tents with their wives, their sons, and their little children. (They would not come up for the challenge as they believed it was just a scheme of Moses to lure them out.) Then Moses lays down the challenge; “if these men go on to live natural lives and die like all men, then it is true, Yahweh has not sent me and indeed I have done this on my own strength.” “But if Yahweh does a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected Yahweh.”
12. And that is exactly what happens, the rebels, their families and all their belongings are swallowed by the earth as the people watching run for their lives. Oh, and what about the 250 conspirators who had joined Korah in the insurrection who were standing in rebellion with their censers at the door of the tabernacle? They arrogantly showed up with their fire-filled censers and were **consumed by the fire** of Yahweh!
(a) **Special Note:** *This reminds me of three separate narratives:*

- (1) The profane fire offered by Aarons sons Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10:1-3, when Yahweh consumes them with fire.
- (2) Later in 1 Kings 18:1-46 (read it all), in the third year of the drought, when Elijah tells Ahab he is the only prophet left and that he will bring the rain. Ahab just falsely accuses him of being the cause of the drought and the one who troubles Israel, and just wants him killed. But Elijah challenges Ahab's 450 false prophets of Baal, and they are exposed as frauds, as their religious antics cannot produce fire. Elijah does call down the fire of Yahweh which consumes his waterlogged sacrifice and then he turns his attention to all the false prophets and has them executed. Finally he prophesies that the rain will come and the heavy rain falls with Ahab as the witness.
- (3) It also reminded me of 2 Kings 1:1-18 when Ahaziah wished to inquire of Baal-Zebub about whether or not he would recover from his injuries from a fall, and he sends messengers to inquire of the pagan god. The messengers are instead intercepted by Elijah. Elijah sends back a word to Ahaziah that because he inquired of a pagan god, he would not recover, but instead die. When the report gets back to Ahaziah, three times he sends a captain plus fifty

men, presumably to apprehend Elijah. The first two captains and their men are **consumed by fire** at the word of Elijah, **“If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.”** The third captain begs for mercy and he and his men are spared. Instead, an angel of Yahweh tells Elijah to go down with this last group and to confront Ahaziah. He does so and **Ahaziah perishes** at the words of Yahweh which Elijah had spoken.

13. **Back to mopping up Korah’s rebellion:** Yahweh tells Moses to have Eleazar collect the 250 censers which were scattered among the incinerated ashes of the rebels. The censers are holy and are not to be treated as common. He tells them to melt them down into plates that they can use to cover the altar, as a memorial of what happens when you rebel against Yahweh. **No one outside (of their calling) should come and make an offering before Yahweh!**

14. You would think this entire incident was enough proof of Moses’ authenticity for all those who witnessed the fruit of the rebellion. But instead, on the next day, **the people complain against Moses and Aaron**, blaming THEM for killing the people as if Moses was instituting his own agenda. It is absolutely beyond imagination that this is what they have concluded.

- (a) **The result:** Yahweh is ready to consume them ALL and sends a PLAGUE and they start dropping like flies. If it were not for the decisive action of Moses to stop the plague, by quickly instructing Aaron to make intercession, the whole of the congregation may have fallen that day in the wilderness! Even so, 14,700 people died that day, in addition to all who were swallowed up or consumed by fire the previous day!
15. **The Budding of Aaron's Rod:** Yahweh instructs the heads of each tribe to bring a rod to the tabernacle to put their tribe's name on it and that He will cause one of them to bud, like it is still alive. This testimony should end the complaining of the people as they witness the the miracle and the clear message from the Almighty that it is His agenda at play here!
16. **The outcome:** Not only does the rod of Aaron, representing Levi, sprout buds the next day, but it puts forth blossoms and ripe almonds!
17. **Duties of Priests and Levites:** Next is a review of the priestly calling on the Levites and their duties. They will bear the iniquity of the tabernacle and attend to all its needs, to the needs of the people, and to the needs of Aaron himself as a gift to him.
18. **Offerings for Support of the Priests:** Yahweh speaks to Aaron and reminds him that there is a portion of the offerings of the

people that are reserved for him and his family forever. He calls it “a covenant of salt forever before the Lord with you and your descendants with you.”

19. Why? Because the Levites “shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall they have any portion among them; Yahweh is their portion and their inheritance among the children of Israel.
20. **Tithes for Support of the Levites:** The Priests get the tithes of Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform. It shall be a statute forever as they shall have no other inheritance.
21. **The Tithe of the Levites:** The Levites shall tithe on the tithe! The best tenth of what the people have is offered to the priests and the best tenth of that tenth is offered by the priests to Yahweh! The rest is theirs to use in their households a reward for their work.

THOU SHALT NOT COVET (#10)

1. I Want What's Yours

A. Why you anyway? You're no different!

- (1) **The Covetous Accusations:** ““You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox,

nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.'" "

Exodus 20:17 NKJV

(a) **Rebellion Against Moses and Aaron:** Korah leads 250 leaders, men of renown, against Moses as he accuses Moses of exalting himself as 'more holy' than the rest of them, making himself a prince among men, and of taking too much upon himself.

(b) "They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, " **You take too much upon yourselves**, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. **Why then do you exalt yourselves** above the assembly of the LORD?" "

Numbers 16:3 NKJV

(c) "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, that you should keep **acting like a prince over us?**" Numbers 16:13 NKJV

B. The Green-Eyed Monster

(1) Jealousy Personified

(a) Green is traditionally the color of jealousy, as shown in the idiom *green with envy*. The green-eyed monster is jealousy personified. This expression is a quotation from **Shakespeare's Othello**, where Lago warns: 'O! beware

my lord of jealousy; It is the green-eyed monster which doth mock the meat it feeds on'.

- (b) **The highest expression** of this personification is when you are so jealous that you not only want what belongs to someone else, but you also reason that they don't deserve it themselves anyway, even to the point of lying about the them to justify your feelings.
- (c) "What I've been given is not enough. I will even mount a rebellion to take what's yours if you won't just give it to me. If needed, I will even accuse you of obtaining what you have by your own unrighteous actions, proving you don't deserve it in the first place, but instead that I deserve it." This my friends is the ugliness of COVETOUSNESS!

(2) Yahweh's Heart on Covetousness:

- (a) **The Rich Fool:** "Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" And He said to them, (15) **"Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."** Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and **build greater**, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "**Soul, you have many goods** laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." ' But God said to him, '**Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?**' "**So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**"' Luke 12:13-21 NKJV

- (b) **Men Appointed to Lead and Judge Hate Covetousness:** "Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, **men of truth, hating covetousness**; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. **And let them judge the people at all times.** Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you." Exodus 18:21-22 NKJV

- (c) **The Spirit of the Humble and Contrite vs. the Iniquity of Covetousness:** "For thus says the High and Lofty

One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, **To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.** For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made. **For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, And he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.** I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners. "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the LORD, "And I will heal him." But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. "There is no peace," Says my God, "for the wicked."" Isaiah 57:15-21 NKJV

- (d) **The Furious Reproach of Those Given to Covetousness:** "To whom shall I speak and give warning, That they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, And they cannot give heed. **Behold, the word of the LORD is a reproach to them; They have no delight in it.** Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD. I am weary of holding it

in. "I will pour it out on the children outside, And on the assembly of young men together; For even the husband shall be taken with the wife, The aged with him who is full of days. And their houses shall be turned over to others, Fields and wives together; For I will stretch out My hand Against the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD. **"Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone is given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the priest, Everyone deals falsely."** Jeremiah 6:10-13 NKJV

(e) **The Sons of Josiah (Righteousness vs. Covetousness):**

““Shall you reign because you enclose yourself in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, And do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; Then it was well. Was not this knowing Me?” says the LORD. “Yet your eyes and your heart are for nothing but your covetousness, For shedding innocent blood, And practicing oppression and violence.” Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: “They shall not lament for him, Saying, ‘Alas, my brother!’ or ‘Alas, my sister!’ They shall not lament

for him, Saying, 'Alas, master!' or 'Alas, his glory!'

Jeremiah 22:15-18

C. Challenging Dissatisfaction

(1) Is it a small thing? (A legitimate question!)

(a) “**Is it a small thing** to you that the God of Israel has **separated you** from the congregation of Israel, **to bring you near to Himself**, to do the work of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to serve them?” “And are you seeking the priesthood also?”

Numbers 16:9-10 NKJV

(b) “Therefore you and all your company *are* **gathered together against the Lord**. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?” Numbers 16:11 NKJV

(2) Let's Let Yahweh Choose

(a) “So when Moses heard it, he fell on his face; and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, “Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His and who is holy, and **will cause him to come near to Him**. That one whom He chooses He will cause to come near to Him.”

Numbers 16:4-5 NKJV

(b) “Do this: Take censers, Korah and all your company; put fire in them and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow, and it shall be that the man whom the LORD

chooses is the holy one. You take too much upon yourselves, you sons of Levi!" Numbers 16:6-7 NKJV

D. Pride Distorts Reality

(1) Is it a small thing? (A sarcastic answer!)

(a) "And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said, "We will not come up! **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, that you should keep acting like a prince over us? Numbers 16:12-13 NKJV

(a) What an absolute abomination: they actually refer back to Egypt as the **land flowing with milk and honey!** It unimaginable how deceived they are!

(b) 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? We will not come up!" Numbers 16:14 NKJV

(2) Pride Comes Before the Fall!

(a) "Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18 NKJV

(b) Of course they are rebelling against Yahweh and not Moses

- (c) They even think Moses is calling them up so he can enact his own punishment against them, to quell any uprising and silence the voices of anyone exposing his secret agenda.
- (d) **Did you catch it?** Moses is being absolutely authentic as he reminds Korah that the sons of Levi have been separated from all the tribes of Israel for such honorable and awesome positions, each called to specific duties.
- (e) He's shocked that they are so dissatisfied and jealous that their unique calling is not appreciated, and instead that they feel disdain for their role, even unto coveting the role of Aaron and his sons.
- (f) They answer Moses back with his own words, **"Is it a small thing...?"**
- (g) Moses reminds them that their unique calling is NOT to be looked upon as insignificant, but rather as an immense honor. And in response they accuse Moses of orchestrating his own agenda so he can stay in power.

E. The Fuel of Disobedience: Not being satisfied with the gifts of Yahweh is the equivalent of idolatry and lack of faith

- (1) You are Already Covered!
 - (a) Yahweh promised to provide for all the Levites in a special way WITHOUT giving that tribe an "inheritance

in the land.” He called them into special service instead and, as such, He would provide for them abundantly without them needing to participate in dividing the land. I guess Yahweh’s promises and provision are not good enough!

- (b) **REMINDER:** “For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up as a heave offering to the LORD, **I have given to the Levites as an inheritance;** therefore I have said to them, ‘**Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.**’ ”” Numbers 18:24 NKJV
- (2) Impossible to please Him when you don’t believe Him
 - (a) “Now faith is **the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.** For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” Hebrews 11:1-3 NKJV
 - (b) “**But without faith it is impossible to please Him,** for he who comes to God **must believe** that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 NKJV
- (3) You cannot give back His gift to you!

- (a) "For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable."
Romans 11:29 NKJV
- (b) IT ALWAYS WORKS OUT WHEN YOU LOVE HIM:
"And we know that all things work together for good to those who **love God**, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 NKJV
- (c) AND THIS IS HOW YOU LOVE HIM: "For this is the love of God, that we **keep His commandments**. And His commandments are not burdensome." I John 5:3 NKJV

REBELLION: A HOUSE DIVIDED

2. **He's not from Yahweh; He comes on His own authority!**

A. Quick Reminder

(1) Challenging Moses

- (a) "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy...Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?" Numbers 16:3
- (b) "You have brought us up **out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us** in the wilderness, that you should keep **acting like a prince** over us?" Numbers 16:13 NKJV
- (c) Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!" Numbers 16:14

B. Challenging Y'shua

- (1) "And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him." John 7:12 NKJV
 - (a) "But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?" **And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him.** Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, **He deceives the people.**" However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, "**How does this Man know letters, having never studied?**"" John 7:10-15 NKJV
- (2) The Same Accusation Moses Faced: He's doing this "on his own authority!"
 - (a) **No, not MY OWN authority:** "Jesus answered them and said, "**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, **whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in

Him. **Did not Moses give you the law**, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"” John 7:16-19 NKJV

(b) **No, JUST LIKE Moses was assigned:** “The people answered and said, “**You have a demon**. Who is seeking to kill You?” Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel. **Moses** therefore **gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses**, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, **so that the law of Moses should not be broken**, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”” John 7:20-24 NKJV

(c) **I have NOT come of Myself, but by He who sent me!** “Now some of them from Jerusalem said, “Is this not He whom they seek to kill? But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. **Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?** However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.” Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, “**You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of**

Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.”” John 7:25-29 NKJV

C. A House Divided

(1) **Accusation:** Y’shua is NOT doing these miracles with the authority of Yahweh, but instead by Satan! In the end, in Matthews narrative on the topic Y’shua says something that reminds us of how those on Yahweh’s side need to be separated! **“He who is not with Me is against Me...”**

(a) “Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, **“This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”** But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: **“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.** If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I

cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. **He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.**" Matthew 12:22-30 NKJV

- (b) **Mark's Perspective has some interesting nuances:** "Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "**He is out of His mind.**" And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," and, "**By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons.**" So He called them to Himself **and said to them in parables:** "How can Satan cast out Satan? **If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.** And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man.

And then he will plunder his house.” Mark 3:20-27

NKJV

1. Y’shua is literally accused of being out of his mind!
2. He calls the lesson a parable which tells us Y’shua intends only certain people to understand it! (*“And the disciples came and said to Him, **“Why do You speak to them in parables?”** He answered and said to them, **“Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.”** Matthew 13:10-11 NKJV)*)

- (2) Making yourself the authority IS the height pride and the hallmark of Satan’s rebellion!
 - (a) *““How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: **‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’** Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. “Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: ‘ Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook*

kingdoms, Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?' "All the kings of the nations, All of them, sleep in glory, Everyone in his own house; **But you are cast out** of your grave Like an abominable branch, Like the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot. You will not be joined with them in burial, Because you have destroyed your land And slain your people. The brood of evildoers shall never be named. Prepare slaughter for his children Because of the iniquity of their fathers, Lest they rise up and possess the land, And fill the face of the world with cities.'" Isaiah 14:12-21 NKJV

D. What does it look like when a leader ACTUALLY DOES operate on his own authority?

- (1) This is the way Yahweh deals with rebels who act on their own authority and while doing so still claim they are obeying Him. I will highlight the main points and you can read the entire account below. The backdrop of the story is that Yahweh told King Saul to go "utterly destroy the Amalekites!" **Utterly mean "completely and without qualification."** Look instead what Saul does and why, and

worst yet, what he thinks he did and why! (I Samuel 15:10-35)

(2) THE BOTTOM LINE: **“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.**

Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”” (I Samuel 15:23)

“Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, **because I feared the people** and obeyed their voice.” (I Samuel 15:24)

- (a) Yahweh tells Samuel that He greatly regrets making Saul king as he is disobedient.
- (b) Saul has set up a monument to himself, celebrating “his” victory.
- (c) Samuel shows up and Saul proudly declares, **“I have performed the commandment of Yahweh!”**
- (d) Samuel asks, “Why then do I hear sheep and oxen?”
- (e) In Adam-like fashion (blaming others), Saul says “the people” spared the best SO WE CAN OFFER THEM TO YAHWEH! But the rest we have “utterly” destroyed. Is this not comical? We have with qualification, “saved the best of Yahweh”, and without qualification destroyed the rest for Yahweh. **Man twisting his rebellious**

disobedience into a declaration of obedience! This is witchcraft!

- (f) Samuel tells Saul to just shut up, stop talking, your burying yourself! And let me remind you of Yahweh's command, **"Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed."**
- (g) In an impossible to fathom response, Saul says, **"But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me." I even brought back Agag king of Amalek!**
- (h) And then, "I have utterly [there's that word again] destroyed... **but the people...**" (like Aaron submitted to the people in the Golden Calf incident and Korah proclaimed that the people had concerns). **"Saul said, 'I feared the people and obeyed their voice.'" I Samuel 15:24 NKJV**

1. **THE GOLDEN CALF:** "And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought so great a sin upon them?" So Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. **You know the people, that they are set on evil.** For they said to me, 'Make us gods that shall go before us; as

for this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ And I said to them, **‘Whoever has any gold, let them break it off.’ So they gave it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.**” Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies), then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, “Whoever is on the LORD’s side — come to me!” And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.” Exodus 32:21-26 NKJV

2. **Korah acts like he is “protecting” the “people’s interest:** “They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, “ You take too much upon yourselves, **for all the congregation is holy**, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. **Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?**”” Numbers 16:3 NKJV

- (i) Do you think Yahweh needed those sheep and oxen more than He needed your **UTTER OBEDIENCE?**
- (j) **NOPE!** And maybe the most famous words of Samuel of all: **“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.”**

- (k) So...**Because you feared people and obeyed them** and have not feared Yahweh and obeyed Him, you are being rejected as the king of Israel...you are out!
1. “Thus says the LORD: “**Cursed is the man** who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited.
“**Blessed is the man who trusts** in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?” Jeremiah 17:5-9 NKJV
- (l) “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.”
- (m) Saul tore the edge of Samuels robe as he turned to leave! What a prophetic foreshadowing of what David

would do nine chapters later when he cuts off the corner of Saul's robe! (1 Samuel 24:4)

- (n) Then Samuel finishes the job that Saul would not do and he hacks Agag to pieces!
- (3) The entire narrative of King Saul's fall for your reading pleasure:
 - (a) "Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, **"I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments."** And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night. So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, **"Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself;** and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal." Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, **"Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD."** But Samuel said, **"What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"** And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; **for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."** Then

Samuel said to Saul, “**Be quiet!** And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night.” And he said to him, “Speak on.” So Samuel said, “When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘**Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.**’ Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?” And Saul said to Samuel, “**But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me,** and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. **But the people** took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” So Samuel said: “**Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because you have rejected the word of the

LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.” Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, **because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.** Now therefore, **please pardon my sin,** and return with me, that I may worship the LORD.” But Samuel said to Saul, **“I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.”** And as Samuel turned around to go away, **Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore.** So Samuel said to him, **“The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.** And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent. **For He is not a man, that He should relent.”** Then he said, “I have sinned; yet honor me now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God.” So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD. Then Samuel said, “Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me.” So Agag came to him cautiously. And Agag said, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.” But Samuel said, “As your sword has

made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.” **And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the LORD** in Gilgal. Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul. **And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death.** Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.” 1 Samuel 15:10-35 NKJV

THE TRUTH EXPOSED

3. The Showdown! Yahweh Picks Sides

A. First the Lying Accusation!

- (1) “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” Exodus 20:16 NKJV
- (2) Moses falsely accused many times:
 - (a) “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, that you should **keep acting like a prince** over us? 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?** We will not come up!” Then Moses was very angry, and said to the LORD, “Do not respect their

offering. **I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them.**” Numbers 16:13-15 NKJV

(b) “And Moses said: “By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for **I have not done them of my own will.**” Numbers 16:28 NKJV

(c) “On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, **“You have killed the people of the LORD.”**” Numbers 16:41 NKJV

(d) Look at this list of lies:

1. Egypt is the “land of milk and honey”
2. You brought us out of Egypt to kill us
3. You did so so you can act like our prince
4. You did not bring us into our “land of milk and honey”
5. You did not give us our inheritance
6. You are planning to execute your own penalties
7. You have stolen donkeys from the people
8. You have hurt the people

B. Come Near and Let's See Who Yahweh Chooses

(3) Moses Lays Down the Challenge

(a) “So when Moses heard it, he fell on his face; and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, “Tomorrow

morning the LORD will show who is His and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to Him. **That one whom He chooses He will cause to come near to Him.**” Numbers 16:4-5 NKJV

- (4) James got it right—He does draw near His chosen!
- (a) “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (8) **Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.** Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” James 4:7-10 NKJV
- (5) Many are called few are chosen—wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14)!
- (a) “But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ **“For many**

are called, but few are chosen.”” Matthew 22:11-14
NKJV

(6) A Better Hope!

- (a) “For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the **bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near** to God.” Hebrews 7:18-19 NKJV

C. Follow Me!

(1) **My sheep hear My voice**

- (a) “Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. (27) **My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are one.”” John 10:25-30 NKJV

(2) **Follow Me**

- (a) "If anyone serves Me, **let him follow Me**; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor." John 12:26 NKJV
- (b) (24) "**Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV
- (c) "Then He said to them, "**Follow Me**, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19 NKJV
- (d) "As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "**Follow Me.**" So he arose and followed Him." Matthew 9:9 NKJV
- (e) "But Jesus said to him, "**Follow Me**, and let the dead bury their own dead." Matthew 8:22 NKJV

THE SEPARATION OF EVIL: QUESTIONING THE PROPHETS
NEVER ENDS WELL

4. Whose side is Yahweh on and what happens to losing side?

A. What is at stake here?

- (1) ""You shall have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3
NKJV

- (2) Has Moses been sent by Yahweh to do all these works or has he appointed himself? **Special Note:** Notice that this is the EXACT spirit in operation when a scribe accuses Y'shua of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub in Matthew 12 and when the Jews accuse Him of coming with "His own" deceiving doctrine in John 7.
- (a) Aaron will take his censor representing the priesthood, and you, Korah, and your 250 men, each take your own censor before Yahweh.
 - (b) Moses entreats Yahweh to respond: "Do not respect their offering."
 - (c) Korah gathered them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, but notice that Korah, Dathan, and Abiram stay at their tents to "protect themselves" from what they believe will be Moses' punishment. And the glory of the Lord appears to all the congregation.
 - (d) **A NEW THING was about to happen:** Yahweh tells Moses to separate from these rebels and Moses even intercedes on their behalf. "Please don't kill them all just because one man, Korah, has led so many astray."
 - (e) **Yahweh warns:** "Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram." And Moses warns everyone to get

away from the tents and the belongings of these men, so they are not consumed with them.

B. The Final Word on the Matter!

- (1) These key men leading the rebellion, Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, stood at the door of their tents with their wives, their sons, and their little children. (They would not come up for the challenge as they believed it was just a scheme of Moses to lure them out.) Then Moses lays down the challenge; “if these men go on to live natural lives and die like all men, then it is true, Yahweh has not sent me and indeed I have done this on my own strength.” “But if Yahweh does a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected Yahweh.”
- (2) And that is exactly what happens, the rebels, their families and all their belongings are swallowed by the earth as the people watching run for their lives. Oh, and what about the 250 conspirators who had joined Korah in the insurrection who were standing in rebellion with their censers at the door of the tabernacle? They arrogantly showed up with their fire-filled censers and were **consumed by the fire** of Yahweh!

C. Special Note: This reminds me of three separate narratives:

- (1) The profane fire offered by Aarons sons Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10:1-3, when Yahweh consumes them with fire.
 - (a) “Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. **So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them,** and they died before the LORD.”
Leviticus 10:1-2 NKJV
- (2) Later in 1 Kings 18:1-46 (read it all), in the third year of the drought, when Elijah tells Ahab he is the only prophet left and that he will bring the rain. Ahab just falsely accuses him of being the cause of the drought and the one who troubles Israel, and just wants him killed. But Elijah challenges Ahab’s 450 false prophets of Baal, and they are exposed as frauds, as their religious antics cannot produce fire. Elijah does call down the fire of Yahweh which consumes his waterlogged sacrifice and then he turns his attention to all the false prophets and has them executed. Finally he prophesies that the rain will come and the heavy rain fall with Ahab as the witness.

- (a) “And it came to pass after many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, “Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth.” I Kings 18:1 NKJV
- (b) **Elijah accused:** “Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “ **Is that you, O troubler of Israel?**” And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals.” I Kings 18:17-18 NKJV
- (c) And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “**How long will you falter between two opinions?** If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word. I Kings 18:21 NKJV
- (a) This is the double minded thing that James 4 was talking about. “**Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**”
- (d) “Then Elijah said to all the people, “**Come near to me.**” So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.” I Kings 18:30 NKJV

- (e) **Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice**, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!" **And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!"** So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and **executed** them there." I Kings 18:38-40 NKJV
- (3) It also reminded me of 2 Kings 1:1-18 when Ahaziah wished to inquire of Baal-Zebub about whether or not he would recover from his injuries from a fall, and he sends messengers to inquire of the pagan god, who are instead intercepted by Elijah. Elijah sends back a message to Ahaziah that because he inquired of a pagan god, he would not recover, but instead die. When the report gets back to Ahaziah, three times he sends a captain plus fifty men, presumably to apprehend Elijah. The first two captains and their men are consumed by fire at the word of Elijah, **"If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men."** The third captain begs for mercy and he and his men are

spared. Instead, an angel of Yahweh tells Elijah to go down with this last group and to confront Ahaziah. He does so and Ahaziah perishes at the words of Yahweh which Elijah had spoken.

- (a) “Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, “Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury.”” II Kings 1:2 NKJV

D. Back to mopping up Korah’s rebellion:

- (1) Yahweh tells Moses to have Eleazar collect the 250 censers which were scattered among the incinerated ashes of the rebels. The censers are holy and are not to be treated as common. He tells them to melt them down into plates that they can use to cover the altar, as a memorial of what happens when you rebel against Yahweh. **No one outside (of their calling) should come and make an offering before Yahweh!**
- (2) You would think this entire incident was enough proof of Moses’ authenticity for all those who witnessed the fruit of the rebellion. But instead, on the next day, **the people complain against Moses and Aaron**, blaming THEM for killing the people as if Moses was instituting his own

agenda. It is absolutely beyond imagination that this is what they have concluded.

- (a) **The result:** Yahweh is ready to consume them ALL and sends a PLAGUE and they start dropping like flies. If it were not for the decisive action of Moses to stop the plague, by quickly instructing Aaron to make intercession, the whole of the congregation may have fallen that day in the wilderness! Even so, 14,700 people died that day, in addition to all who were swallowed up or consumed by fire the previous day!

E. The words of Jude about those who: do not believe, reject authority, speak evil of leaders, rebel, and walk according to their own lusts:

- (1) “But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward **destroyed those who did not believe.**
Jude 1:5
- (2) Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, **reject authority,** and **speak evil of dignitaries.** Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” **But these speak evil of whatever they do not know;** and

whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and **perished in the rebellion of Korah.** Jude 1:8-11

- (3) These are grumblers, complainers, **walking according to their own lusts**; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage." Jude 1:16 NKJV

F. The seat of judgment will return to the way of the righteousness:

- (1) **"But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it.** Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? Unless the LORD had been my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence." Psalms 94:15-17 NKJV
- (2) "And the LORD said to Moses, **"Bring Aaron's rod back before the Testimony, to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put their complaints away from Me, lest they die."** Thus did Moses; just as the LORD had commanded him, so he did. So the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Surely we die, we perish, we all perish! Whoever even comes near the tabernacle of the LORD

must die. Shall we all utterly die?"" Numbers 17:10-13

NKJV

- (3) **"They shall attend to your needs and all the needs of the tabernacle;** but they shall not come near the articles of the sanctuary and the altar, lest they die—they and you also. **They shall be joined with you and attend to the needs of the tabernacle of meeting, for all the work of the tabernacle;** but an outsider shall not come near you. And you shall attend to the duties of the sanctuary and the duties of the altar, **that there may be no more wrath on the children** of Israel. Behold, **I Myself have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel;** they are a gift to you, given by the LORD, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. Therefore you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything at the altar and behind the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood to you as a gift for service, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death."" Numbers 18:3-7

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QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Consider and discuss the following:

- A. I'm not satisfied with what I have.
- B. I want what you have.
- C. You don't deserve what you have.

2. False Accusations:

- A. Have you ever wanted what someone has so badly that you accused them (in your mind or openly) of obtaining what they have outside the will of Yahweh?

3. Compare this Proverb to Lucifer's words in Isaiah

- A. "Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18
- B. For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Isaiah 14:13-14

4. Apply these words of Y'shua: **"Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."**

- A. To Korah's accusations against Moses
- B. To Y'shua being called a deceiver at the Feast of Tabernacles.

- C. To Yahshua being accused of coming on His own authority and with His own doctrine.
- D. To Y'shua being accused of casting out demons by the power of Satan!

5. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft:

- A. How does this relate to the fear of man:
 - 1. ...in story of Aaron and his fabrication of the golden calf?
 - 2. ...in Korah's motivation to rise up against Moses?
 - 3. ...in the life of King Saul and his failure to utterly destroy the Amalekites?

6. Discuss the eight false accusations against Moses in Numbers 16:13-15:

- 1. Egypt is the "land of milk and honey"
- 2. You brought us out of Egypt to kill us
- 3. You did so so you can act like our prince
- 4. You did not bring us into our "land of milk and honey"
- 5. You did not give us our inheritance
- 6. You are planning to execute your own penalties
- 7. You have stolen donkeys from the people
- 8. You have hurt the people