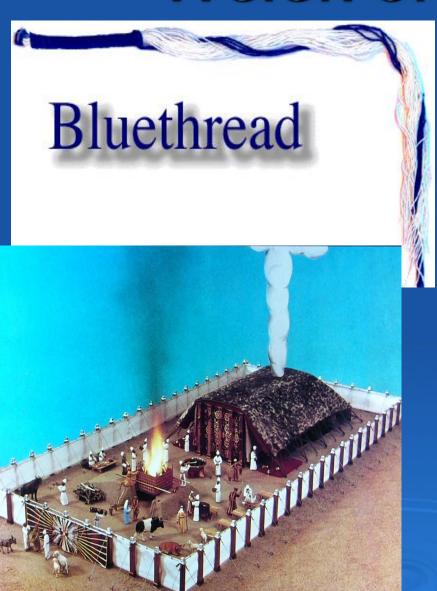
# TZITZIT: A MEMORY DEVICE

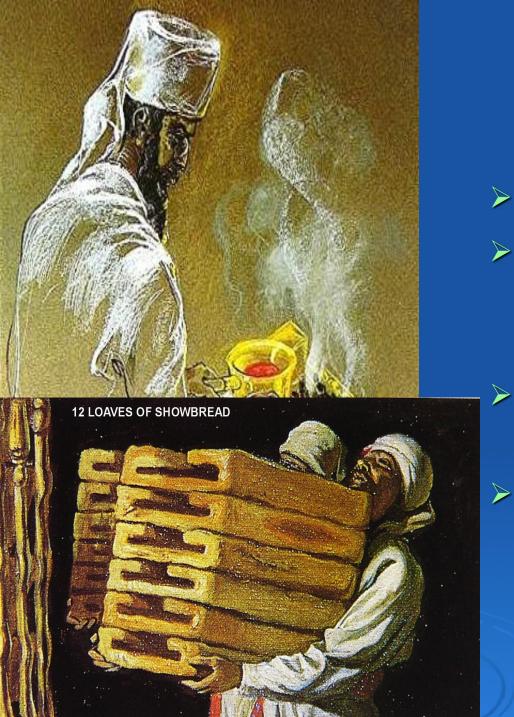
- Resulted from the event of the man gathering sticks on Sabbath
- > INTENT is the issue
- Tzitzit is a visible reminder to obey God's laws & commands
- Every male Israelite to wear Tzitzit; optional for women



# TZITZIT A SIGN OF HOLINESS



- Indicated a measure of nobility and priestly service
- Sha'atnez = mixed material
- Levi separated from Israel for service to God
- Tzitzit the ONLY sha'atnez item a common Israelite could wear
- Holy items defiled outside of Tabernacle precinct
- Other items could be MADE holy by being offered to God



## NUMBERS 16, 17, 18

- One long story
- All about the indispensable purpose of the Priesthood
- Superior holiness of the tribe of Levi
- Demonstrates the position of the Priests by means of the story of rebellion

## THE LAW AS IDEALISTIC THEORY

- To Israel, The Law was at first a long list of do's and don'ts
- Must have seemed arbitrary and too hard
- The value of these laws only settles in via experience
- Principles have to be put into practice to move from theory to reality
- Moving on was necessary
- It takes time to learn how to apply the laws





# OUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST IS A WALK, NOT A SIT



- It is our duty to move forward, accept risks
- If we stay put, then it all remains THEORY
- Our experiences are what affirms our faith
- Moses and Yeshua are both God's Mediators
- They held a status no other men ever did, or ever will

### A NEW REBELLION

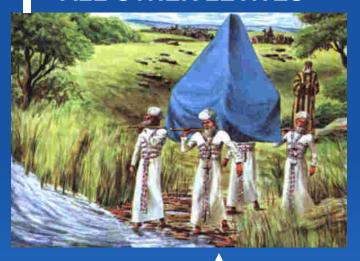
- 10 scouts' report has demoralized the people
- Korah, Datan, and Aviram attempt to assume power
- Korah, a Levite
- Datan and Aviram from the tribe of Reuben
- Lived next to one another on the South end of the camp
- 250 leaders of other tribes and clans joined in



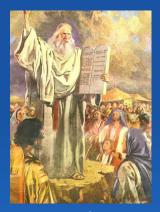
#### **HIGH PRIEST**

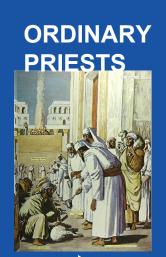
MUSICIANS
GUARDS
LABORERS
SINGERS
TEND FIRES
FILL WATER BASINS

#### **ALL OTHER LEVITES**



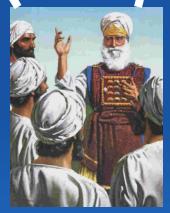
#### **MOSES**



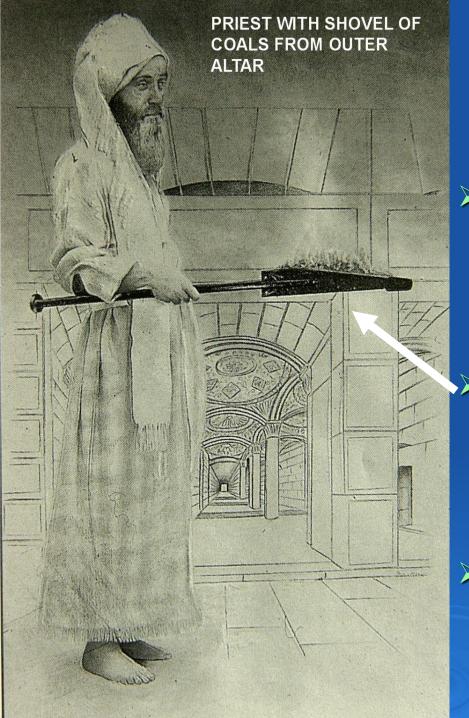








## TRIBE OF LEVI



## MOSES DEVISES A TEST

- Purpose is to demonstrate the superior holiness of the Priests <u>versus</u> ordinary Levites and regular citizens
- Korah and the others are to bring their fire pans (censors) with incense to the Tabernacle
- Moses warns the rebels that they have overstepped their authority

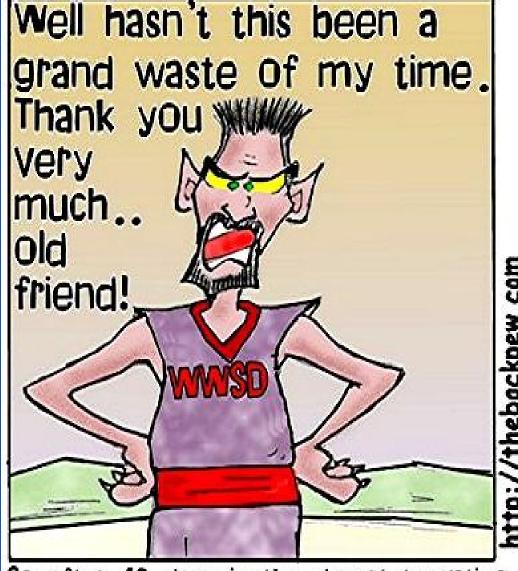
# THE WINNER GAINS ACCESS TO THE SANCTUARY (TENT)

- If God wants Korah and his men to be Priests, then He will allow them into the Sanctuary
- The Levites (non-priests) are a step above common Israelites in holiness
- Next, Datan and Aviram refuse to meet with Moses
- They wanted Moses' job
- They say it is EGYPT that flows with milk and honey, not Canaan



### THE "UNFORGIVABLE" SIN

- Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit
- The Lord has already redeemed Israel
- Israel is no longer in the hand of the enemy
- The rebel leaders want to <u>give back</u> their redemption and return to the enemy
- As Believers, we have accepted our redemption in our own will but by God's grace
- As Believers, we can give that redemption back, by our own will
- We determine we prefer what the enemy can offer to what our Savior offers



So after 40 days in the desert tempting Jesus with ZERO success, Satan decides to take his ball and 90 home. \*\*Speaking\*\*

Luke 4:1-13

- Satan's real goal is not merely to disrupt us.....
- His goal is to get us back!
- To give up our allegiance to Yehoveh
- Because the ONLY
   way we can lose our
   redemption is to
   decide to surrender it!
- Korah, Datan, and Aviram rejected their redemption