

1 - Questions to פְּרֻשֶׁת קֹרַח / *Parshat Korach*

1. Who was Korach related to? MOSHE AND AHARON
2. Why did Korach think he was an important man? BECAUSE HE HAD A LOT OF MONEY
3. From which Tribe was Korach? LAIVI
4. Korach was jealous of six people. He was jealous of the man who was the *kohain gadol* (High Priest) in charge of the Mishkan. Who was the *kohain gadol*? AHARON
5. Why was Korach jealous of Moshe? BECAUSE HE THOUGHT HE COULD LEAD THE JEWS AS WELL AS MOSHE DID
6. Korach was jealous of the 2 sons of Aharon, Elazar and Itamar. Why? BECAUSE IF HE COULDN'T BE KOHAIN GADOL, HE THOUGHT HE SHOULD AT LEAST BE A REGULAR KOHAIN LIKE THEY WERE
7. Korach was jealous of Nachshon who was the leader of the Tribe of Yehuda. What did Yehuda's Tribe do when the Jews were in the desert? LEAD THE JEWS
8. Korach was jealous of the leader of the family of Kehat. Why? BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BE THEIR LEADER (Kehat carried the most important things in the Mishkan)
9. Who talked Korach into thinking that he should be a leader? HIS WIFE
10. Korach and all the *levi'im* had their hair shaven off. It was something Hashem had told them to do. When Korach's wife saw him without hair, she said he looked FUNNY (or UGLY)
11. Another time, Korach studied Torah with Moshe. The Jewish law about small *tzitzit* that they studied was that one string on each *tzitzit* had to be what color? BLUE
12. Korach's wife made fun of this *mitzva* by saying that small *tzitzit* didn't need a blue string if THE WHOLE GARMENT WAS BLUE
13. Korach decided that he wanted to be a leader. So who did he decide to make fun of? MOSHE
14. Korach tried to get other people to make fun of Moshe. Reuvain was the oldest son of Yakov. What did Korach tell them? THEY SHOULD OFFER THE SACRIFICES INSTEAD OF THE KOHANIM BECAUSE THEY COME FROM REUVAIN, THE OLDEST SON
15. The *kohanim* came from Aharon, Moshe's brother. According to Korach, who picked the *kohanim* to offer the sacrifices? MOSHE
16. Why did Moshe pick them? BECAUSE AHARON WAS HIS BROTHER
17. Besides the *kohanim*, who else did Korach say should offer the sacrifices? THE LEVI'IM
18. Korach made a big party. Who did he talk against at the party? MOSHE

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19. What kind of garment did Korach buy for everyone and tell them to put on? A GARMENT THAT WAS ALL BLUE
20. What did Korach serve at his party? MEAT
21. A *mitzva* was that some parts of a slaughtered animal were supposed to be given to a *kohain*. When the *kohanim* came to Korach's party to get their part of the animal, did Korach give it to them? NO
22. When Moshe heard that Korach threw the *kohanim* out of the party, who did he decide to talk to? KORACH
23. Korach told Moshe that he and his brother were not special. Who did Korach say was special? ALL JEWS
24. Korach asked Moshe if a *talit* that was all blue needed a blue thread. What did Moshe say? YES
25. Korach laughed. He said that if a *talit* was all blue, what should it not need? A BLUE THREAD
26. Korach was bad because he made fun not only of Moshe, but who else? HASHEM
27. Korach also made fun of something that Hashem told Jews to do. What? THE MITZVOT
28. Moshe said that Korach and his 250 friends could not be *kohanim* because someone didn't want them to be. Who didn't want them to be? HASHEM
29. To see if Korach was right to want to be a leader, what did Moshe tell him and his friends to bring to the Mishkan the next day? A PAN WITH SPICES WHICH WERE OFFERED AS SACRIFICES ON THE ALTAR
30. Who else did Moshe say should come with a pan of these spices? AHARON
31. What did Moshe say would happen if someone who was not a *kohain* burned these spices as a sacrifice? HE WOULD DIE
32. Datan and Aviram did not like Moshe. When Moshe sent helpers to try to talk nicely to them, did they talk nicely to the helpers? NO
33. Korach spent the whole night trying to talk other people into offering the spices. Hashem got angry at some Jews for believing Korach. What did Hashem want to do to all the Jews? KILL THEM
34. What did Moshe and Aharon ask Hashem in a prayer? THAT KORACH BE KILLED AND NOT THE OTHER JEWS
35. Moshe himself went to Datan and Aviram. He talked to them nicely. He tried to get them to ask forgiveness. Did Datan and Aviram listen? NO
36. Moshe prayed that Hashem punish Korach, Datan, Aviram and their friends in an unusual way. When Korach and his friends came with their pans of spices, what did Moshe tell the other Jews to do? STAY AWAY FROM THEM
37. How did Hashem punish them? BY MAKING THE EARTH SWALLOW THEM UP ALIVE

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38. EXTRA CREDIT: Why did Moshe pray that they be punished?
BECAUSE IF THEY WERE NOT PUNISHED, JEWS WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS O.K. TO NOT LISTEN TO MOSHE AND NOT DO THE MITZVOT
39. Besides Korach and his friends, what else did the earth swallow? ALL THE THINGS OF THESE BAD PEOPLE
40. Aharon also came with a pan of spices. Did the earth swallow Aharon?
NO
41. What did Korach say as he was being swallowed by the earth? HASHEM IS GOOD. MOSHE AND THE TORAH ARE TRUE
42. What do we learn about being jealous from the story of Korach? IT'S NOT GOOD TO BE JEALOUS (want what others have)
43. Why didn't Hashem kill Korach's sons? BECAUSE THEY ASKED FORGIVENESS FOR BELIEVING THEIR FATHER
44. EXTRA CREDIT: Aharon's son Elazar was told to take the pans Korach and his friends used, beat them flat, and then use them as a cover for something. For what? THE ALTAR UPON WHICH WERE OFFERED ANIMAL SACRIFICES
45. When some Jews complained to Moshe that he killed some Jewish good people, Hashem made a sickness which made some Jews sick and killed others. What stopped the sickness? WHEN AHARON BURNED A PAN OF THE SPICES IN THE CAMP
46. Hashem wanted the Jews to know that only the Tribe of Levi could do work in the Mishkan. Aharon was the leader of that Tribe. What happened to Aharon's stick which was put in front of the aron (Ark) along with the sticks of the other Tribes? ALMONDS GREW ON IT
47. So Jews would not go into the Mishkan, who did Hashem say had to guard it? KOHANIM AND LEVI'IM
48. The kohanim worked in the Mishkan and, later, in the Bait Hamikdash. Since they didn't work and get money, how did they live? JEWS GAVE THEM PRESENTS
49. One present had to do with bread. What was it? ANYONE WHO BAKED BREAD HAD TO GIVE PART OF THE DOUGH TO A KOHAIN
50. Another present had to do with first-born animals. What was it? THE FIRST-BORN OF SOME ANIMALS WERE GIVEN TO A KOHAIN
51. Besides the kohanim getting presents from the Jews, who else did they give presents to? LEVI'IM
52. Do Jews give food and animals to kohanim and levi'im today? NO