



***The Holiness of God***  
**Numbers 16-19**

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# In the Wilderness

## (Numbers)

1-2 - Censes and Arrangement of the camp

3-4 - Censes and Arrangement of the Levities

5-9 - Consecration of Tabernacle and celebration of the Passover

10-14 - The People depart and travel to the borders of the Promised Land and then are turned around. 40 years in the wilderness begins.

15 - Instructions for life in the Wilderness

- *Focus on the future promises of God*
- *Practice forgiveness*
- *Remember the Lord's Salvation, Commands and Presence*

# **The First Organized Rebellion to Remove Moses as leader and Aaron as Priest.**

**Numbers 16:1** Now Korah the son of Izhar, son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men. 2 And they rose up before Moses, with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation, chosen from the assembly, well-known men.

# The First Organized Rebellion to Remove Moses as leader and Aaron as Priest.

3 They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?”

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6 Do this: take censers, Korah and all his company; 7 put fire in them and put incense on them before the LORD tomorrow, and the man whom the LORD chooses shall be the holy one. You have gone too far, sons of Levi!”

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Numbers 16:12 “And Moses sent to call  
Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and  
they said, “**We will not come up.**”

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18 So every man took his censer and put fire in them and laid incense on them and stood at the entrance of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19 Then Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the entrance of the tent of meeting. **And the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation.**



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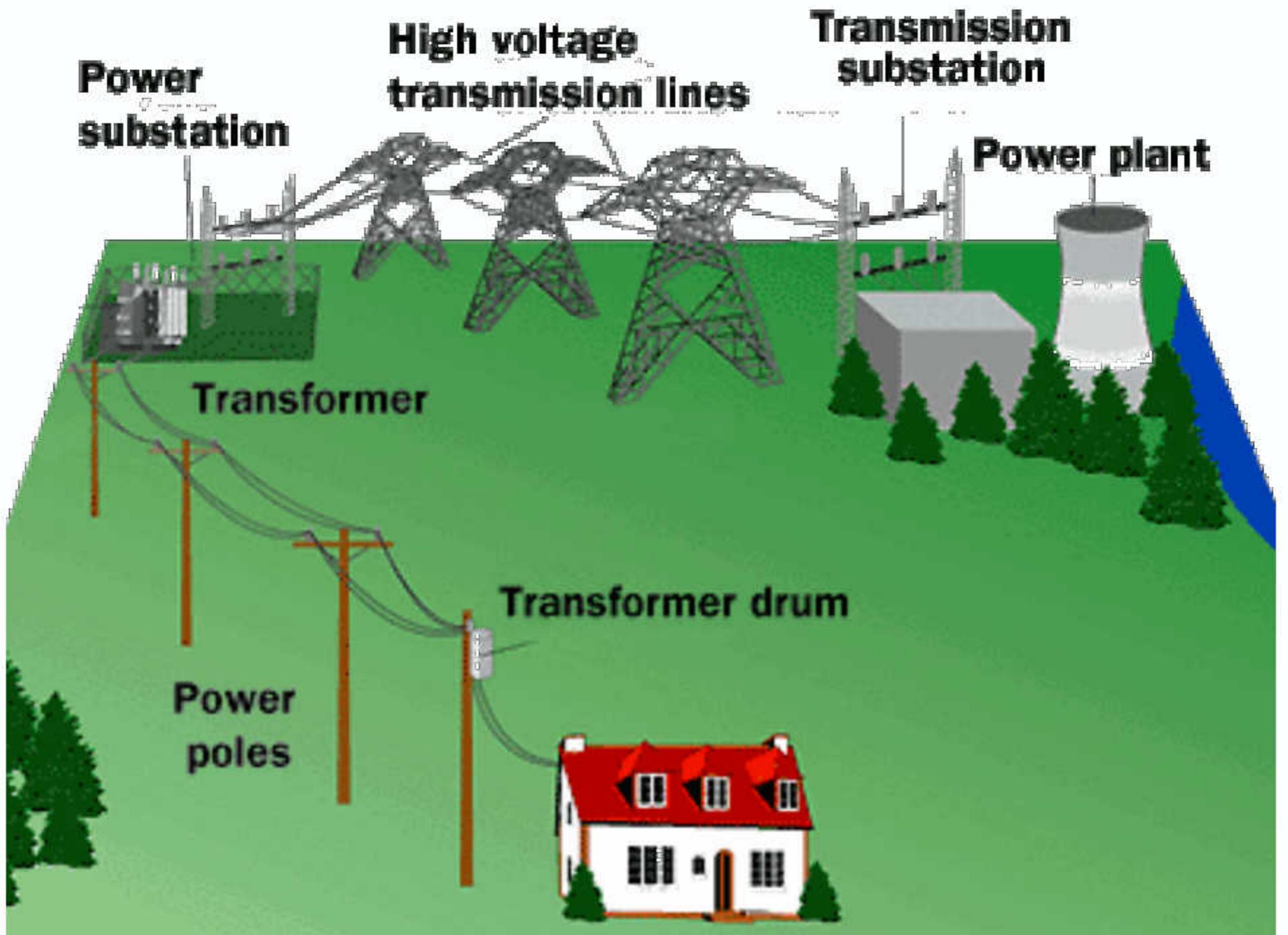
# The Holiness of God

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2. **Holy = Set Apart** (Sacred, Sanctified, Chosen)
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## 3. Holy = Other (wholly different)

*God is wholly other. This wholly otherness of God refers to His transcendence, His glory, His sovereignty, His power, and Him being the creator.*



**Power substation**

**High voltage transmission lines**

**Transmission substation**

**Power plant**

**Transformer**

**Transformer drum**

**Power poles**

The whole purpose of the covenant, tabernacle and the laws was so that the Glory of God may dwell amid the people. And the people, represented in the High Priest on the day of atonement, may approach the Holy God who is wholly other.





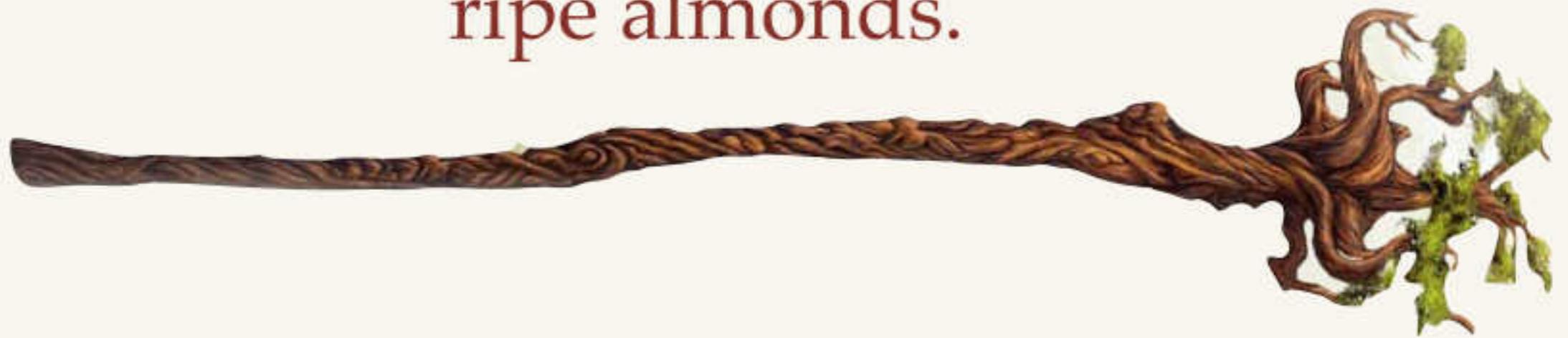
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Numbers 16:32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods. 33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly...**35 And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men offering the incense.**

41,... “you killed the people of the Lord. 42 And when the congregation had assembled against Moses and against Aaron, they turned toward the tent of meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it, **and the glory of the LORD appeared.** 43 And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting, 44 and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 45 “Get away from the midst of this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.”

... 47 “So Aaron took it (the censor) as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. And behold, the plague had already begun among the people. And he put on the incense and made atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stopped. 49 Now those who died in the plague were 14,700, besides those who died in the affair of Korah. 50 And Aaron returned to Moses at the entrance of the tent of meeting, when the plague was stopped.”

Numbers 17:8 On the next day Moses went into the tent of the testimony, and behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.



**Aaron's role as High Priest was vindicated; God's choice was made clear by something dead coming back to life.**

Numbers 17:12 And the people of Israel said to Moses, “Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. 13

**Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, shall die. Are we all to perish?””**

*How can anyone approach this Holy God and live?*

Numbers 18-19 describe how it is possible to approach the tabernacle where the Glory of God dwells.

# Approaching the Holiness of God

**1. We approach the Holiness of God not on our own but through a priest chosen by God who both represents and intercedes for us (Numbers 18).**

Numbers 18:6 “And behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the people of Israel. They are a gift to you, given to the LORD, to do the service of the tent of meeting.”

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- 2. We approach the Holiness of God through an atoning sacrifice that washes away all impurities (Numbers 19).**

Numbers 19:13 “Whoever touches a dead person, the body of anyone who has died, and does not cleanse himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from Israel; **because the water for impurity** was not thrown on him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is still on him.



**The Holy One of God**  
**- Pure - Chosen - Begotten -**





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