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**Numbers 15-17**

God's judgment was proclaimed and now the children of Israel would wonder in the wilderness for 38 years till all of the adults from 20 years and above would die but their children would inherit the land.

In chapter we have various laws mentioned for the sake of those who would occupy the land.

**15:1-21 The law of grain and drink offerings**

- 15:1-2** The mercy of God is seen as He provokes the second generation to hope by reminding them of the fact that they will enter the land.  
 \* After Adam and Eve failed the blessing came before the curse.  
Gen. 3  
 1) They remained at Kadesh many days. Deut. 1:46  
 2) They were provided for throughout the 38 years by God. Deut. 8:2-6, 29  
 3) They ceased circumcision during the wilderness. Josh. 5:s2-10

**15:3-12** The offerings were dealt with in Leviticus 1-7, so we won't look at these in detail.

**15:3** Burnt off.- dedication and consecration.  
 a) freewill offering.  
 b) Sweet smelling aroma.

**15:4** Grain offering- meal, for service.  
Oil- the Holy Spirit.

**15:8** Peace offering- fellowship

**15:13-16** One law for native born and stranger.

**15:17-21** First fruits of the land. Lev. 27:30-33, Deut. 26:1-15

**15:22-29 The law of unintentional sin**

**15:22-26** The congregations involvement.

**15:27-29** The individuals participation.

**15:30-36 The law of presumptuous sin.**

**15:30-31** The sin is with a high hand against the Lord, deliberately.

1) Despising the word of the Lord.

2) Resulting in death.

\* 1Cor. 11:30, Heb. 6:4, 10:26-29, 1Jn. 5:16

**15:32-36** An example of presumptuous sin

1) The place was in the wilderness. vs.32a

2) The crime was picking up sticks on the Sabbath day. vs. 32b

3) The individual was kept in guard till the mind of God was sought for the punishment. vs. 33-34

4) The verdict of God was stoning by all the congregation. vs.35-36

### **15:37-41 The tassels on their garments**

**15:37-38** On the corners of their garments of blue symbolic of heaven. Deut.

22:12, Math. 23:5, Col. 3:1-3

\* The woman with the issue of blood touched Jesus' tassel on His garment. Mk. 5:21-34

**15:39-40** 1) To remember the word of God.

2) To not follow the harlotry of their own hearts and eyes to which they were inclined. vs. 39

3) To remember to do all of God's commandments and be Holy for their God. vs. 40

**15:41** He was their God!

\* Their harlatry is recorded throughout. Ezk. 20:10-17, Amos 5:25, Acts 7:42-43

### **16:1-3 The rebellion against Moses and Aaron.**

**16:1** Korah was of the Levites who carried the furnishings. Jude 11

**16:2** The number was 250 besides those inverse one.

**16:3** 1) They targeted Moses and Aaron.  
2) They were accusing them of taking to much upon themselves as leader and High Priest.  
3) They considered all the congregation holy and on the same standing with the lord.

4) They accused them of exalting themselves above the congregation.

**15:4-19 The response of Moses**

**16:4-7** *Moses confronts them.*

**15:4-5** Moses declared God would make his mind known the next day as to who could come before Him.

**16:6-7** Moses gives them instructions to present themselves before the Lord and declares they are the ones who have taken too much on themselves.

**16:8-11** *Moses rebukes them.*

**16:8-10** Their various forms of ingratitude are declared.

**16:11** Moses reveals their true motive, to seek the Priesthood.

**16:12-15** *Moses petitions the sons of Eliab*

**16:12** They refuse.

**16:13-14** Their accusations.

**16:15** Moses intercedes against them.

**16:16-19** *Moses repeats the instructions for the following day.*

\* Tomorrow- God always gives time to repent, even if it is one day!

**16:19** Korah stirs up the people against them at the tabernacle and God appears to all.

**16:20-40 God deals with the offenders.**

**16:20-27** *God instructs Moses to tell the congregation to remove themselves from the wicked men.*

**16:20-21** The instructions from the Lord.

**16:22** The intercession by Moses and Aaron.

**16:23-27** The instructions to the congregation.

**16:28-30** *The sign from God of Moses and Aarons call by God and the guilt of the rebels.*

**16:28** Moses proclaims the purpose of the sign.

**16:29-30** The two options that could take place.

**16:31-35** *The judgment of God fell on the wicked.*

**16:31-33** The children of Korah did not die.  
26:11

**16:34** All of Israel feared for the moment.

**16:35** The fire of God devoured the 250 men.

**16:36-40** *The Lord memorializes the event for the future generations.*

**16:36-38** Eleazer was to make the censers coverings for the alter of brass as a sign to the present generation.

**16:39-40** They were to be a memorial to the future generations.

**16:41-50** *The ongoing rebelliousness of the people.*

**16:41** The very next day they murmured and accused Moses and Aaron as if nothing had happened and God was nowhere to be found.

**16:42-45** The Lord intervenes and desires to consume them.

**16:46-47** Moses and Aaron see the people with the eyes of God, compassionately and make intercession and atonement.

**16:48-49** Aaron stood between the dead and the living as 14,700 were destroyed apart from the incident of Korah.

**16:50** Aaron had done all he could do.

**17:1-13** **God confirms Aaron's priesthood**

- 17:1-3** Twelve rods were to be collected, one from each tribe with their names on them.
- 17:4-5** They were to be placed in the tabernacle of meeting for God to choose.
- 17:6-7** Moses did so including Aaron's rod.
- 17:8** Aaron's rod budded and blossomed with almonds symbolic of the resurrection, being the first to bud in spring.
- 17:9** The people saw the Lord's choice.
- 17:10** The rod was to be a token of God's choosing against the rebels and kept in the ark where the two tables of stone and a pot of Manna were. Ex. 15:16, 1King 8:9, Heb. 9:4
- 17:11** Moses did so
- 17:12-13** The people feared for their lives.