

## THE PARSHA EXPERIMENT

### PARSHAT KORACH: REJECTING ISRAEL'S LEADERSHIP






#### TEACHER'S GUIDE



#### POINTS TO PAUSE



#### DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **BEFORE THE VIDEO**  Why do the people constantly complain to Moses and Aaron?
- **1:27**  How did they forget? Why are they complaining again?
- **3:32**  Why are they blaming Moses?
- **6:17**  Why would you want to attribute everything you've gone through to Moses and Aaron, and not rightfully to God?
- **AFTER THE VIDEO**  Why is it so important to try to maintain control? What prevents people from fully committing to and trusting God?



#### FROM PRINCIPLE TO PRACTICE

David Block and Immanuel Shalev discuss the challenges involved in fully trusting God, showing how the people project their feelings towards Moses and Aaron as a substitute.

Thinking about our own lives, when do you struggle to fully trust God? Whom do you use as a substitute in God's stead? Why do people sometimes find it necessary to use a substitute when dealing with their feelings regarding God?

#### CHECKING FOR UNDERSTANDING

Why is it important to study the Biblical narratives in context?

To whom do the people direct their complaining? Why?

What are the three stages?



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### STUDENT GUIDE

*Instructions: As you watch the video, use the chart below to compare the passages discussed.*

Reason for Complaint	Complaint Directed Towards	Potential Reasoning

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במדבר טז:ג	Numbers 16:3
<p>וַיִּקְהָלוּ עַל-מֹשֶׁה וְעַל-אַהֲרֹן, וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲלֵהֶם רַב-לָכֶם--כִּי כָל-הָעֵדָה כָּלָם קִדְּשִׁים, וּבְתוֹכְכֶם יְקוּק; וּמִדּוּעַ תִּתְנַשְּׂאוּ, עַל-קְהַל יְקוּק?</p>	<p>and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them: 'Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them; wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?'</p>

במדבר יז:ו, כז	Numbers 17:6, 27
<p>וַיִּלְנוּ כָּל-עֵדַת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִמִּחֲרַת, עַל-מֹשֶׁה וְעַל-אַהֲרֹן, לֵאמֹר: אַתֶּם הַמֵּתִים, אֶת-עַם יְקוּק.</p> <p>כז וַיֹּאמְרוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: הֵן גּוֹעֵנוּ אֲבָדְנוּ, כָּלְנוּ אֲבָדְנוּ.</p>	<p>6 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying: 'Ye have killed the people of the LORD.'</p> <p>27 And the children of Israel spoke unto Moses, saying: 'Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone.'</p>

במדבר יא:ב	Numbers 11:2
<p>וַיִּצְעַק הָעָם, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה; וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְקוּק, וַתִּשְׁקַע הָאֵשׁ.</p>	<p>And the people cried unto Moses; and Moses prayed unto the LORD, and the fire abated.</p>

שמות טז:ג	Exodus 16:3
<p>וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֲלֵהֶם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִי-יִתֵּן מוֹתֵנוּ בְּיַד יְקוּק בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, בְּשִׁבְתֵּנוּ עַל-סִיר הַבָּשָׂר, בְּאֲכָלְנוּ לֶחֶם לִשְׂבֹּעַ: כִּי-הוֹצֵאתֶם אֹתָנוּ אֶל-הַמִּדְבָּר הַזֶּה, לְהַמִּית אֶת-כָּל-הַקְּהָל הַזֶּה בָּרָעַב.</p>	<p>and the children of Israel said unto them: 'Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'</p>

שמות יז:ג	Exodus 17:3
<p>וַיִּצְמָא שָׁם הָעָם לַמַּיִם, וַיִּלְן הָעָם עַל-מֹשֶׁה; וַיֹּאמְרוּ, לְמָה זֶה הֵעֵלִיתָנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם, לְהַמִּית אֹתִי וְאֶת-בְּנֵי וְאֶת-מִקְנֵי, בְּצִמְאָה.</p>	<p>And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said: 'Wherefore hast thou brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?'</p>

שמות לב:א	Exodus 32:1
<p>וַיֵּרָא הָעָם, כִּי-בִשְׁשׁ מִשָּׁה לָרְדַת מֶן-הַהָר; וַיִּקְהָלוּ הָעָם עַל-אַהֲרֹן, וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו קוּם עֲשֵׂה-לָנוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר יֵלְכוּ לִפְנֵינוּ--כִּי-זֶה מֹשֶׁה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר הֵעֵלָנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם, לֹא יָדַעְנוּ מָה-הָיָה לוֹ.</p>	<p>And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him: 'Up, make us a god who shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him.'</p>