

Korah Rebel/Aaron's Rod Buds

Numb 16-17

When the Israelites heard that they could not enter into Canaan, three Levite men, Korah, Dathan, and Abriam, started complaining against Moses and Aaron. Do you remember that the Levites were the priests and keepers of God's tabernacle? Well, Korah, Dathan, and Abriam got many of the people to follow them. They wanted to go back to Egypt. Moses told them to take their censers and meet Aaron at the door of the tabernacle the next morning.

The next morning, Korah met Aaron at the tabernacle but Dathan and Abiram refused to come, instead they stood in the door of their tents with their families. Moses told them that if God choose them to be the leaders nothing would happen, but if God choose Moses and Aaron that the ground would open up and swallow them, their families, and everything they had. As soon as Moses stopped talking the ground split apart underneath them and Korah, Dathan, Abiram, all their families, and their tents fell into the pit and the ground closed back up.

The people who were standing nearby watching ran, and a fire from God came down from the sky and burned up 250 men who were burning incense in their censers for Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. God spoke to Moses and told him to have Eleazer, Aaron's son, take those men's censers and hammer them out and cover the alter with them to remind the Levite's when they saw them about Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

The next morning the people accused Moses and Aaron of killing Korah and the others. While they were complaining God came as a cloud and covered the tabernacle and sent a great plague through the people and 14,700 people died for complaining against God's chosen leaders, Moses and Aaron.

Moses sent Aaron running through the people with a censer of burning incense to make atonement for the people and the plague stopped.

To show the people once and for all who was God's chosen leaders God told Moses to have one leader from each of the twelve tribes bring a rod, or walking staff, write his name on his staff and bring it to the tabernacle and bring one for Aaron. God would show the people who he chose by making the chosen person's rod blossom. Moses placed the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle.

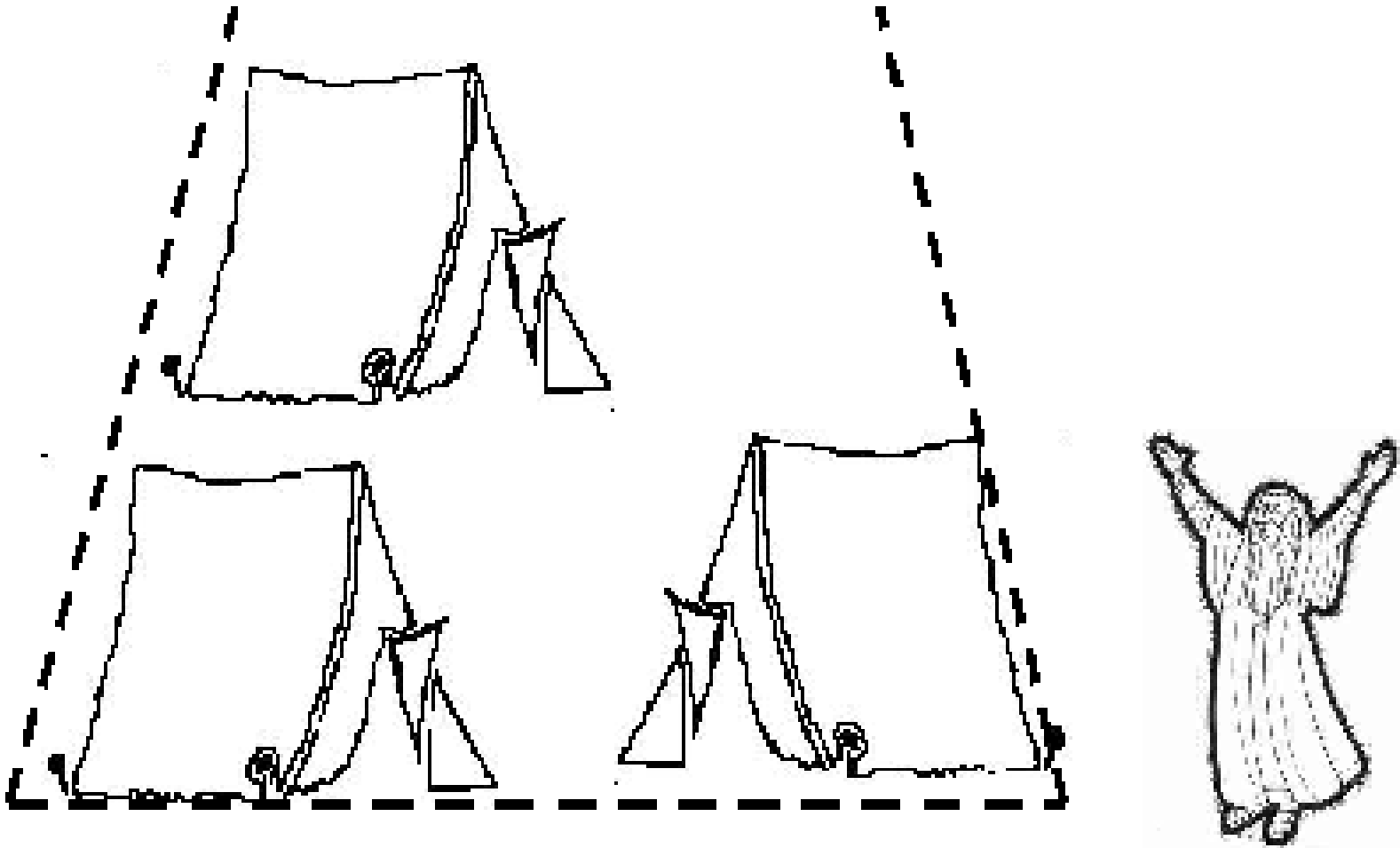
The next morning when Moses went in to the tabernacle Aaron's rod had not only sprouted leaves and buds, but also blossoms and ripe almonds! None of the other rods even had a little bud or twig. Moses took each man his own rod and then took Aaron's back into the tabernacle and put it in the arc of the covenant to be a sign always that God had chosen Moses and Aaron.

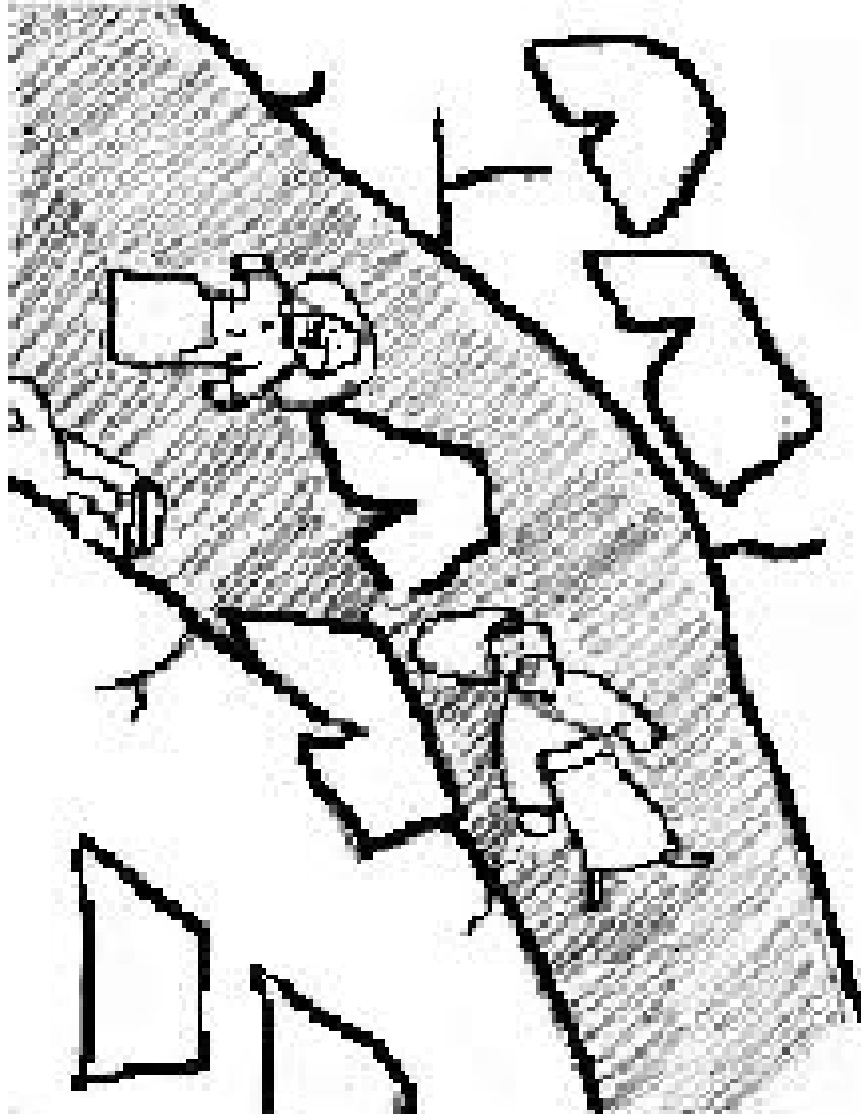
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(tune: "Are You Sleeping")

Choose you this day,
Choose you this day,
Whom to serve,
Whom to serve.
As for me and my house,
As for me and my house,
We'll serve God. We'll serve God.

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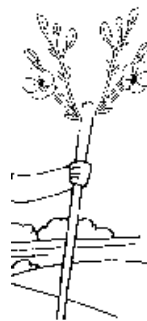
Korah, Dathan, and Abiram lead a rebellion against Moses. God opens the earth up to swallow them and show Moses and Aaron are His chosen leaders. Gen. 16





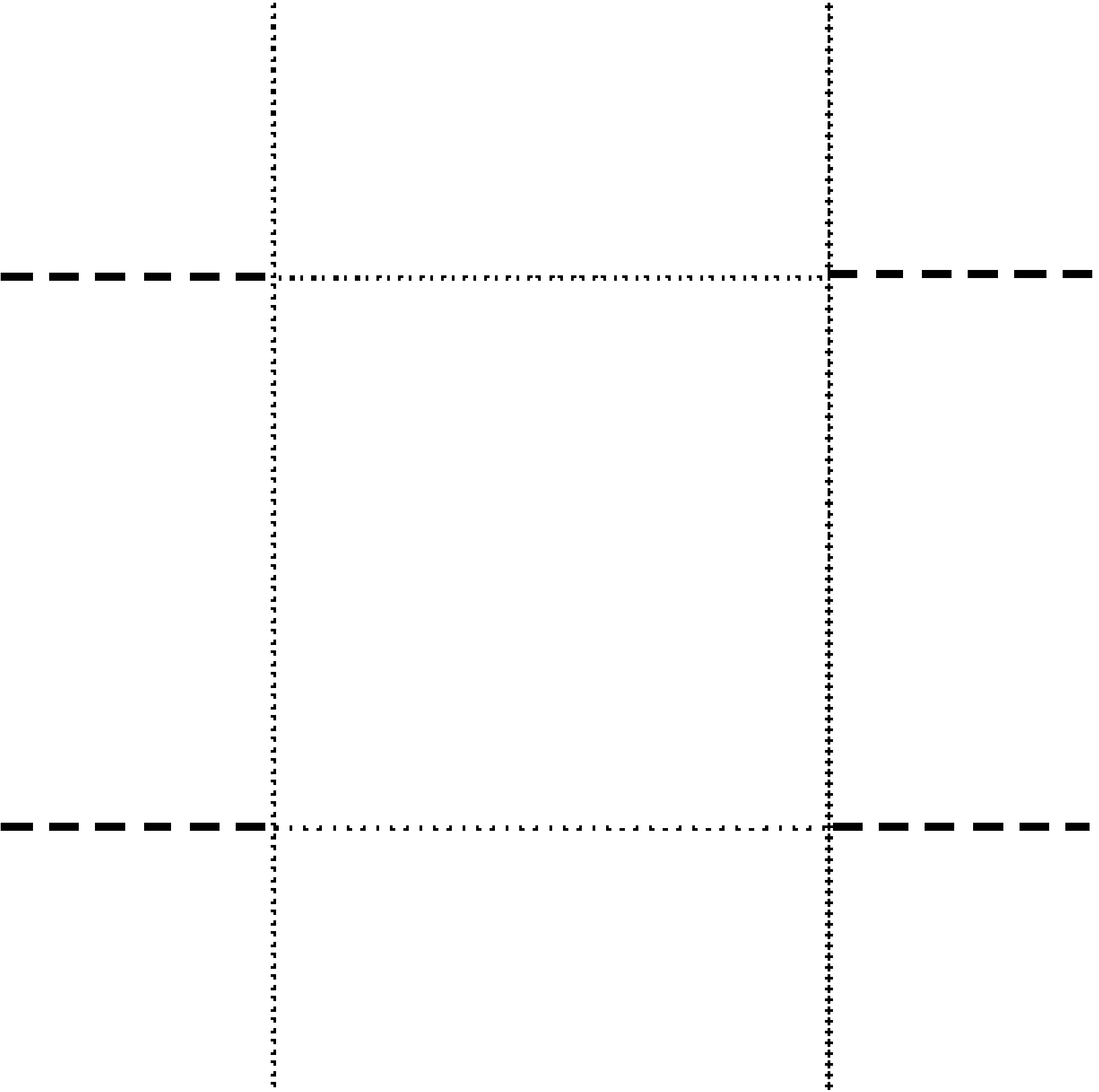


Moses



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Print on gold or yellow paper, if desired.

Cut out large square.

Fold on dotted lines.

Cut on dashed lines and glue forming box.

Glue red, yellow, and/or orange tissue paper inside to be the fire

Punch three holes, at "X's"

String gold or yellow yarn through and tie at the top to create a Priest's censor.

