



PARSHAH SEASONINGS

KORACH - קרח

Numbers 16-18

Three *Parshot* in Numbers are named after people:

Korach

Balak

Pinchas

קרח ←→ חקר
“Korach” (chokeir)
“to analyze”

קרח vs. God’s Authority

ק vs. ה

ר vs. ה

ח vs. ה

Numbers 16:38 [17:3]

“As for the censers of **the sinners** against their souls, let them be made into hammered plates as a covering for the altar, for they offered them before Adonai, and they became holy. Thus they shall be a sign to the people of Israel.”

החטאים
(*ha'chataim*)

2x

1 Samuel 15:18

“And Adonai sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go, devote to destruction **the sinners** – the Amalekites – and fight against them until they are consumed.’”

Numbers 16:13

“Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that **you will rule** over us?”

ת ש ת ר ר = 1,500

(*tistareir*)

א ב = 3

(*av*)

“Father”

Numbers 16:32

And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all **the people who were with Korah** and all their goods.

ה א ד ס א ש ר ל ק ר ח

ח ר מ

(*cherem*)

“condemned”

Numbers 17:8 [23]

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**.

ש ק ד י מ
(*shakeidim*)



ק ד ש י מ
(*kedoshim*)
“holy ones”

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ש ק ד
(*shakeid*)
“almond”

Jeremiah 1:11-12

And the word of Adonai came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see an **almond** (*shakeid*) branch." Then Adonai said to me, "You have seen well, for I am **watching over** (*shokeid*) My word to perform it."

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Numbers 26:10-11 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured 250 men, and they became a warning. But the sons of Korah did not die.

Eleven Psalms were composed by the sons of Korach. (Psalms 42, 44-49, 84-85, 87-88)

Proverbs 10:7 The memory of the righteous is a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot.