

Numbers 14:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised.

Analysis

The earth opened 'and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.' This comprehensive judgment included families and possessions, demonstrating the corporate consequences of leadership rebellion. The totality of destruction left no memorial of the rebels except warning to future generations.

Historical Context

However, Numbers 26:11 notes 'the children of Korah died not,' indicating God's mercy preserved a remnant who later produced psalmists. Eleven Psalms bear the inscription 'for the sons of Korah' (Psalms 42, 44-49, 84-85, 87-88).

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's judgment of leaders' rebellion affect their households and followers?

2. What does preservation of Korah's descendants teach about God's mercy amid judgment?

Interlinear Text

וְטַפְּכֶם	אֲשֶׁר	אָמַרְתֶּם	לֵב ז	יְהִי ה
But your little ones	H834	which ye said	should be a prey	H1961
H2945		H559	H957	
וְהֵבִיאֲתִי	אֹתָם	וְיָדְעוּ	אֶת	הָאָרֶץ
them will I bring in	H853	and they shall know	H853	the land
H935		H3045		H776
מֵאֲסָתָם	בָּהּ:			
which ye have despised	H0			
H3988				

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 1:39 (Parallel theme): Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

Psalms 106:24 (Parallel theme): Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word: