

# Numbers 14:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But as for you, your carcases, they shall fall in this wilderness.

## Analysis

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The rebels 'went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them.' The emphasis on 'alive' (Hebrew 'chai') indicates conscious descent into Sheol, amplifying the terror of divine judgment. That 'they perished from among the congregation' means complete removal—no trace remained except memory. This judgment served as definitive answer to 'who is holy' (16:5).

## Historical Context

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This unprecedented miracle became proverbial in Israel's history, referenced as warning against rebellion (26:10, Deuteronomy 11:6, Psalm 106:17). The site likely remained visible as a memorial of divine judgment.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does conscious descent into judgment teach about eternal consequences of rebellion?
2. How should historic examples of God's judgment inform present-day obedience?

## Interlinear Text

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But as for you your carcases H859 they shall fall in this wilderness H2088  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 10:5** (Parallel theme): But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

**Numbers 14:29** (Parallel theme): Your carcases shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,

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