

# Numbers 16:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

## Analysis

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**Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram**—God's mercy provides escape: he'alu (הָעָלוּ, 'get you up') commands physical separation from the rebels' tents. The phrase mi'saviv (מִסָּבִיב, 'from about/around') indicates that many Israelites were camped near or associating with the three rebel leaders—guilt by proximity unless they repent and depart.

Note the expanded list: **Korah, Dathan, and Abiram**—this was a coalition rebellion. Korah (a Levite, Kohathite clan) represented religious grievance; Dathan and Abiram (Reubenites) represented tribal/political grievance against Moses. Together they mounted a two-front attack: 'you've taken too much religious authority' (Korah) and 'you've failed as political leader' (Dathan/Abiram, v. 13-14). God will answer both charges decisively.

## Historical Context

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Reuben's tribe camped south of the tabernacle, adjacent to the Kohathites (Numbers 2:10, 3:29), creating geographic proximity that fostered the conspiracy. Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, had lost preeminence due to sin (Genesis 49:3-4), breeding resentment that Dathan and Abiram exploited. The tribe never recovered prominence in Israel.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does proximity (physical, relational, ideological) to rebellion endanger you, even if you're not actively participating?
2. What modern parallels exist to the Korah-Dathan-Abiram coalition—religious grievance allied with political grievance against biblical authority?

## Interlinear Text

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אֵל יִבְרַךְ	הָעֵדָה הַזֹּאת	לֵאמֹר	קֹמְעוּ	מִכֹּסֶם יֵב
<b>Speak</b>	<b>unto the congregation</b>	<b>saying</b>	<b>Get you up</b>	<b>from about</b>
H1696	H5712	H559	H5927	H5439
לְמִשְׁכָּן	קֹרַח	דָּתָן	וְאַבִּירָם:	
<b>the tabernacle</b>	<b>of Korah</b>	<b>Dathan</b>	<b>and Abiram</b>	
H4908	H7141	H1885	H48	

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