

# Numbers 16:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.

## Analysis

Incredibly, the very next day 'all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.' They blamed Moses for God's judgment, calling the rebels 'the people of the LORD.' This reveals hardened hearts that witnessing miracles cannot soften —they saw earth swallow rebels yet still blamed human leaders.

## Historical Context

This rapid return to rebellion demonstrated Israel's persistent hard-heartedness despite overwhelming evidence of God's power and Moses' authority. It prompted God's threat of total destruction, requiring renewed intercession (v.44-45).

## Related Passages

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does persistent rebellion reveal that miracles alone cannot produce saving faith?
2. What causes people to blame God's servants for divine judgments they themselves deserved?

## Interlinear Text

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ישָׁאָל נַעֲלֵם כָּל הַעֲמָד בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
murmured H3605 all the congregation of the children of Israel  
H3885 H5712 H1121 H3478

לְאַמְתָּר אֶבְרָר וְעַל מִשְׁאָה מִשְׁאָה וְעַל מִמְּנָצָב תְּמִימָנָה  
But on the morrow H5921 against Moses H5921 and against Aaron H175 saying  
H4283 H4872 H175 H559

וְאַתֶּם בָּנָי מִתְּמִימָנָה אֶת עַמְּךָ יְהִי  
H859 Ye have killed H853 the people of the LORD  
H4191 H5971 H3068

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 14:2** (References Moses): And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

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