

# 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

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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

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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

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**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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מָחָר But on the morrow H4283	עַל H5921	מֹשֶׁה against Moses H4872	וְעַל H5921	אַהֲרֹן and against Aaron H175	לֵאמֹר saying H559
אֹתָם H859	הִמָּתָם Ye have killed H4191	אֶת H853	עַם the people H5971	יְהוָה: of the LORD 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!