

**Challenge as to  
Authority  
Numbers 14:26-17:13**

**I. Renewed Direction – 14:20-45**

1. God will forgive their sin – 20-21  
But God will be glorified
2. There will be consequences -22-24  
That generation will not enter the land  
Except for Joshua and Caleb
3. There is a new travel directive – 25-30  
Go back into wilderness by the Red Sea  
Where that generation will die
4. Your children will enter the land – 31-35  
Ones for whom they fear would enter in
5. God's judgment begins – 36-38  
Ten evil spies died of a plague – 36-37  
God spared Joshua & Caleb – 38
6. People mourned greatly – 39  
Was it true repentance?  
Or mourning the consequences
7. The sin of presumption – 40-45  
Acknowledged sin & decided to go - 40  
Moses warned them not to go – 41-43  
This is not faith but presumption – new direction  
God will not be with you for you forsook Him  
Went anyway & were defeated – 44-45  
Ark and Moses did not go with them

**II. Reviewing God's Commands - 15:1-41**

1. Prepare children to obey God – 15:1-2  
This is for those who will enter the land
2. Commands for worship & offerings - 1-31  
Sweet smelling offerings - Freewill offerings - 1-16  
Animal is offered with meal (flour), oil & wine  
First-fruits or Heave-offering - 17-21  
First of harvest was to be presented to the Lord  
Sin or trespass offering; in ignorance - 22-29  
Dealing with defiant or deliberate sin – 30-31
3. Ex: Man who violated Sabbath - 32-36  
Man who gathered sticks on the Sabbath
4. Reminder: Tassels & blue cord – 37-41  
Sewn on garments to remind them to obey God

**III. Rebelling Against Authority - 16**

1. Korah leads rebellion against Moses - 1-3  
Gathers 250 princes against God's leader
2. Moses puts challenge before God - 4-40  
Each to present incense before God - 4-7  
Let God choose whom He will accept  
Korah reminded as Levite he is chosen - 8-11  
Dathan & Abiram of Reuben join in - 12-15  
Moses & Aaron puts choice with God - 16-27  
Earth will open and swallow up rebels - 28-30  
Lord causes earth to swallow them up - 31-35

- Rebels' censers used as a reminder - 36-40
3. Plague sent as people rebel - 41-50  
Do not accept the Lord's decision - 41  
Accused Moses & Aaron of killing people of God  
Glory of God appeared at Tabernacle – 42-43  
God spoke in judgment – 44  
"Separate yourself so I can consume them"  
Moses & Aaron intercede for people – 44-48  
Aaron offers up incense before the Lord  
14,700 died in this plague – 49  
Plague stopped as they interceded – 50

**IV. Reaffirming God's Leader - 17**

1. God makes His choice clear – 17:1-5  
Leader of each tribe to put rod in Tabernacle  
God will choose priest as his rod blossoms
2. Moses put 12 rods in the tabernacle – 6-7
3. Next day Aaron's rod blossomed – 8-9  
Family of Aaron & tribe of Levi are chosen
4. Aaron's rod put in Most Holy Place – 10-11  
To be continuing witness of God's choice
5. People in awe before the Lord – 12-13  
Fearfulness of challenging God's authority.