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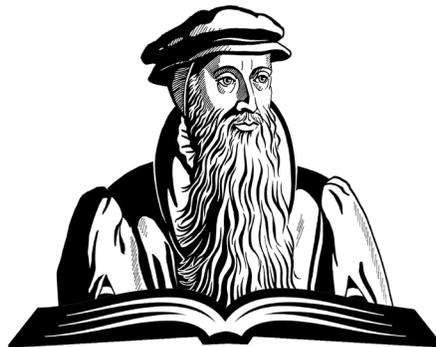
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**Aaron's Rod Blossoming**

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# Module

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# Lesson 40

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## Aaron's Rod Blossoming Numbers 15–20

### Memory Verse

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not."*

Numbers 17:10

### A Remarkable Proclamation

Numbers 15 opens with an incredible statement by the LORD. What are those words? It is this, "When ye be come into the land of your habitation, which I give unto you" (Num. 17:2). What is so remarkable about these words? To answer this question, we must consider what had taken place in the earlier chapters. Time and time again, we see the people raising their voice against the Lord and his servant Moses. Despite so much disobedience and rebellion, the Lord will bring them into the land that he had promised to his servant Abraham so many years ago. The fact that God would bring his people into the land that he promised, even though they sinned, raises another question. Why?

### God, Faithful to His Covenant

The answer to the question cannot be found in the goodness of his people, but in God alone. God saves by grace—grace alone. And where he has begun a good work, he will see it through to the end. We read in Philippians, "He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). God the Father made a covenant with the Son, and it is for the sake of this covenant that he will bring his people through. Not one of them will be lost. No matter the road they must travel: "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). So God, despite the continual sins of his people, will fulfill his promise.

### A Stubborn People

Shortly after God revealed his covenant faithfulness to the people, we find Korah, Dathan, and Abiram murmuring again. We find them despising the servants of the Lord, Moses and Aaron. They did not accept that God had appointed Moses over them and Aaron as priest. Filled with

pride, they thought they should have Aaron's place in the tabernacle service. Rebellion against God has serious consequences. Displeased with these people, the Lord destroys them.

On the day following, even though the people had witnessed these things, they rose in rebellion. Amazing how hard the heart can be! God's judgement is proclaimed upon the people. God declares that he will consume the people. Upon hearing this awful declaration, the people "fell upon their faces" (Num. 16:45). Moses, seeing that judgment was at hand, encouraged Aaron the priest to make an atonement for the sins of the people. By his interceding work, Aaron saved the lives of many people.

Aaron, as priest, is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. God's anger is kindled against man. The hand of judgment is near. Is there no way to escape the just judgment? Yes—Jesus Christ intercedes for his people, for those that, by faith, put their trust in him. Is it not amazing that the God who is transgressed against sent his Son to deliver transgressors: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:13). "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33).

### Aaron's Rod

To show that Aaron alone was God's priest to stand between the people and God, the Lord had the princes of each house bring a rod to be laid in the tabernacle. Although these rods were dead, God would make the rod of the person he would have as his priest blossom. In the morning of the following day, it was made known that only one rod brought forth buds and blossoms. It was Aaron's rod.

Aaron was God's chosen priest to stand between God and the people. He alone would intercede for the people. In this, Aaron is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). No man is capable of interceding for himself, let alone for others. God, therefore, sent his Son into the world to be a priest—to sacrifice and intercede for the people. Seeing that God has provided a way, by free and sovereign grace, how foolish to "neglect so great salvation" (Heb. 2:3).

### Questions

Numbers 15

1. On the sabbath day, a man was found \_\_\_\_\_ . The man was put to death for his sin.
  - a. Fishing
  - b. Milking a cow
  - c. Gathering sticks
  - d. Making bread

Numbers 16

2. \_\_\_\_\_ princes rose up and gathered themselves against Moses and Aaron.
  - a. 12
  - b. 144
  - c. 250
  - d. 1000
  
3. Because they rebelled against Moses, all of the following men and their families were swallowed up by the earth, except:
  - a. Ithamar
  - b. Dathan
  - c. Korah
  - d. Abiram
  
4. After the men and their families were swallowed up by the earth, the 250 men who offered incense were also consumed. They were consumed by:
  - a. Water
  - b. Fire
  - c. Insects
  - d. Leprosy

**Discussions**

Numbers 15

1. Read Numbers 15:15–16. Discuss how we see the seed of the gospel declared here and how that seed blossoms in the New Testament. ( Consider Christ’s command to his disciples before his ascension.)

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2. In Numbers 15:32–36, we find a man that was put to death for desecrating the sabbath day. Discuss how the sabbath day should be observed.

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Numbers 16

3. We find an amazing declaration from Dathan, Abiram and Abiram in Numbers 16:13. What did they say? To what land were they referring? How is it evident from this statement that they loved the world more than the inheritance of God? (Consider the character of the land to which God was bringing them)

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4. Since God will deliver his people even though there is much sin in their lives, does this mean that they should give themselves to sin? Why or Whynot?

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5. How should Christians view the sins that they continue to commit? Why?

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6. Why is repentance not a one-time act in the life of a Christian?

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7. Moses was told by the LORD to say the following to the congregation of Israel, “Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.” (Num. 16.26) How do these words instruct us regarding our associating with others?

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Numbers 17

8. Discuss how Aaron is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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