

# Parsha Korach

קֹרַח  
“Korah”

Numbers  
16, 17, 18





**KINGDOM OF SALT**

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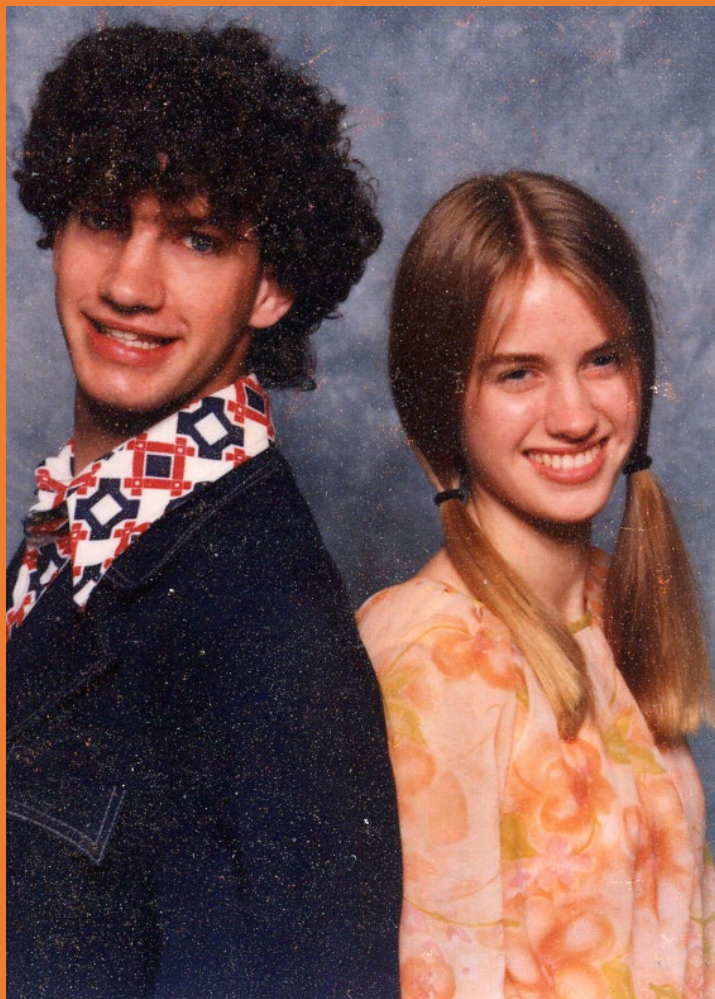
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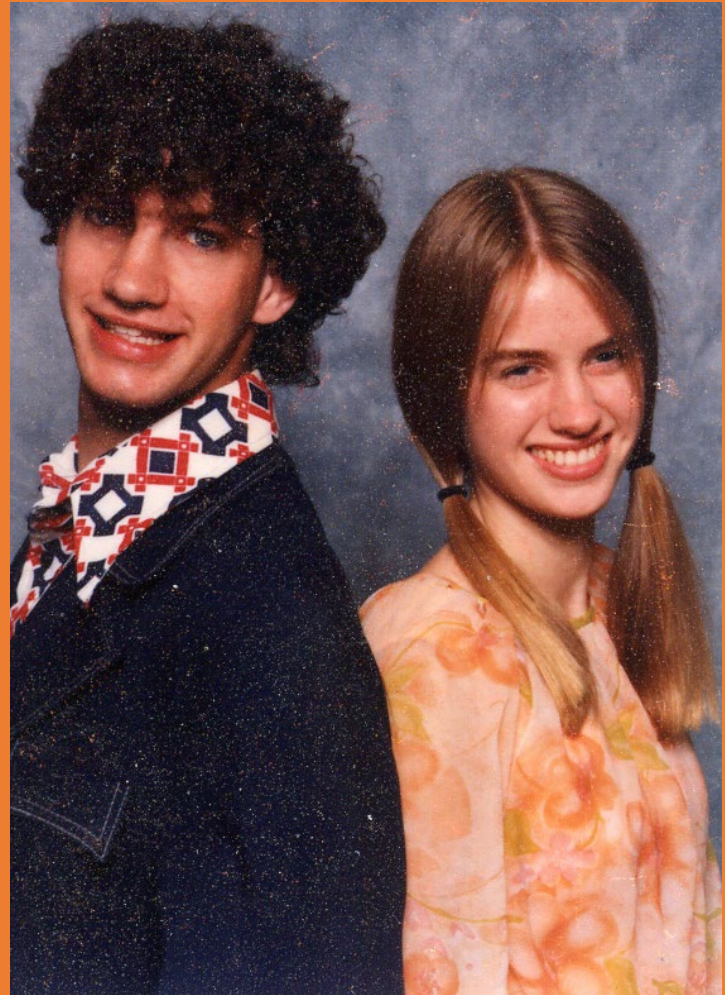
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**Can salt lose  
its saltiness?**



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Safe Food Handling:

## WHEN TO TOSS IT OUT

The Sniff Test is safer than tasting something to decide if it's past its prime, but it's not foolproof. When in doubt, throw it out.

<b>MAYONNAISE</b>  Go by the expiration date.	<b>MILK</b>  Go by the expiration date.	<b>BUTTER</b>  2 weeks in the fridge.
<b>CHEESE</b>  Toss it if it starts to get moldy.	<b>COOKED MEAT</b>  5 days in the fridge, unless you freeze it.	<b>UNCOOKED BEEF</b>  3 to 5 days in the fridge, unless you freeze it.
<b>PRODUCE</b>  If it looks or smells too far gone, it probably is.	<b>EGGS</b>  3 to 5 weeks, uncooked and refrigerated.	<b>RAW FISH</b>  2 days, unless you wrap and freeze it.
<b>FRESH GROUND BEEF</b>  1 to 2 days in the fridge, unless you freeze it.	<b>PORK</b>  3 to 5 days in the fridge, unless you freeze it.	<b>RAW CHICKEN AND TURKEY</b>  2 days, unless you wrap and freeze it.

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); FoodSafety.gov; MeatSafety.org; University of Wisconsin Extension.



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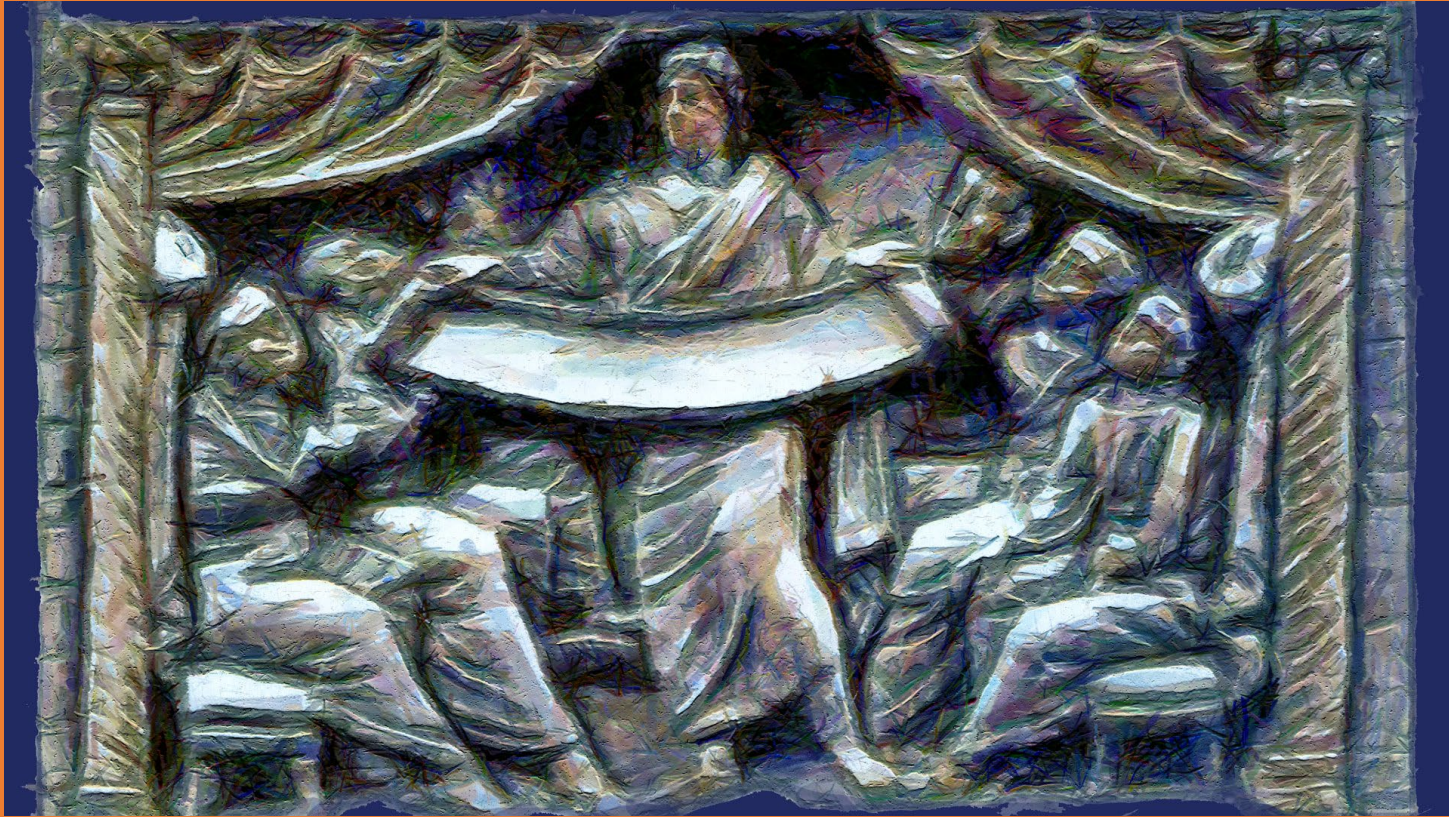
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**Ben Hinnom  
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**Marcion of Sinope**

# Suggestions

- Keep wrestling
- Find out for yourself
- Consider both sides of the issue
- Check whether your feet are on the ground, or your head is in the clouds
- Question your premises



# How did we get here?

Raising our children to understand God and live in the world

- We leave out wickedness and suffering
- We describe how we want them to behave
- We give them their rewards (goodness, satisfaction) now

# Malachi 3 / 4

For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the YHWH of armies, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says YHWH of armies of hosts.

# Malachi 3 / 4

Remember the Torah of my servant Moses, the statutes and justice-rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of YHWH comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.

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And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for the sake of me and the good news . . .will save it. For what does it profit a person to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a person give in return for his soul?

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For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."

And after six days Yeshua took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them



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