

Numbers

Chapter 12

Student

GOD chooses GOD's leaders

Contents: The attempted coup by Miriam and Aaron.

Characters: **GOD**, Moses, Aaron, Miriam.

Conclusion: Challenging the leaders that **GOD** chooses carries many consequences, "**When those leaders are following GOD's instructions**". See I Timothy 5:17-21.

Key Word: Criticism, (speaking against), 1.

Strong Verses: 3, 8.

Striking Facts: There are times when it is decidedly out of place to criticize the leaders of the people. This affront was ill-natured and ill-timed, especially when the people were already disobeying. Additionally, it added to the leader's [Moses'] burden caring for the people.

Word Study:

coup – (/koʊ/) a sudden, violent, and unlawful seizure of power from a government.

Audacity - a willingness to take bold risks. rude or disrespectful behavior.

Questions:

1. Where did GOD meet Aaron, Miriam and Moses? **(Verse 5)**
2. What was the ethnicity of Moses' wife? **(Verse 1)**
3. Was Moses angry with his sibling's disapproval? **(Verse 3)**
4. What are the ways that GOD has spoken to HIS chosen leaders? **(Verse 6)**
5. Why was GOD "surprised" at Aaron and Miriam's audacity? **(Verses 7-8)**
6. What was Miriam's punishment? **(Verses 10, 14)**

Bonus Question: Is it **GODly** to challenge **GOD's** chosen leaders? Why didn't Aaron get punished here?