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The OT in the Life of the Believer
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Lecture XXI

I was speaking last time about Roman Numeral IX - The Revolt of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And we noticed how there were two occasions to this revolt. The Reubenites, Dathan and Abiram were saying that the tribe of Levi had no right to take the leadership. Now as you all know who are looking forward to the future, the tribe of Levi did not have the leadership very long. Moses had the leadership all through the wilderness, but after that it was Joshua who was from the Tribe of Ephraim. And I don't remember any other great leader from the tribe of Levi thereafter. But it was extremely important in the wilderness that Moses' leadership continue and it was important for the establishment for the system whereby the facts that God gave and wanted them to keep carefully in mind would not become ^{corrupted} ~~corruption~~ and twisted and changed, that the religious life be under the general direction of the tribe of Levi.

And also we noticed that that rebellion had a large part of the tribe of Levi also involved in it because they were saying that it should not be Moses and Aaron, or particularly Aaron who had charge of the religious life but that all of them should have an equal part in the priesthood. We saw then last time how God supernaturally intervened in this case because it was so very important that the Israelites be brought through the wilderness and into the land, and that the knowledge of God be retained when the world was trying to put him out of their minds, and that the preparation be made for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world.

X. The Aftermath of the Rebellion. 16:41- to the end of ch. 19. Such movements as this often seem to be completely ended but there remain effects which take a long time to overcome. You recall in 325 A.D. the Council of Nicea adopted the statement about the homoousian, and the fact of the trinity and the full deity of Christ seemed to have been thoroughly established. The Council passed a statement and it is called the Nicene ~~Creed~~ Theology ever since. But during the next ~~1/2~~ 50 yrs. the Arians were still a force to be reckoned with. And it was not until nearly 60 yrs. later that the final end was brought to the power of Arianism in the Roman Empire.