|44 (17:9)| And Hashem
spoke unto Moshe saying,
|45 (17:10)| Get you away
from among this edah, that I
may consume them as in a
moment. And they fell upon
their faces.

[46 (17:11)] And Moshe said unto Aharon, Take a fire pan, and put eish therein from off the Mizbe'ach, and put ketoret, and go quickly unto HaEdah, and make kapporah for them; for there is Ketzef (Wrath) gone out from Hashem; the plague is begun. [47 (17:12)] And Aharon took as Moshe commanded, and ran into the midst of the Kahal; and, hinei, the plague was begun among HaAm: and he offered ketoret, and made kapporah for HaAm. [48 (17:13)] And he stood between the mesim and the chayyim; and the plague was stopped.

(49 (17:14)) Now they that were the mesim in the maggefah (plague) were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, in addition to those who were mesim by reason of Korach.

|50 (17:15)| And Aharon returned unto Moshe unto the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed; and the plague was stayed.

1 7 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying, |2 (17:17)| Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the Bais Av, of all their Nasiim according to the Bais of their Avot twelve rods; write thou every man's shem upon his matteh (rod, staff).

[3 (17:18)] And thou shalt write shem Aharon upon the rod of Levi; for one rod shall be for the Rosh of the Bais of their Avot. |4(17:19)| And thou shalt lay them up in the Ohel Mo'ed before HaEdut, where I will meet with you there. |5(17:20)| And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall sprout; and I will rid Myself of the murmurings of the Bnei Yisroel, whereby they murmur against you. [6(17:21)] And Moshe spoke unto the Bnei Yisroel, and every one of their Nasiim gave him a rod apiece, for each nasi one, according to their Bais Avot, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aharon was among their rods. |7(17:22)| And Moshe laid up the rods before Hashem in the Ohel HaEdut. [8 (17:23)] And it came to pass, that the next day Moshe entered into the Ohel HaEdut; and, hinei, the rod of Aharon for the Bais Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and vielded almonds. [9(17:24)] And Moshe brought out all the rods from before Hashem unto Kol Bnei Yisroel; and they looked, and took every man his rod. |10 (17:25)| And Hashem said unto Moshe, Bring Aharon's rod again before HaEdut, to be kept for an ot (sign) against the rebels; and thou shalt quite put an end to their murmurings against Me, that they die not. |11 (17:26)| And Moshe did so; as Hashem commanded him, so did he. |12 (17:27)| And the Bnei Yisroel spoke unto Moshe, saying, See, we die, we perish, we will all perish. [13 (17:28)] Whoever even encroaches upon the

Mishkan Hashem shall die. Shall we be consumed with dying?

**1 8** And Hashem said unto Aharon, Thou and thy Banim and thy Bais Av with thee shall bear the avon (guilt) of the Mikdash; and thou and thy Banim with thee shall bear the avon of the kehunah of you [see Ya 3:1]. |2| And thy brethren also of

the tribe of Levi, the Shevet Avicha, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee; while thou and thy Banim with thee are before the Ohel HaEdut.

|3| And they shall stand your guard duty, and the duty of Kol HaOhel; only they shall not come near the Klei
HaKodesh and the Mizbe'ach, that neither they, nor ye also, die.

4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and stand guard duty of the Ohel Mo'ed, for kol Avodat HaOhel; and a zar shall not encroach unto you. [5] And ye shall stand guard of HaKodesh, and stand guard of the Mizbe'ach; that there be no Ketzef (Wrath) any more upon the Bnei Yisroel. [6] And I, hinei, I Myself have taken your brethren the Levi'im from among the Bnei Yisroel; to you they are given as a mattanah (gift) to Hashem, to do the Avodat Ohel Mo'ed [see Ep 4:11]. [7] Therefore thou and thy Banim with thee shall be shomer over your Kehunah with everything of the Mizbe'ach, and within the Parochet; and ye shall do the Avodas service: I have given your Kehunah unto you as an Avodas Mattanah; and the zar (unauthorized one) that