

NUMBERS CHAPTER 17

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to the children of Israel, and take rods from them, according to the houses of their families, a rod from all their princes, according to the houses of their families, twelve rods, and write the name of each on his rod. ³ And write the name of Aaron on the rod of Levi; for it is one rod *for each*; they shall give *them* according to the tribe of the house of their families. ⁴ And you shall put them in the tabernacle of witness, before the testimony, where I will be made known to you. ⁵ And it shall be, that the man whom I shall choose, his rod shall blossom; and I will remove from Me the murmuring of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you."

⁶ And Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and all their chiefs gave him a rod *each*, for one chief a rod, according to the house of their families, twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron *was* in the midst of the rods. ⁷ And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness. ⁸ And it came to pass on the next day, that Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of witness; and behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi blossomed, and put forth a bud, and bloomed blossoms and produced almonds. ⁹ And Moses brought forth all the rods from before the Lord to all the sons of Israel; and they looked, and each one took his rod.

¹⁰ And the Lord said to Moses, "Lay up the rod of Aaron before the testimonies to be kept as a sign for the children of the disobedient; and let their murmuring cease from Me, and they shall not die." ¹¹ And Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

¹² And the children of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Behold, we are cut off, we are destroyed, we are consumed. ¹³ Everyone that touches the tabernacle of the Lord, dies: shall we die utterly?"