

Chapter 17

- 17:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
- 17:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod
according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods:
write thou every man's name upon his rod.
- 17:3 And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers.
- 17:4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you.
- 17:5 And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom:
and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you.
- 17:6 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel,
and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods:
and the rod of Aaron was among their rods.
- 17:7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness.
- 17:8 And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness;
and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.
- 17:9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel:
and they looked, and took every man his rod.
- 17:10 And the LORD said unto Moses,
Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.
- 17:11 And Moses did so: as the LORD commanded him, so did he.
- 17:12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying,
Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish.
- 17:13 Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the tabernacle of the LORD shall die:
shall we be consumed with dying?