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1. Gaza is a great example of brothers fighting. Fatah and Hamas kill each other over who should be ruling that area.



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2. This parasha tells a similar story. Korach and his group complained about equality. Moshe tried to talk them out of it by pointing out their status as Leviim.

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3. The punishment, being swallowed by the earth, seems incredibly harsh!



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4. Why did Moshe not daven for them like he did every other time the Jews sinned?



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5. Korach's argument was that Moshe had appointed himself and Aharon, not G-d.



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6. He claimed all Jews are equal and should all do whatever they see fit.

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7. The worst thing that can happen in a civilized country is the government's loss of legitimacy. As the mishna says, without a fear of the government, people would swallow each other alive. However, this does not happen with a sound government.



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8. The Tanaim who are quoted in this mishna were tortured and killed by the governing Romans, yet still believed in the necessity of government.



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9. As bad as this anarchy is for any civilization, for the Jews it would be catastrophic as any doubt about Moshe's legitimacy casts doubt on all of Torah.



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10. In all generations after the desert, although people questioned the oral Torah, nobody ever questioned the truth of Moshe or the Written Torah.



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11. Everyone believes in the Torah, has the same Torah in their synagogue and uses the same Torah every week.



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12. Keeping a copy of the Written Torah in one's home shows trust and belief in the Torah and teaches children the legitimacy and importance of Torah.