

# Pinchas



Numbers 25:10 - 29:40

“Phinehas”

## Pray First

Father God,

We praise You because You are Righteous and Your Judgments are Just. Teach us to have a heart that is zealous for You.

In Yeshua's name we pray,

Amen

Read: Numbers 25:10-29:40

In this week's Parasha, we will learn that having a zealous heart for God is pleasing to Him. Pinchas, the grandson of Aharon (Aaron) and son of Eleazar, will turn God's wrath away because he was zealous with God's Zeal. The daughters of Zelophehad demonstrated their zeal for the LORD when they requested to receive their father's inheritance because they did not want to miss out on the LORD's promise. Zeal in the Scriptures means a great desire to please God, to do His will, and to serve Him. We will see the zeal for the LORD throughout this week's Parasha. Ask God today to teach you to have a zealous heart for Him as you study this Parasha.

“Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the Children of Israel, because he was zealous with My Zeal among them, so that I did not consume the Children of Israel in My Zeal.”

Numbers 25:11

## Focus Passage Numbers 25:10-18

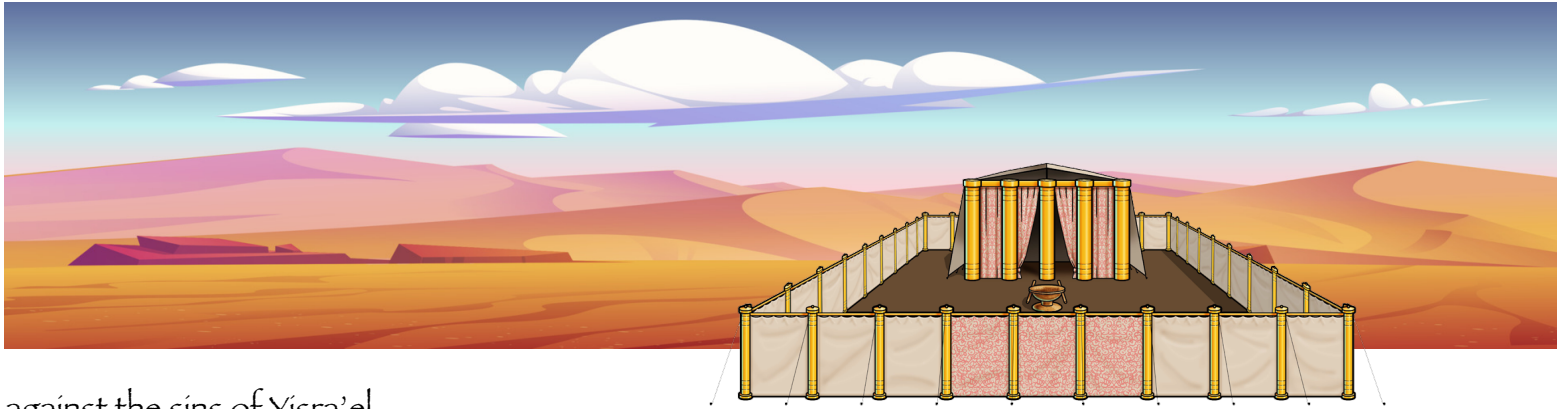
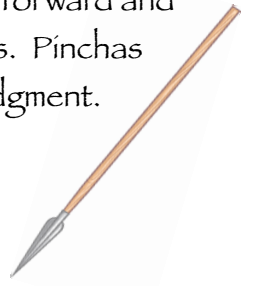
Our Torah portion begins with a continuation of the story of Pinchas (Phinehas). Yisra'el (Israel) was in Acacia Grove, and the Children of Yisra'el had begun to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. The people of Moab invited the Children of Yisra'el to the sacrifices of their gods, and not only did the Children of Yisra'el attend, but the Children Of Yisra'el ate and bowed down to the Moabite gods. This joined Yisra'el to the false god Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Yisra'el.

Pinchas (Phinehas), the son of Eleazar, grandson of Aharon (Aaron), the Kohen (priest), saw this happen, and he arose from among the congregation and took a javelin in his hand. He entered the tent and thrust the javelin through both the man and the woman, killing them. Pinchas understood the danger of having close relationships with those who worship false gods. This is where our Torah portion begins.

In Numbers 25:10 -12, the LORD spoke to Moshe and said, “Pinchas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned back My Wrath from the Children of Yisra'el because he was zealous with My Zeal among them so that I did not consume the Children of Yisra'el in My Zeal. The LORD was pleased with Pinchas' act of zealousness and rewarded him. The LORD gave Pinchas His covenant of peace. The covenant was given to Pinchas and his descendants after him for an everlasting priesthood because Pinchas was zealous for God. Pinchas' act of zealousness made atonement for the Children of Yisra'el. Pinchas

demonstrated to the LORD and the Children of Yisra'el a righteous judgment. He stepped forward and defended the LORD's commands, showing love and passion for the LORD and His Holiness. Pinchas understood that while Yisra'el was blessed by God, they were not above God's righteous judgment.

In Numbers 25:16-18 The LORD spoke to Moshe again. He instructed Moshe to attack the Midianites because they had led Yisra'el away from Him. The Children of Yisra'el had been seduced into worshipping the idols of Midian and committing immoral and unlawful acts. Therefore, the LORD was declaring war on the Midianites to direct Yisra'el back to Him. Pinchas wanted Yisra'el to love and serve only the LORD. Pinchas' love and passion for the LORD motivated him to act justly



against the sins of Yisra'el.

Do you have an intolerance for sin in this world as Pinchas did? Do you display a passion for the LORD? Ask the LORD to help you live a life that is zealous for Him.

### Numbers 27:1-23

### Chapter 26 Census Quiz

The census in Yisra'el was conducted for two primary reasons: 1.) to determine how many soldiers each tribe would contribute for war and 2.) to determine how much territory each family would receive. Read Numbers chapter 26 and write the number of each family who were 20 years old and older and able to go to war.

Reubenites \_\_\_\_\_

Issachar \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_

Simeonites \_\_\_\_\_

Zebulunites \_\_\_\_\_

Sons of Dan \_\_\_\_\_

Sons of Gad \_\_\_\_\_

Manasseh \_\_\_\_\_

Sons of Asher \_\_\_\_\_

Sons of Judah \_\_\_\_\_

Ephraim \_\_\_\_\_

Nephtali \_\_\_\_\_

How were the sons of Levi numbered differently?

How many were the sons of Levi? \_\_\_\_\_

The first census for war in Yisra'el was before the rebellion with the spies who refused to enter the Promised Land, which equaled 603,550.

The second census, which was taken in Numbers 26 before the war against Midian, equaled 601,730.

That makes a difference of only 1,820 men from the previous census 39 years earlier. While not one man died in the war against Midian, all of the men except Caleb and Joshua died after the first census because they failed to trust the LORD to go into the Promised Land.

There was a family among the Children of Yisra'el whose head was named Zelophehad. The family of Zelophehad had five daughters but no son. A son carries on the name and purposes of his father. Now that Zelophehad had died, his daughters had no land to inherit. Women were not to inherit the allotment of land that fathers would have left to their children. Only men were to inherit it. The daughters of Zelophehad came to Moshe, Eleazar, all the leaders of the congregation, and all of the congregation of Yisra'el and stood by the doorway of the Tabernacle of Meeting. They said, "Our father died in the wilderness, but he was not in the company of those who gathered together against the LORD, in the company with Korah, but he died in his sin of failing to trust the LORD to go into the Land, and he had no sons." They asked in Numbers 27:4 why their father's name should be removed from his family because he had no sons.

The daughters of Zelophehad believed in the promises of God. They did not want to miss out on God's promise and desired their father's name to be honored along with the other Children of Yisra'el. They requested land among their father's brothers when they entered the Promised Land. Moshe heard this request and brought it before the LORD. The LORD responded to Moshe and said that the daughters of Zelophehad were correct and that Moshe was to give them an allotment of land among their father's brothers and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them, preserving their father's name. The LORD recognized their love for Him and desire to be in the Promised Land.



They demonstrated a zeal for the LORD when they gave this request to Moshe and the leaders of Yisra'el. The LORD continued instructing Moshe, telling him that if a man has no son and dies, the inheritance shall pass to his daughter. If he has no daughter, you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. If the man has no brothers, the inheritance should go to his father's brothers. If the father has no brothers, you shall give his inheritance to the relative closest to him and his family, who shall possess it. The LORD loves each of His Children and desires all of them to have a part in His inheritance, which He demonstrated by adding this statute of judgment.

### The Next Leader of Yisra'el

In Numbers 27:12-14 the LORD says to Moshe: "Go up into Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given the Children of Yisra'el." When you have seen it, you shall be gathered to your people, as Aharon, your brother, was collected. For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the strife of the congregation, you rebelled against My Command to hallow Me at the waters before their eyes." The LORD spoke of the waters of Meribah at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin. Moshe answered the LORD and said, in Numbers 27:16, "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd." Moshe had been a mediator for Yisra'el for many years and was demonstrating his love for the Children of Yisra'el to the LORD.

In Numbers 27:18, the LORD said to Moshe, "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; set him before Eleazar, the priest and all the congregation and inaugurate him in their sight. The LORD told Moshe that he should give some of his authority to Joshua so that the congregation of the Children of Yisra'el would be obedient to him. Moshe obeyed the LORD and did all the LORD had commanded of him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar, the Priest, and the congregation. And he laid hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the LORD commanded. Moshe obeyed God and sought after God throughout his forty years in the wilderness. Pinchas, the daughters of Zelophehad and Moshe, all desired to serve and please God. They obeyed God's commands and demonstrated a zealous heart for Him.

What would you say about the condition of your heart?

# Phinehas Word Search

Z e r S e f f n u l u b e Z  
e L e v i t e s o z s h n r  
l P d d i m a u h s o J t w  
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Aaron  
Baal  
Census  
Covenant  
Daughters  
Descendants  
Eleazar  
Gad  
Idolotry

Inheritance  
Israel  
Issachar  
Javlin  
Joshua  
Judah  
Levites  
Moabites  
Moshe

Promised Land  
Reubenites  
Simeonnites  
Wilderness  
Zealous  
Zebulun  
Zelophehad

# Haftarah: 1 Kings 18:46 - 19:21

## Elijah's Escapes from Jezebel

The Children of Yisra'el had fallen into idol worship. They worshiped the god of Baal and Yahovah, the One True God. Idol worship is a sin, and the false prophets in Yisra'el needed to be eliminated. God used Elijah to demonstrate that He is the One and Only God. The people saw the power of God demonstrated, and their hearts returned to Him. They proclaimed the LORD He is God. Elijah called for the execution of the priestly imposters who worshiped Baal. The killing of these prophets of Baal fulfilled the law that God had given the Children of Yisra'el because only God is to be worshipped.

So He said, "I have been very Zealous for the LORD God of Hosts: for the Children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left: and they seek to take my life."

1 Kings 19:10

In 1 Kings 19:1, Elijah receives a message from Jezebel stating that if she did not kill him by the next day, the gods could do with her what Elijah had done to them. When Elijah received this message, he arose, ran for his life, and went to Beersheba. He left his servant there and continued on a day's journey into the wilderness. Does this passage sound familiar? We have seen the Yisra'elites in the wilderness before. Elijah laid down under a broom tree in the wilderness to find rest. There, he prayed that he might die.

In 1 Kings 19:4, Elijah tells the LORD, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

Elijah was human and, like us, had feelings of discouragement. Elijah may have assumed that Jezebel would have surrendered after the death of all of her prophets, and when she did not, Elijah fled, and Scripture tells us he wanted to die.

God sees and hears the cries of His Children, and in 1 Kings 19:5, we see that the Angel of the LORD touched Elijah and told him to arise and eat. When Elijah rose, he saw a cake baked on coals and a jar of water.

The Angel of the LORD came back the second time, touched him, and said, "Arise and eat because the



journey is too great for you.” God was providing food and drink for Elijah amid his distress. So he arose and ate and drank. Elijah went on the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights. God sustained Elijah, and he depended on God during these forty days of traveling. Elijah would learn to look to the LORD as he received his next assignment. In our previous Torah teachings, we learned the Children of Yisra’el were learning to Trust God and depend on Him while they were in the wilderness. We should trust and depend on God as our provider, just as Elijah and the Children of Yisra’el did. Elijah went as far as Horeb, the mountain of God, commonly called Mt. Sinai. This is the mountain where the LORD appeared to Moshe in the flame of fire from the midst of a bush in Exodus chapter 3. Horeb is where God reveals His plan to fulfill His promises to Abraham, Issac, and Jacob and redeem His people.

In 1 Kings 19:9, it says that Elijah stayed the night in the cave, and the Word of the LORD came to him. The LORD asked him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” Elijah responded and said, “I have been zealous for the LORD God of Hosts; for the Children of Yisra’el have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life. “Elijah was passionate about honoring the Holy God and desired for Yisra’el to honor God, but they broke their covenant with the LORD. Elijah was consumed with grief because of this. Elijah thought he was alone, but he was not. 1 Kings 18:4 states that while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD, Obediah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water. God protected His Children and will give Elijah revelation to show him He had a plan.

The Angel of the LORD instructs Elijah to stand on the mountain before the LORD. The LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind, an earthquake came, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. But then came a still, small voice.



The LORD gave His revelation to Elijah in a still, small voice. Elijah’s heart was zealous for the things of God, and he was in a relationship with God. This allowed him to recognize God’s voice when God spoke. When Elijah heard that still, small voice, he wrapped his face in his mantle and stood at the cave entrance. Suddenly, a voice came to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” Elijah repeated his fear of his life being taken because Yisra’el had forsaken its covenant with God. God heard what Elijah was telling Him and responded with His plan for the remnant to carry out His will.

God instructed Elijah to return on his way to the Wilderness of Damascus. When he arrived there, he was to anoint Hazael as king of Syria. He was to also anoint Jehu, the son of Nimishi, as king of Yisra’el. Then he was to anoint Elisha, the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah, as prophet. Through these three men, the LORD would complete the execution of Baal worshippers. It is easy for the reader to observe that the LORD saw Elijah’s zeal for the things of God and the LORD was reassuring Elijah that He had a plan for Yisra’el and that He would fulfill His covenant. In 1 Kings 19:18, the LORD informed Elijah that He had reserved seven



thousand in Yisra'el, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal and that He would use every mouth that has not kissed Baal.

Elisha obeyed The LORD and departed and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle around Elisha. This designated him as the man who would be Elijah's successor. Elisha asked Elijah, "Please let me kiss my father and mother, and then I will follow you." In 1 Kings 19: 20 -21, we read that Elijah tells Elisha he may go back, and Elisha slaughters oxen as a farewell feast for family and friends, indicating that he would obey the call of the LORD and go with Elijah. It is clear from this Haftarah that just as Pinchas had a zeal and a commitment to the things of God, Elijah also had a passion and zeal for the things of God. Do you have that same love and passion for the Kingdom of God? Do you desire to see His Children live a holy life?

## Word Search Answer

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c t t r a h c a s s l R d y

### Numbers 26 Census Quiz Answers

Reubenites - 43,730.00

Simeonites - 22,200.00

Sons of Gad - 40,500

Sons of Judah - 76,500

Issachar - 64,300

Zebulunites - 60,500

Manasseh - 52,700

Ephraim - 32,500

Benjamin - 45,600

Sons of Dan - 64,400

Sons of Asher - 53,400

Nephtali - 45,400

Sons of Levi were numbered  
from every male one month old  
and above - 23,000



# New Testament: John 2:13-22

## Pray First

Father God,

Thank You for sending Your Son, Messiah Yeshua, to redeem us. Teach us to have a heart of worship.

Teach us to focus our hearts on You and not on things of this world that so often try to distract us. Give us an understanding of Your Word today.

In Yeshua's name we pray,

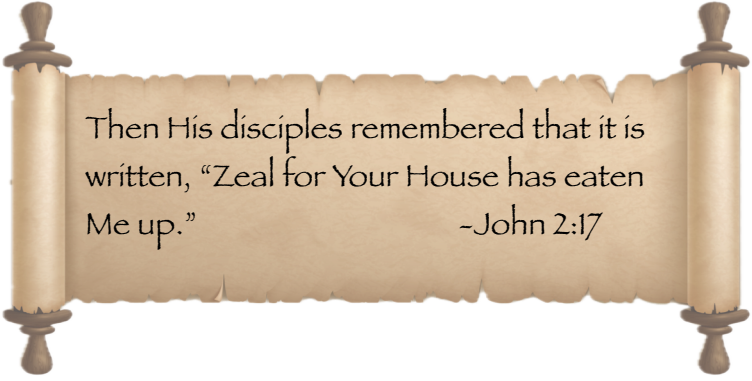
Amen

Read: John 2:13-22

In this week's study of our New Testament Scriptures, Yeshua demonstrates a zealous love for His Father's house. In John 2, Yeshua, in obedience to the law, went to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. Passover is about redemption that allows us to have intimacy with God. Passover, then, should be a time of worship. The Temple was intended to be a place of worship, not a marketplace.

However, when Yeshua arrived at the Temple, instead of finding a house of worship, He found those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves and the money changers conducting business in the Temple. All of these animals were animals that were certified as acceptable to be sacrificed, and the people were purchasing them.

Yeshua gazed upon all that was happening and saw that the emphasis was not on God, nor on one's relationship with God, but on business. This angered Yeshua, and He made a whip from the rope and drove them all out of the Temple with their sheep and oxen. He poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. When we think about Passover, we may think about cleaning and getting things ready for Passover by emptying our houses of leaven. Yeshua, in the same manner, was cleansing His Father's house.



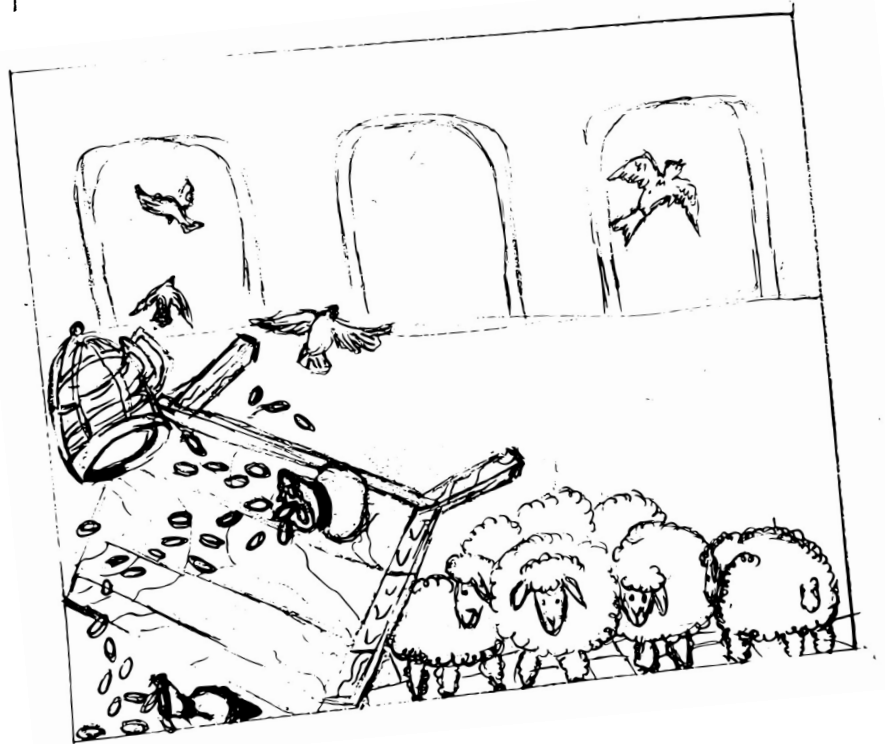
Then His disciples remembered that it is written, "Zeal for Your House has eaten Me up."  
-John 2:17

When Messiah Yeshua is speaking, the Judeans at the Temple are not thinking about spiritual things and preparing their hearts for Passover; they are thinking about making money. In John 2:16, Yeshua says to them, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" This is the Son of God speaking. He is cleansing His house, but they do not understand this. The disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." The Judeans asked Him, "What sign do You show us since You do these things?" The Jewish leaders of that day were offended because they did not want to make changes. It went against their goals and their purposes. The new covenant is not about religion. Religion is the manifestation of the thoughts of man. Messiah Yeshua was talking about truth. Truth is the revelation of Scripture. It is what God has given us to bring His changes, His purposes, and His will into our lives so that we can become His Kingdom people. Messiah Yeshua responded to the question: "Destroy this Temple, and in

three days, I will raise it.” Again they did not understand. The Judeans said, “ It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will You raise it in three days?” Messiah Yeshua was speaking about Himself. The proof that He will ultimately give them is the resurrection. Remember, the context here is Passover, which is about redemption. The outcome of redemption is our sins are removed, and we are in fellowship with God. What Messiah Yeshua is referring to is the Temple of His body.

John 2:22 says that when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them, and they believed the Scripture and the Word that Yeshua had said. Passover is the festival of redemption and should point us to Messiah Yeshua. The death, burial, and resurrection of Messiah was the payment that was required to redeem us from our sins so that we could be in the Kingdom with Messiah Yeshua.

All of this occurred during Passover and points us to redemption. Only through His blood shed on the cross for our sins can we be redeemed, and without redemption, you cannot stand in the presence of God to worship Him. Are you consumed with a desire to worship Him? Remember that worship is about a relationship with God, and a relationship with God cannot happen without redemption. The Judeans did not understand that their worship was not pleasing to God because they worshipped God their way and were not focused on their Redeemer.



“For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.”

- Romans 10:2-4 NKJV