

**Parashah 41 Pinchas - פִּינְחָס**  
**“Phineas” (Spirit of Mercy)**



**Torah: B'midbar (Numbers) 25:10–30:1(29:40)**

- Aliyah 1 - 25:19 - 26:4 Pinchas rewarded, Midyanim named enemies; Adonai orders census
- Aliyah 2 - 26:5 - 51 Counts for each tribe, 601,730 total; Levi'im not counted
- Aliyah 3 - 26:52 - 27:5 Instructions for parceling out the land, Levi'im counted; daughters of Tz'lof'chad
- Aliyah 4 - 27:6 - 23 Request granted; Moshe sees The Land; Y'hoshua/El'azar commissioned
- Aliyah 5 - 28:1 - 15 Daily, Shabbat, and Rosh-Chodesh offerings detailed
- Aliyah 6 - 28:16 - 29:11 Pesach, Matzah, Shavu'ot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur offerings detailed
- Aliyah 7 - 29:12 - 30:1 Sukkot and Shemini ha'Atzeret detailed

**Haftarah: M'lakim Alef (1 Kings) 18:46-19:21**

**B'rit Hadashah: John 2:13-22**

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1. What was the source of Israel's sin with the women of Midyan and Moav at P'or? What was the result of their sin?
  
2. Why did Pinchas do what he did? Was he acting on his own? Under what authority? Was he justified in his actions? Were his actions rooted in anger or in love? Should we emulate Pinchas and his zeal?
  
3. In the portion, it says that God is zealous. The Hebrew word (kana) is often translated as "jealous." What do the words "jealous" and "zealous" mean to you?
  
4. Pinchas was rewarded with special covenant. What was it and what does it mean? Do you remember another time when a reward was given in a similar situation?
  
5. How many times are the Israelites counted in B'midbar? What differences are there between the countings? What is the reason for counting the people?
  
6. Who were the daughters of Tz'lof'chad? Why are they mentioned in this portion? What does this teach us about the role of female leadership?
  
7. We studied the moediyim (appointed times) in Vayikra 23. Why are they repeated here?

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8. Why did God choose Yehoshua to follow Moshe as the leader of the people? What qualities of leadership and loyalty has he shown? Do you have any of these qualities?

**Questions for reflection and application:**

1. (25:11) What does “zeal” mean? Is there anything for which you are zealous? (Zec 8:2, Mat 23:37, Tit 2:14, 3:9, Eph 2:10, 1Pe 3:13)
2. (26:5) How are you like your earthly father? You heavenly Father? Do you have an inheritance from your (F)ather? (1Ch 17:13, Hos 6:1-3, Joh 8:18-19, 31-32, 44-47, Joh 10:30, Eph 3:14-19)
3. (26:53) Are you satisfied with what God has allotted to you? Is it fair? (Gen 49:7 Jos 19:9, Gal 3:28, Col 3:11, 1Co 12:12-26, Rom 12:4-8)
4. (27:7) Do the words you speak bear the fruit (acts) of righteousness and truth? (Mat 7:20-24, Phil 3:8-12, 1Pe 1:3-5, Act 5:34-39)
5. (28:2) Over what do you “keep watch?” Has Someone been keeping watch over you? (1Ch 9:22, 23:28-32, 26:32, Act 2:23, 3:18, Rom 5:6, Mat 24:45-46, Gal 4:4-5)
6. (28:19) What do you use to “remember” things (string around your finger, pictures, keepsakes, etc.)? What important remembrance do these items bring to mind? (Eze 45:23, Gen 18:7, Gen 22:13, Gen 30:40, Jos 4:2-7, Lev 26:1, Luk 22:19, 1Sa 7:12-13, 1Co 4:17)
7. (29:12) The instructions of Torah were given in the wilderness, well before the people inhabited the land and built the Temple, well before they could implement many of them. How does this give you hope today? (Exo 19:6, Zec 14:9-16, 1Pe 1:1, 2:9, Rom 11:28-29, 1Co 4:11-13, 1Pe 4:12-13, 1Co 2:6-9, Dan 11:33-35, Psa 66:8-10)