

**Torah:** B'midbar (Numbers) 25:10 – 30:1  
**Haftarah:** Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 1:1-2:3  
**B'rit Hadashah:** Yochanan (John) 2:13-22

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Pinkhas son of Elazar son of Aharon the priest / he turned my wrath from against the sons of Israel	<i>Pinkhas ben Elazar ben Aharón ha'kohén heshiv et khmatiy me'al b'néy Yisraél</i>	פִּינְחָס בֶּן-אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן-אַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן הָשִׁיב אֶת-חַמְתִּי מֵעַל בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל
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Many topics in this portion: a commendation of Pinkhas for his actions in last week's portion; an order to defeat the Midianites; a census of each tribe; apportionment of the Land; special consideration for the inheritance for Zelophehad's daughters; Y'hoshua is appointed as Moshe's successor; offerings for each of the appointed times (moediyim). These are broken up into appropriate sections that are read during each of the holidays. Traditionally it is one of the first pages examined when checking a Torah for accuracy because it is the most used page.

The Haftarah is the first of three Haftarahs of Admonition from the 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz, when the walls of Jerusalem were breached by the Romans to the 9<sup>th</sup> of Av when the Second Temple was destroyed. Yirmeyahu learns of the disaster coming to the people during the final days of the First Temple.

### Year 1 Aliyah Highlights

- Nu. 25:10-12** Pinkhas' passion matched that of HaShem's, and he is rewarded with his covenant of peace (*b'ritiy shalom* – בְּרִיתִי שָׁלוֹם) similar to Le. 26:42. Midrash connects Pinkhas with Eliyahu.
- Nu. 25:13-15** Tradition claims that it was Pinkhas and his loyal supporters that slew the 24,000 (Josephus, Ant. 4:154). The Israelite chieftain and the Midianite princess are named.
- Nu. 25:16-26:4** War with Midyan is ordered. A second census of the able-bodied men is taken for the purpose of war and for dividing the land.
- Nu. 26:5-11** Re'uven, the firstborn is counted first. The sons of Korakh survived and remained significant (Ps. 42, 44-49, 84, 85 and 87, and 1Ch. 9:19)
- Nu. 26:12-22** Shim'on, Gad and Y'hudah follow.
- Nu. 26:23-34** Yissakhar, Z'vulun, Yosef (M'nasheh)
- Nu. 26:35-54** Ephrayim, Binyamin, Dan, Asher and Naphtali, and instructions on distribution.

### Thought Focus

**The reality of peace:** Peace (*shalom* – שָׁלוֹם) is not the absence of conflict. It is much more. It is completeness, wholeness, fullness, fulfillment, harmony, unimpaired relationships. Shalom has its source in HaShem (Ps. 85:9, John 14:27).

**Zealous or Jealous?** There is only one Hebrew word (*qana* – קָנָא) for both English words. The root meaning refers to the right of possession or ownership. The verb expresses a very strong emotion where

one desires a quality or possession of another. The question becomes the validity of ownership: jealousy (envy) is wanting to possess something that rightfully belongs to another (Ge. 26:14, 30:1, 37:11), zealousness (zeal) is wanting something to be possessed by its rightful owner (Ex. 20:5, Nu. 5:14, 30, 11:29, 25:11, 13, De. 32:16, 21).

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## Daily Devotional questions for reflection and application

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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? Your 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)