

Midrash *Pinchas* (“Phineas”) Numbers 25:10 – 29:40

This Portion concludes the story of *Pinchas* from last week’s Portion:

Last week we saw the fulfilment of Balaam’s Doctrine:

Mingling the Moabite women with Israelite men to seduce them away from God

This week we see the story’s conclusion as *Phineas* zealously puts an end to that mingling

Pinchas פִּינְחָס “Mouth of Brass” or “Mouth of a Serpent”

Israel’s Idolatry in *Shittim*

Numbers 25:10-18

By killing the immoral couple, *Pinchas* actually saved many lives from the Plague

Contrasts with another *Pinchas* (Son of Eli) who was wicked

I Samuel 2:12

God “rewarded” *Pinchas*’ actions with the promise of becoming High Priest

God promised *Pinchas* a “Covenant of Peace” (no retribution from *Zimri*)

Also a future promise to Israel

Ezek 34:25 & 37:26

This plague against those who committed “whoredom” against God
was the final plague: the generation that left Egypt was finally gone!

Israel’s 2nd Census - Those Counted will Enter the Promised Land

Numbers 26:1-65

Two purposes for the census:

1. Number the military age men for purposes of war
Men 20 years and up

Numbers 26:2

2. Assign the land to each Tribe

Numbers 26:53-56

Location was determined by lot

Borders were determined by Tribal population

From 1st Census to 2nd Census:

Manasseh gained the most. Why?

Genesis 49:22-26

Simeon lost the most. Why?

24,000 died in last week’s Portion!

The 1st Generation (20-years & up) are all dead now
.... except Joshua & Caleb ... and Moses (for now)

The Sons of Issachar: “of *Yashuv*” is thought to refer to Job

verses 23 & 24

The Daughters of *Zelophehad*

Numbers 27:1-11

The 1st Case of “Women’s Rights”!

A man with no sons can pass his inheritance to his daughter(s)

.....providing they marry within their Tribe

.... then her husband “becomes” a son to her father

Did God miss this one when He gave Torah to Moses??

.....or was He waiting for man to recognize the need??

Yeshua’s future claim to the Throne of David rests upon this ruling!

Joshua Succeeds Moses

Numbers 27:12-23

God called them to Mt *Abirim* & selected Joshua to succeed Moses

Same place where Gog will be buried (*Valley of Passengers* = *Abirim*)

Ezekiel 39:11

“lead them out ... and bring them in” – A leader in war and a Shepherd in peace

verse 17

Moses laid hands upon Joshua unlike Aaron, both Moses & Joshua returned

Joshua (*Yehoshua*) יְהוֹשֻׁעַ “He will Save”

Prophetically points to Yeshua (“He [present tense] Saves”)

“And set him before the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight.”

Moses publically instructed him and also notified the people of his authority

The Offerings

Numbers 28:1 – 29:40
Numbers 28:1-8

Daily Offerings (Morning & Evening):

- Lamb for a Burnt Offering
- Flour & Oil for a Meal Offering
- Wine for a Drink Offering

Shabbat Offerings (in addition to Daily Offerings):

Numbers 28:9-10

- 2 Lambs for Burnt Offering
 - 2 Meal Offerings
 - 2 Drink Offerings
- } Double Portions!

The Mussaf (Additional) Offerings:

Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) Offering (in addition to Daily Offering):

Numbers 28:11-15

- 2 Bulls, 1 Ram & 7 Lambs for Burnt Offering
- 7 Goat Kids for Sin Offering
- Meal Offering & Drink Offering

Unleavened Bread Holy Days (*Nisan* 15 & 21):

Numbers 28:16-25

- 2 Bulls, 1 Ram & 7 Lambs for Burnt Offering
- 1 Goat Kid for Sin Offering
- Meal Offering

The Days Between: Meal Offering & Drink Offering

Shavuot (Feast of Weeks or Pentecost):

Numbers 28:26-31

- Leavened Bread
- 2 Bulls, 1 Ram & 7 Lambs for Burnt Offering
- 1 Goat Kid for Sin Offering
- Meal Offering & Drink Offering

Feast of Trumpets (*Tishri* 1) (in addition to New Moon Offering):

Numbers 29:1-6

- 1 Bull, 1 Ram & 7 Lambs for Burnt Offering
- 1 Goat Kid for Sin Offering
- Meal Offering & Drink Offering

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) (*Tishri* 10):

Numbers 29:7-11

- 1 Bull, 1 Ram & 7 Lambs for Burnt Offering
- 1 Goat Kid for Sin Offering
- Meal Offering & Drink Offering

Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) (*Tishri* 15-21):

Numbers 29:12-40

- On each of the 7 Days of *Sukkot*:
- Varying # of Bulls, 2 Rams & 14 Lambs for Burnt Offering
- 1 Goat Kid for Sin Offering
- Meal Offering & Drink Offering

Bull Offerings by Day:	<u>Day #</u>	<u># of Bulls</u>
	1	13
	2	12
	3	11
	4	10
	5	9
	6	8
	7	<u>7</u>
	Total Bulls	<u>70</u>

70 Bulls for 70 Nations! Zechariah associates *Sukkot* with the nations Zechariah 14:16

Satan Convinced the Nations to Destroy the Very Temple that God Would Have Used to Bless Them!

Haftarah: I Kings 18:46 – 19:21 Elijah is zealous for the LORD

Brit Chadashah: Luke 3:23 Ruling of the Daughters of *Zelophehad* Put into Practice