

Parashah 41 Tidbit

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The mouth that speaks out against death.

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*Verse 10 And Yahweh spoke unto Mosheh, saying, 11 Pinchas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aharon the priest, has turned My wrath away from the children of Yisrael, while he was zealous for My sake among them, that I did **NOT consume** the children of Yisrael in My jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him, My Covenant of **PEACE**: 13 And he, and his seed after him, shall have My Covenant of **PEACE**, even the Covenant of an **EVERLASTING** priesthood; **BECAUSE** he was **ZEALOUS** for his Elohim, and made an atonement for the children of Yisrael. 14 Now the name of the Yisraelite that was slain, even that was slain with the Midianitish woman, was **Zimri**, the son of **Salu**, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites. 15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was **Cozbi**, the daughter of **Zur**; he was head over a people, **and of a chief house in Midian**. 16 And Yahweh spoke unto Mosheh, saying, 17 **Vex** the Midianites, and **smite** them: 18 For they **vex you** with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.*

The Hebrew name Pinchas, פִּינְחָס, is spelled with a Pey, פ, a Yod, י, a Nun, נ, a Chet, ח, and a Samek, ס. The word or name Pinchas or Pi-nchas comes from two Hebrew words, *Pe*, פִּי, which means, mouth or speak, and *Nachash*, נָחָשׁ, which means, serpent. Although Nachash is spelled with a Shin and not a Samek, the letters have a similar S sound, and therefore the words formed from those letters have similar meanings. The serpent represents death; therefore the name of Pinchas can mean *the mouth that speaks out against death*.

In Last week's Parashah we discussed how Balaam had instructed Balak, that **IF** he, Balak, could somehow send the young beautiful women of Moab and Midian, to mix and mingle with the Yisraelite men, and become wives to them, **THEN** soon after, the Yisraelites married these beautiful women, they would begin to intermingle the worship of Yahweh with the worship of the man made imaginary gods of Moab and Midian, just to pacify their wives, **AND**, that rebellious error, would bring the wrath of Yahweh down upon the Yisraelites, and therefore, as Balam told Balak, Yahweh Himself, would destroy the people of Yisrael, and you won't even have to send one soldier to fight them. Now, it is of paramount importance, that we understand what it happening here, because, it can easily happen to us also. You might say to yourself, **there is no way in hell that that kind of ruse would ever work on me!** Well, just wait a minute, the enemy does not only use **sex**, as a way to entice men and women to follow his ways, he also uses, wealth, riches, power, fame, pride, offences, condemnation and much more, therefore, he has many tricks that he uses to deceive people, and the beauty about deception, is that the

people that are being deceived **DO NOT KNOW** that they are being deceived. As you can see by the story that is being recounted here, the Yisraelites men, **willingly intermingled** with the beautiful women of their enemies, and it eventually lead many of the children of Yisrael into idolatry and whoredom, which means, that the children of Yisrael were easily lead into a Sinful lifestyle, a lifestyle of constantly transgressing the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, on a daily basis, which in turn, caused their eventual destruction. Therefore, **IF** we do **NOT** want to suffer the same **FATE**, we **MUST** learn, **NOT TO ALLOW ANYONE, to convince us**, that the Words of the Torah of Yahweh, the very same Words that He Himself, personally gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, for **ALL** the people of Yisrael, **have been changed in any way shape or form, or that some or all of the Words of His Torah of Life, have somehow been abolished, OR ELSE**, we too, will end up like these Yisraelites, that we are reading about here today. They allowed Sin, they allowed Torah transgressions to come into their lives, which caused their eventual destruction.

Pinchas spoke out against it with **HIS MOUTH** and backed it up **BY HIS ACTION** and **HIS ZEALOUSNESS** for obeying the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, by conquering the **SIN, that leads to DEATH**, that had taken hold of many of the people of Yisrael. In that sense, he is a shadow picture of our Messiah, who did indeed **CONQUER DEATH**, and like Messiah, who is the **Prince of Peace** and lives forever, Pinchas was also given a **Covenant of Peace** and an everlasting Priesthood by Yahweh Himself.

I hope you can see the wonderful shadow picture of Messiah that is painted here by Pinchas' zealous actions, to believe, follow, obey and uphold all the Words of the Torah of Mosheh.

There is also a second definition of the word Pinchas and that is, *Pe* which means mouth or speak, and Nachash, נָחָשׁ, which also means bronze or brass, it can be said that Pinchas has a **mouth of brass**. Therefore you could say, that Pinchas had a **brazen mouth**, a firm and strong mouth, that was **ZEALOUS** for the Word of Yahweh, or, he had a mouth that was more than willing to speak out against those that transgress any of the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life.

In *verse 1* it says Yisrael committed **whoredom** with the daughters of Moab, and in *verse 4* Mosheh receives instruction from Yahweh to take **ALL the heads** (the leaders) of the people of Yisrael and **hang them** before Yahweh, against the sun. Why did Yahweh instruct Mosheh's to take **ALL the heads** (the leaders) of the people of Yisrael, and **hang them**?

It is because, by their rebellious actions, these leaders, were leading **ALL** of the people of Yisrael into idolatry, and therefore, Yahweh Commanded that these leaders be put to death, for their **ZEAL** in leading, and maybe even encouraging, His people, Yisrael, into idolatry, rebellion, disobedience and Sin, in transgressing the Words of His Torah of Life.

Next we see that Mosheh instructs the judges of Yisrael to slay everyone that has joined himself to Baal peor. This tells me, that **IF** by chance, there was a leader that was **NOT** guilty of leading his people into idolatry, that that leader would **NOT** have been hung, and it also tells me that Pinchas was acting **under the instructions and Commandments of Mosheh and Yahweh**, when he killed Zimri and Cosby, and, that He was **NOT** acting out of his own anger, for I believe, that he was doing the **WILL** of the Father.

In the Hebrew name Pinchas, in *verse 11*, the Yod is made very small, פִּינְחָס. The pictographic meaning of the letter Yod, י, is that of a hand, a working hand, a closed fist. Pinchas was Aharon's grandson, and a Priest of Yisrael (*Exodus 6:25; Numbers 25:11*). Just before crossing over the Jordan, to go into the Promised Land, Pinchas had to contend with the error of the people of Yisrael, due to the teaching of Balaam. Pinchas was also granted something we are all hoping for, ***an eternal covenant of peace***. The small Yod, י, in his name, indicates to us, that the small works of Elohim that we do, the Torah obedient actions that we willingly ***DO, NOT*** because we have to, ***BUT BECAUSE we love our Elohim and want to please Him***, goes a long way towards building our treasures up, in the Kingdom of Yahweh, here on earth.

The name, Zimri, זִמְרִי, means musical, and the name Cozbi, כּוֹזְבִי, is from the root word Kazav, כָּזַב, which means *false, lie, lying*, therefore, I believe that Yahweh is telling us, through this name, that unless we willingly and lovingly choose to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength, in loving surrendered obedience to our heavenly Father's Commandments, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, the very same word that were made flesh, and dwelt among us, then, whatever emanates from us, as *music* emanates from an instrument, ***WILL BE LIES AND FALSEHOODS*** and those ***LIES AND FALSEHOODS WILL lead us unto eternal damnation***.

In Pinchas' zealotry for the Torah, in his zealotry to live by and obey the Word of our heavenly Father, Pinchas slew Zimri, a leader of the tribe of the Simeonites, and Cozbi a Midianitish woman, whose father was a leader of one of the houses of Midian, and he slew them, because of their blatant open defiance of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, His Commandments. And when Pinchas exercised his zealotry in the manner that he did, it averted Elohim's plague from coming upon ***ALL*** of the people of Yisrael, and therefore, Pinchas ***saved*** many lives by his obedient zealotry for the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 6 And, behold, one of the children of Yisrael came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the SIGHT (eyes of) of Mosheh, and in the SIGHT (eyes of) of all the congregation of the children of Yisrael, who were weeping before the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation (the Ohel Mo'ed; tent of meeting, אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד). 7 *And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aharon the priest, SAW it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;* 8 *And he went after the man of Yisrael into the TENT, and thrust both of them through, the man of Yisrael, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Yisrael.*

It appears that the brazen defiant act of Zimri, was done in a ***TENT*** in the presence of Yahweh and all of Yisrael. The word used for ***TENT*** in *verse 8* is ***NOT*** the same word as the word used for ***TENT of meeting***, which is translated as the Tabernacle, in our English bibles, it is the Hebrew word HaQubah, הַקִּבְּוֹה, meaning, *the tent*, and the portion of the word that means ***TENT*** is spelled with a Qoof, ק, a Bet ב, and a Hey, ה. The Hebrew word that is used to say that both of them were stabbed through the *belly* is Qabatah, קַבְּטָה, from the root word Qebah,

קִבְּהָ, meaning abdomen, and it too is spelled with a Qoof, ק, a Bet, ב and a Hey, ה. Interestingly enough, there are other words spelled with those very same letters, but with different vowel points, words such as Qavah or Qabah, קָבָה, which means **curse**, and it is used in *Numbers 22:11* when Balak asks Balaam to come and **curse Yisrael**, and the word Qabah, קִבְּהָ, which means **womb**. Our Father is a master at using His language and His Words to paint a beautiful picture for us to read, and here, our heavenly Father is telling us that Pinchas averted or stopped the **CURSE** of death, the plague, which means that he defeated **DEATH** that **was surely coming upon all of Yisrael, BECAUSE** of their sinful ways, and **BY** being zealous for the Word of Yahweh, and administering the penalty for **SIN**, upon these two individuals, who had so blatantly transgressed the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, in front of all of the people Yisrael, he averted the penalty for Sin, which we know, **IS DEATH**, and all of this is found in the words that Yahweh used for **TENT** and for **BELLY**.

Therefore, in the name of Pinchas, we can actually see the prophecy that he would administer the penalty for breaking the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. *Romans 6:23 For the wages of Sin, the wages of Transgressing the Father's Torah of Life IS DEATH*, and that **DEATH IS** administered by the Word of Yahweh, therefore, I believe that Pinchas is a shadow picture of the administrator of the Word of Yahweh, He is a shadow picture of the Living Word of our heavenly Father, the Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah.

In *verse 12* we have another anomaly, and that is that the Vav in the word *Shalom*, שָׁלוֹם, is broken.



Some of the sages of old were apparently shocked by the violence of Pinchas' action and they therefore believe that Yahweh made Pinchas' blessing, **only partial one**, as indicated by the broken Vav, which **in their minds**, explains, that true peace, **Cannot** be brought about through violence and that the two concepts are incompatible.

I on the other hand, **believe** that the broken Vav tells us something totally different. The letter Vav, ו, as you know, is a pictographic meaning, of a nail, and the fact that the Vav is broken, draws our attention to that letter, because **IT IS** the only place in all of Scripture where this letter appears in this manner, as a broken Vav. It is, or should be, very evident that the letter *Vav* that has a pictographic meaning of a nail, speaks of Messiah and His crucifixion, for He was **NAILED** to a cross, **AND**, like Pinchas, Messiah was also **VERY ZEALOUS** for the Torah of our heavenly Father. Messiah went to the cross to prove that what He said, was **TRUE**, and that what was said and prophesied of Him, was also **TRUE**. He died to uphold **ALL** of our heavenly Father's Covenants, including the Covenant of Peace, that was promised to Pinchas. Therefore

I believe that the broken letter Vav, ו, which, as I said, represents a nail, which is normally used to fasten or join things together, points to **YISRAEL, BREAKING** the Covenant that attached and or joined Yisrael to Yahweh, and I believe that the broken Vav, **IS** there, to remind

us, that the people of Yisrael **ARE** the ones, that **BROKE** the Covenant with Yahweh, and therefore, the broken letter Vav, **IS** there to draw our attention to Yisrael's transgressions, and shed light on Yahweh's everlasting **TRUTH**, and the unchanging nature of our heavenly Father, and the **FACT** that our heavenly Father **HAS NEVER, NOR WILL HE EVER, BREAK ANY** of the Covenants that He made with His people, Yisrael, **NOR** any Covenant that He has made with any individual, including the Covenant of Peace that he made with Pinchas. Amein

There is one stand-alone Aleph Tav in *Numbers 25*.

*Verse 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them **Aleph Tav** through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel.*

There are also **Ten** Aleph Tavs that are attached to words with a Maqef and there are seven words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The Number **Ten** in Scripture represents the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, His Commandments, and the number **seven** in Scripture represents completeness and rest.

Therefore I believe that Yahweh is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs that **IF** we will learn to truly surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, in loving surrendered obedience to All the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN**, that obedience, will be our guide, and it **WILL** lead us into Yahweh's completed plan of redemption onto eternal salvation, where we will be at His side, as the Bride of Messiah for eternity.

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem!