



PARASHAT PINCHAS

פרשת פינחס

Numbers 25:10-30:1

Note to the adult teacher: It will be necessary for you to give the scriptural context and background for each of the points listed below.

Great Discoveries in This Week's Parashah (Torah Portion)

- 25:10 Phinehas (Pinchas) Rewarded for His Righteous Enthusiasm
- 25:16 YHVH Commands Israel to Harass Midian
- 26:1 A New Census of Israel Is Taken
- 26:57 The Count of the Levites
- 27:1 The Grievance of Zelophehad's Daughters and the Resulting Laws of Inheritance
- 27:12 YHVH Shows Moses the Promised Land
- 27:15 Moses Asks for Someone to Replace Him
- 28:1 The Continual Daily Offering; Additional Offerings of the Weekly Sabbath, Annual Sabbaths and New Moons

Exploring This Week's Parashah (Torah Study):

1 Joshua Chosen to Take Moses' Place

Moses had led the Israelites for nearly 40 years. He was now almost 120 years old. He wanted to be the one to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

Most people nowadays retire when they're in their sixties. Not Moses! He was just getting started to lead the Israelites out of Egypt when he was eighty years old! Think about it. Moses had three different careers. Until age 40, he was a prince of Egypt. Then from age 40 to 80 he was a shepherd, and from 80 to 120 he was the leader of a nation.

-  (a) What do you think you'll be doing when you're 80 years old? 120 years old?
-  (b) How did Moses' first two careers help prepare him for his third career?
-  (c) Why did YHVH not allow Moses to go into the Promised Land? (Read Numbers 27:14; 20:8-12.)
-  (d) Can you imagine having your heart set on going somewhere or doing something for a long, long time only to find out at the last minute that it would be off limits to

you? How would you feel? Now imagine Moses' disappointment after waiting 40 long years to enter the Promised Land only to have YHVH say no at the last moment! What was Moses' reaction to this disappointing news? Did he complain to YHVH or did he submit to YHVH's will even though it wasn't what he wanted? What did he ask of YHVH? (See Numbers 27:15-17.)

-  (e) Can you think of someone else in the Bible who struggled within himself to do his Father's will, but submitted to it regardless of how he felt? (Read Matthew 26:38-39, 42; Luke 22:41-42.)

Moses submitted to the will of YHVH without murmuring or complaining. His concern was for the children of Israel, not for himself. The mark of a true and godly leader is that he is more concerned for the well-being of those he is leading than for himself. This is true and unconditional love. Moses was not a selfish or self-centered man!

-  (f) Who was YHVH's choice to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land? (Look at Numbers 27:18.)



2 What Kind of Man Was Joshua?

There were several million Israelites. What was so special about Joshua that YHVH chose him out of everyone else to be Israel's next leader?

-  (g) What did Joshua have in him that made him so special to YHVH? (Spy out Numbers 27:18.) Why is having the Spirit of Elohim in a person important—especially if you're a leader? Scripture has something more to say about the Spirit that was in Joshua. (Read Deuteronomy 34:9.) What is wisdom? Look up the word "wisdom" in an English dictionary, and then in a Bible dictionary and list what they say wisdom is.



Moses and Joshua view Israel and the golden calf

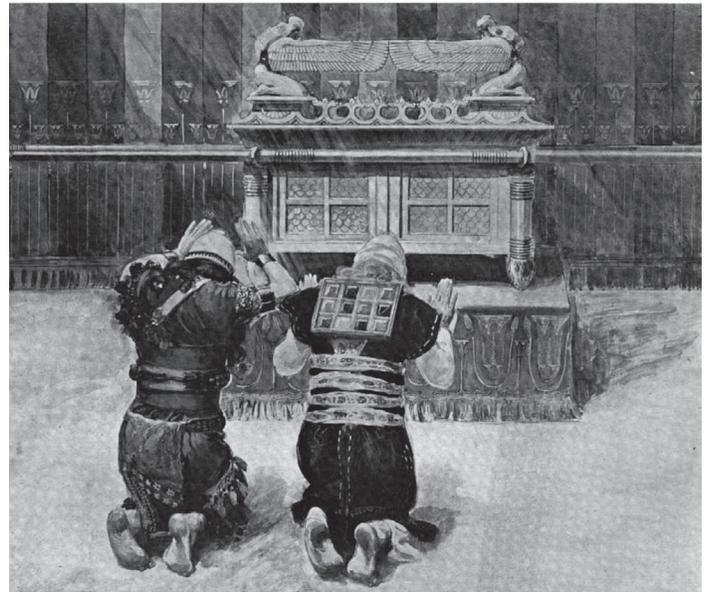
The common meaning of "wisdom" is to have experience and knowledge, to be able to make right decisions and to do the right things at the right time. As we learn a little more about Joshua's life, you will see how he gained experience and knowledge to be a leader by being Moses' right hand man.

-  (h) Was Joshua a man who knew how to follow directions? (Explore Exodus 17:10.)

- (i) What kind of leader was Joshua? Was he brave or a coward? (Note Exodus 17:9-10,13.)
- (j) A great leader is one who has first been disciplined (trained) by a great leader. He is one who has first learned to be a servant before becoming a leader. How was Joshua prepared for leadership in this regard? (Read Exodus 24:13; 33:11.)
- (k) A righteous leader must have a spiritual relationship with YHVH Elohim. Did Joshua fit this qualification? Did he like to "hang out" with YHVH, or did he have other things he'd rather do? (Look at Exodus 33:11.) We learn from this verse that Joshua was a "young man." How many young men or young women do you know that love to spend time in the Presence of YHVH? Since there is no tabernacle now, how can we spend time in YHVH's Presence?
- (l) Was Joshua a man of faith or fear? Did he believe the promises YHVH had made to Israel about their taking the Promised Land, or was he put off by fear of the giants? Not only that, but did he take a stand for truth and against the evil report of the ten faithless spies even when they made fun of him and even tried to kill him? (Go to Numbers 14:7-10.)



Moses and Joshua in the Tabernacle worshipping in the Presence of YHVH.



Although Joshua probably didn't know it at that time, but as Moses was a prophetic shadow-type of Yeshua at his first coming, so Joshua was a prophetic shadow-picture of Yeshua at his second coming. In fact, the name Yeshua comes from Joshua or Yehoshua in Hebrew meaning "YHVH is salvation." We learn in Hebrews 4:8-9 that as Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land, so Yeshua will lead the saints (redeemed, born-again Israel) into the Promised Land of YHVH's eternal and spiritual kingdom. The weekly seventh-day Sabbath is a picture of this "day" that will last for one thousand years. It is called the Millennium.



Now is the time to make plans to be in the Millennium. You can get your tickets from YHVH Elohim by placing all your heart faith in Yeshua as your Master and Savior, repenting of your sins and by then going forth and loving YHVH by obeying his Torah commandments the best you can with the help of his Set-Apart (Holy) Spirit or Ruach HaKodesh. *Got your ticket?*

