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**Zealous For His Kingdom - Torah Portion: Phineas**

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Are you so zealous for God that you would be willing to lay everything down for the sake of His righteousness to prevail? When no says anything nor does anything about the evil, the evil prevails. Turning a blind eye is participation if you have the power to put an end to the evil around you. Evil prospers in the world due to believers too involved in the world to speak up, for various reasons: Either the evil profits them, or they are afraid of what might happen to them if they blew the whistle on evil. Ultimately, they lift their own life above seeing God's Kingdom come on Earth.

This is why Jesus chased out the moneychangers from the temple with whips. This is why Jesus cursed the fig tree. This is why Phineas pierced a man and woman in idolatry with a spear. And all these were righteous acts, even though they may seem "radical" or strange. And this is why our Messiah (and later His disciples) gave their lives: To put an end to the evil, and to let His Kingdom come and prevail.

**[Num 25:3](#)** And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

**[Num 25:4](#)** And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

**Num 25:5** And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor.

**Num 25:6** And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman **in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel**, who *were* weeping *before* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

**Num 25:7** And when **Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it**, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

**Num 25:8** And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. **So the plague was stayed** from the children of Israel.

**Num 25:9** And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

#### **Why did Phinehas do what he did?**

- He is a Levitical priest, the son of Aaron.
- God told the JUDGES to execute judgement
- **Because no one else did anything.**
  - All of Israel (incl. Moses) saw this man going with the woman
  - Why did none of them do anything?
    - They just went on with what they were doing?

**Num 25:14** Now the name of the Israelite 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.**

**Num 25:15** 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.**

- = This man was a prince (leader with status)
  - Killing them could mean **war**
  - **And it did:** (Num 25:17) God commanded Israel to destroy the Midianites
  - **Phinehas didn't care who he (Zimri) was. He needed to be corrected.**
    - Phinehas wasn't valuing his own life above the consequence that may come from this, he was zealous for God.
    - He was willing to die (be atonement) for **righteousness**, and his **people**:
      - **It was a suicide mission (IF God didn't stop the plague).** Because the complaining people **would possibly kill or excommunicate Phinehas for getting them into war, on top of the already existing plague in the camp of the Children of Israel**

#### **If it was not for Phinehas, Israel is destroyed**

**Num 25:11** "Phinehas, son of El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Yisra'el, because he was ardent with My ardour in their midst, **so that I did not consume the children of Yisra'el in My ardour.**

- Pinchas saved Israel because he was the only one willing to kill this man
- It is when **we stand back and do nothing (turn a blind eye) that we are just as guilty as the evil itself**

### **We need to especially be willing to bring correction to leaders / people of status**

- But we must follow the correct protocol **with personal sin** (Matt 18:15).
- **Public sin (as with the story of Phinehas)** may be called out

### **And leaders need to bear the same consequences for sin**

- God is not a respecter of persons
- Those in authority often escape consequence

### **Can we just go and kill people?**

- The instruction was already given to Judges to Kill those joined with Ba'al Pe'or (Num 25:5)
- Moses and the JUDGES were assembled and saw the whoring - bearing witness
- The man already stood judged. But Phinehas was the only one **willing to execute the judgement** there and then.

### **Zimri & Cozbi: A Picture of Yeshua & His Bride**

- A man and woman of whoredom had to be pierced with a Spear through the heart for Israel to be saved
- **Yeshua (perfect lamb) was pierced** in His side for us to be saved
- **Today, we need to be cut (pierced) to the heart** (Acts 2:37), die to ourselves, to be saved.

[Act 2:36](#) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

[Act 2:37](#) Now when they heard *this*, they were **pricked** in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

[Act 2:38](#) Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

### **Phinehas: A Picture of Yeshua Yeshua Cleanses The Temple**

- **Yeshua Enters the temple (Mark 11:11), looking around**
- **On the way out he finds the fig tree**
  - [Mar 11:13](#) And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not *yet*.
  - [Mar 11:14](#) And Jesus answered and said unto it, **No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.** And his disciples heard *it*.

### **Next Day: Returns to Jerusalem**

**Joh 2:13** And the Jews' **passover** was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

**Joh 2:14** And found in the temple those that sold **oxen** and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

**Joh 2:15** And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

**Joh 2:16** And said unto them that sold doves, **Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.**

- Money changers: Exchange foreign currency for shekels
- Oxen: Selling items not for the season.
  - They weren't there for the feast, they were in it for profit
- We ourselves are not to sell to the world that which is in our temples.
  - The Spirit of God and all that it provides
- The Pharisees and all of Israel **KNEW** it was wrong
  - **Just like Israel KNEW what Zimri did was wrong**

### **But the Spirit of God was NOT in the temple?**

- The ark was not there!
- But **good fruit** must be borne **in and out of season**
  - It doesn't matter the season of your life, you must bear good fruit. Sin will come in the way of that

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### **Mark 11:20 Finds fig tree dried up from the roots**

- **Soon thereafter: Temple is destroyed**
  - **The temple did not carry good fruit**
  - **WHY: The people were distracted by the things of this world - to profit**

**Does your temple, where the Holy Spirit dwells, bear good fruit in every season?**

**Or is it defiled for the profits of this world?**

**Ask God to reveal if there is anything in your heart/temple that does not align with being zealous for His Kingdom like Yeshua our Messiah and Phinehas was.**