

# PINCHAS (DARK-SKINNED) NUMBERS 25:10-30:1

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#### The Walk of Holiness and Sanctification

# Outline of This Week's Parashah (Torah Portion):

25:10 Phinehas Rewarded for His Righteous Zeal

25:16 YHVH Commands Israel to Harass Midian

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26:57 The Count of the Levites

27:1 The Grievance of Zelophehad's Daughters and the Resulting Laws of

Inheritance

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the Weekly and Annual Sabbaths and New Moons

Haftorah Reading 1Kings 18:46-19:21

#### Review from Torah portion Balak which explains the actions of Pinchas.

Numbers 25:4–5 the fierce anger of the LORD. Drastic action (execution) was the only possible way to obliterate the perversion of **Baal** worship (v. 2) and the accompanying prostitution with the daughters of Moab (v. 1), and so to assuage the Lord's fierce anger. **hang them in the sun**. This most likely refers to the ancient Near Eastern practice of impaling dead bodies on a stick after execution for heinous crimes, as a form of disgrace (rather than burying the bodies) and as a public warning to all who would be tempted to engage in such perversion themselves.

**25:6** Publicly flouting this ban on liaisons with foreign women, a chief's son (v. 14) takes a **Midianite** princess (v. 15) into a tent near the tabernacle. Moabites and Midianites collaborated in hiring Balaam (22:4, 7), and evidently in the seduction of Israel also.

25:7–8 Phinehas, the high priest's son, goes after the chief's son and the princess (see v. 6) and executes them on the spot, perhaps in the very act of intercourse. This punishment without waiting for a trial corresponds to the Levites' slaughter of the golden calf worshipers (Ex. 32:25–28). In



the case of the Levites, this led to their being set apart as the priestly tribe (Ex. 32:29). For his part, Phinehas was rewarded with heading a permanent priestly dynasty (Num. 25:10–13). Phinehas's grandfather **Aaron** had halted a **plague** by offering incense (16:46–50).

**25:9** Though the **plague** was stopped by Phinehas's intervention (its start is hinted at in v. 3), still a huge number died. This parallels the plagues at Sinai and Kadesh (Ex. 32:35; Num. 14:37; 16:49).<sup>1</sup>

#### Who was Pinchas?

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Phinehas (dark-skinned) = PINCHAS = פינחם

Phinehas, son of El'azar

Pinchas פִּינָחָם

(possible meanings for name include "Negro, dark-complexioned" from Egyptian, "mouth of a snake" from Hebrew, or "southerner," maybe referring to the Nubians in southern Egypt)<sup>2</sup>

#### **Rishon Numbers 25:10–26:4**

"... Pinchas the son of El'azar, the son of Aharon the cohen, has deflected my anger from the people of Isra'el by being as zealous as I am, so that I didn't destroy them in my own zeal."

—Num. 25:10–11

Pinchas, b'kan'o et kinati (*in his zeal for My zeal*), averts the wrath, "so that I didn't destroy them in My own zeal," says the LORD (Num. 25:11). Kana'a, an Arabic or Syriac word "*to become intensely red*," indicates the visible effects this angry zeal imprints on a face [Milgrom, p. 216, n11].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Crossway Bibles. (2008). *The ESV Study Bible* (pp. 306–307). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Feinberg, J. E., Ph. D., & Moudy, K. A. (2002). <u>Walk Numbers!: In the wilderness</u> (p. 141). Clarksville, MD: Messianic Jewish Publishers.



God demands exclusive worship (Ex. 20:5). Yet Yisra'el is lured into whoring after Midianite gods. Following the advice of Bil'am, the beautiful Midianite princess, Cozbi (*deceiver*; cf. Fox, Num. 25:15) brazenly seduces Zimri with all Yisra'el watching: "Through the figure of a beautiful woman, many people become corrupted [Yev. 63b]. The evil plan kindles God's wrath; and a fiery plague erupts, killing people by the tens of thousands!

(Num 25:5 TLV) So Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you, kill your men who have been joining themselves to Baal of Peor."

(Num 25:6 TLV) Then behold, a man from Bnei-Yisrael came and brought a Midianite woman to his brothers before the eyes of Moses and of the whole assembly of Bnei-Yisrael, while they were weeping at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting!

(Num 25:7 TLV) When Phinehas son of Eleazar son of Aaron the kohen saw it, he arose from the midst of the assembly, took a spear in his hand,

(Num 25:8 TLV) and went after the man of Israel into the tent and pierced them through—both the Israelite man and the woman's belly. Then the plague among Bnei-Yisrael was stopped. (Num 25:9 TLV) However, 24,000 were dead because of the plague!

#### Zimri and Cozbi

When the Israelites camped at Shittim, Moabite women came and seduced the Israelite men into worshipping Moabite gods (Num. 25). The religious ritual involved having sexual relations with these women. Because of this sin, the Lord poured out a plague on the Israelites. He also told Moses to kill the Israelite leaders who had participated in Moabite worship. One of these men was Zimri, the leader of a Simeonite family. He had taken a woman named Cozbi "into his tent." When Pinchas (Phinehas) the priest saw this happening, he impaled Zimri and Cozbi with his spear. Immediately, the plague (which had killed 24,000 Israelites) stopped. Although Zimri and Cozbi were not "married" by today's standards (i.e. they did not have a wedding), in ancient Israel, when a man brought a woman into his tent, they were considered married. The story of the Israelites at Shittim illustrates what the Lord's intermarriage prohibition was designed to prevent—the importation of foreign religious practices into the nation of Israel.<sup>3</sup>

#### Who were the Midianites?

MIDIAN, MIDIANITES (Mĭd' ĭ àn, Mĭd' ĭ àn īts). Personal and clan name meaning "strife." Midian was the son of Abraham by his concubine Keturah (Gen. 25:2). Abraham sent him and his brothers away to the east, leading to the association of the Midianites with the "children of the east" (Judg. 6:3). Midianites took Joseph to Egypt (Gen. 37:28, 36). Since the caravan in the passage is also described as Ishmaelite (37:25; 39:1), it is possible that these two groups descended from Abraham had become interrelated. Alternately, the term Ishmaelite in these verses may be a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Rudolph, D. J. (2003). *Growing your olive tree marriage : a guide for couples from two traditions* (p. 17). Baltimore, MD: Messianic Jewish Publishers.

generic term for nomadic travelers. The OT mentions the Midianites in widely scattered geographical locations, but their main homeland seems to be east of the Jordan and south of Edom. Later historians located the land of Midian in northwestern Arabia east of the Gulf of Aqaba. The people of Israel had both good and bad relationships with the Midianites. When Moses fled from Pharaoh, he went east to Midian (Exod. 2:15). Here he met Jethro (also called Reuel), the priest of Midian, and married his daughter. During the wandering in the wilderness, Reuel's father-in-law Hobab served as a guide for the Israelites (Num. 10:29–32). The Midianites are associated with the Moabites in seducing Israel into immorality and pagan worship at Baal-peor (Num. 25:1–18). For this reason God commanded Moses to execute a war of vengeance against them (Num. 31:3; cp. Josh. 13:21). In the time of the judges the Midianites along with the Amalekites began to raid Israel using camels to strike swiftly over great distances. Gideon drove them out and killed their leaders (Judg. 6–8). They never again threatened Israel; but Midian did harbor Solomon's enemy Hadad (1 Kings 11:18). See Amalekite; Baal-peor; Gideon; Ishmaelite; Jethro; Kenites.<sup>4</sup>

#### **Torah Portion Pinchas**

(Num 25:10 TLV) Then Adonai spoke to Moses saying,

(Num 25:11 TLV) "Phinehas son of Eleazar son of Aaron the kohen has turned away My anger from Bnei-Yisrael **because he was very zealous for Me among them**, so that I did not put an end to Bnei-Yisrael in My zeal.

(Num 25:12 TLV) So now say: See, I am making with him a covenant of shalom!

(Num 25:13 TLV) It will be for him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood—because he was zealous for his God and atoned for Bnei-Yisrael."

(Num 25:14 TLV) The name of the Israelite man killed with the Midianite woman was Zimri son of Salu, a prince of a Simeonite ancestral household.

(Num 25:15 TLV) The name of the executed Midianite woman was Cozbi, daughter of Zur—he was a tribal head of an ancestral house in Midian.

(Num 25:16 TLV) Adonai spoke to Moses saying,

(Num 25:17 TLV) Deal with the Midianites as enemies and strike them.

(Num 25:18 TLV) For they have been enemies to you in their deceptions of you in the matter of Peor and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a Midianite prince, their sister who was slain on the day of the plague on account of the Peor incident."

# **Practical Torah Application**

How do we keep our Zeal for the things of God and not succumb to the temptations of the World.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Johnson, R. L. (2003). <u>Midian, Midianites</u>. In C. Brand, C. Draper, A. England, S. Bond, E. R. Clendenen, & T. C. Butler (Eds.), *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (p. 1121). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.



#### I. The Holiness Of YHWH/G-d

Throughout scripture, God declares His Holiness and His demand for holiness from His people. He deserves no less from us.

#### **Exodus 15:11**

Exo 15:11 Who is like You, Adonai, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, awesome in praises, doing wonders?

#### 1 Samuel 6:20

1Sa 6:20 So the men of Beth-shemesh asked, "Who is able to stand before Adonai—this holy God? To whom should it go up from us?"

#### Psalm 18:27-32

- Psa 18:27 With the pure You are pure, and with the crooked You are shrewd.
- Psa 18:28 For You save lowly people, but haughty eyes You humble.
- Psa 18:29 For You light up my lamp. Adonai my God shines in my darkness.
- Psa 18:30 For with You I rush on a troop, with my God I scale a wall.
- Psa 18:31 As for God, His way is perfect. The word of Adonai is pure. He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
- Psa 18:32 For who is God, except Adonai? And who is a Rock, except our God?

#### **Psalm 99:9**

Psa 99:9 Exalt Adonai our God, and worship at His holy hill, for holy is Adonai our God.

#### **Isaiah 6:1-7**

- **Isa 6:1** In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw Adonai sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the Temple.
- Isa 6:2 Seraphim were standing above Him. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
- Isa 6:3 One called out to another, and said: "Holy, holy, holy, is Adonai-Tzva'ot! The whole earth is full of His glory."
- Is a 6:4 Then the posts of the door trembled at the voice of those who called, and the House was filled with smoke.
- Isa 6:5 Then I said: "Oy to me! For I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I am dwelling among a people of unclean lips. For my eyes have seen the King, Adonai-Tzva'ot!" Isa 6:6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, with a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.
- Is a 6:7 He touched my mouth with it and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips. Your iniquity is taken away, and your sins atoned for."



#### Ezekiel 39:7

Eze 39:7 So I will make My holy Name known among My people Israel. I will not let My holy Name be profaned anymore. The nations will know that I am Adonai, the Holy One in Israel.

#### **Hebrews 1:1-3**

- **Heb 1:1** At many times and in many ways, God spoke long ago to the fathers through the prophets.
- Heb 1:2 In these last days He has spoken to us through a Son, whom He appointed heir of all things and through whom He created the universe.
- Heb 1:3 This Son is the radiance of His glory and the imprint of His being, upholding all things by His powerful word. When He had made purification for our sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

#### **Revelation 4:8**

Rev 4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes all around and within. They do not rest day or night, chanting, "Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh Adonai Elohei-Tzva'ot, asher haya v'hoveh v'yavo! Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of Hosts, who was and who is and who is to come!"

#### Revelation 15:4

Rev 15:4 Who shall not fear and glorify Your name, O Lord? For You alone are Holy. All the nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed!"

### II. YHWH/G-d's Righteousness

Adonai has a standard of righteousness that He expects of His people. He is a God of Righteousness, and His Torah is His standard of righteous living.

The Word for righteousness is Righteousness  ${f H6662}$  צדיק

#### **BDB Definition:**

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- 1) just, lawful, righteous, 1a) just, righteous (in government), 1b) just, right (in one's cause)
- 1c) just, righteous (in conduct and character), 1d) righteous (as justified and vindicated by God)
- 1e) right, correct, lawful

#### Psalm 48:10-11

Psa 48:10 We have meditated on Your lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of Your Temple. Psa 48:11 Like Your Name, O God, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is full of righteousness.



#### Psalm 97: 1-6

**Psa 97:1** Adonai reigns, let the earth rejoice, let the many islands be glad.

Psa 97:2 Clouds and darkness are all around Him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Psa 97:3 Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries on every side.

Psa 97:4 His lightning lights up the world—the earth sees and trembles.

Psa 97:5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of Adonai, at the presence of the Lord of all earth.

Psa 97:6 The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples have seen His glory.

#### Psalm 119: 137-138

Psa 119:137 Righteous are You, Adonai, and Your judgments are upright.

Psa 119:138 You have commanded righteousness, Your testimonies, and great faithfulness.

#### Psalm 145: 17-20

Psa 145:17 Adonai is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds.

Psa 145:18 Adonai is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

Psa 145:19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him. He will hear their cry and save them.

Psa 145:20 Adonai watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.

Psa 145:21 My mouth declares the praise of Adonai. Let all flesh bless His holy Name forever and ever!

#### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**Jer 23:1** Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" It is a declaration of Adonai.

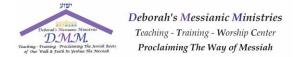
Jer 23:2 Therefore thus says Adonai, the God of Israel, about the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and have not taken care of them. I will soon visit on you the evil of your deeds." It is a declaration of Adonai.

Jer 23:3 "I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and will bring them back to their folds, and they will be fruitful and multiply.

Jer 23:4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will feed them. They will no longer be afraid or dismayed, nor will any be missing," It is a declaration of Adonai.

Jer 23:5 "Behold, days are coming"—it is a declaration of Adonai—"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He will reign as king wisely, and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Jer 23:6 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell in safely; and this is His Name by which He will be called: Adonai our righteousness.



#### III. The Righteousness & Holiness of Yeshua Ha Mashiach/Jesus The Messiah

It is because of what Messiah Yeshua did for us, that we now are made righteous and can walk the Torah walk, not based on our own righteousness but based upon the righteousness of Messiah Yeshua.

#### Psalm 45:7-8

**Psa 45:7** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and a scepter of justice is the scepter of Your kingdom.

Psa 45:8 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore, God, your God, anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.

#### Isaiah 11:4-55

Isa 11:4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the poor of the land. He will strike the land with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

Isa 11:5 Also righteousness will be the belt around His loins, and faithfulness the belt around His waist.

#### Isaiah 59:16-17

Isa 59:16 He saw that there was no one—He was astonished that no one was interceding. Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him, and His righteousness upheld Him. Isa 59:17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation on His head. He clothed Himself in robes of vengeance and wrapped Himself in zeal as a cloak.

#### John 1:14

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We looked upon His glory, the glory of the one and only from the Father, full of grace and truth.

#### **Hebrews 9:11-12**

Heb 9:11 But when Messiah appeared as Kohen Gadol of the good things that have now come, passing through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands (that is to say not of this creation),

Heb 9:12 He entered into the Holies once for all—not by the blood of goats and calves but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

#### **Hebrews 5:5-9**

Heb 5:5 So also Messiah did not glorify Himself to be made Kohen Gadol; rather, it was God who said to Him, "You are My Son; today I have become Your Father."



- Heb 5:6 And He says in a different passage, "You are a kohen forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."
- Heb 5:7 In the days of His life on earth, Yeshua offered up both prayers and pleas, with loud crying and tears, to the One able to save Him from death; and He was heard because of His reverence.
- Heb 5:8 Though He was a Son, He learned obedience from what He suffered.
- Heb 5:9 And once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him—
- Heb 5:10 called by God Kohen Gadol "according to the order of Melchizedek."

#### Hebrews 7:23-26

- Heb 7:23 Now on the one hand, many have become kohanim, who through death are prevented from continuing in office.
- Heb 7:24 But on the other hand, the One who does remain forever has a permanent priesthood.
- Heb 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save completely those who draw near to God through Him, always living to make intercession for them.
- Heb 7:26 For such a Kohen Gadol was fitting for us: holy, guiltless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

#### **Revelation 19:11-16**

- Rev 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The One riding on it is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness.
- Rev 19:12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and many royal crowns are on His head. He has a name written that no one knows except Himself.
- Rev 19:13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which He is called is "the Word of God."
- Rev 19:14 And the armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.
- Rev 19:15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword—so that with it He may strike down the nations—and He shall rule them with an iron rod, and He treads the winepress of the furious wrath of Elohei-Tzva'ot.
- Rev 19:16 On His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "King of kings, and Lord of lords."

#### IV. Ruach Ha Kodesh/The Holy Spirit's work in the Believer

The Ruach HaKodesh/Holy Spirit leads the believer in Torah obedience and obedience to Messiah Yeshua.



#### Ezekiel 36: 26-27 – Torah In Our Hearts

Eze 36:26 Moreover I will give you a new heart. I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove the stony heart from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 I will put My Ruach within you. Then I will cause you to walk in My laws, so you will keep My rulings and do them.

#### John 14:15-17

Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

Joh 14:16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper so He may be with you forever—

Joh 14:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him. You know Him, because He abides with you and will be in you.

#### **Romans 8:8-9**

Rom 8:8 So those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Ruach—if indeed the Ruach Elohim dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Ruach of Messiah, he does not belong to Him.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:16

1Co 3:16 Don't you know that you are God's temple and that the Ruach Elohim dwells among you?

#### 1 Corinthians 6:19

1Co 6:19 Or don't you know that your body is a temple of the Ruach ha-Kodesh who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

#### V. The Believers Call To Holiness

#### We are to walk a Holy Set Apart Life.

#### Leviticus 11:45 – You are to be holy

Lev 11:45 For I am Adonai who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. Therefore, you should be holy, for I am holy.

#### Luke 1:74-75

Luk 1:72 So He shows mercy to our fathers and remembers His holy covenant,

Luk 1:73 the vow which He swore to Abraham our father, to grant us—



- Luk 1:74 rescued fearlessly from the hand of our enemies—to serve Him,
- Luk 1:75 in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

#### 11 Corinthian 6:4-7:1

- 2Co 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?
- 2Co 6:15 What harmony does Messiah have with Belial? Or what part does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?
- 2Co 6:16 What agreement does God's Temple have with idols? For we are the temple of the living God—just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- 2Co 6:17 Therefore, come out from among them, and be separate, says Adonai. Touch no unclean thing. Then I will take you in.
- 2Co 6:18 I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says Adonai-Tzva'ot."
- **2Co 7:1** Therefore, since we have these promises, loved ones, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of body and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

#### **Ephesians 4:17-32**

- Eph 4:17 So I tell you this, indeed I insist on it in the Lord—walk no longer as the pagans do, stumbling around in the futility of their thinking.
- Eph 4:18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance in them due to the hardness of their heart.
- Eph 4:19 Since they are past feeling, they have turned themselves over to indecency for the practice of every kind of immorality, with greed for more.
- Eph 4:20 However, you did not learn Messiah in this way—
- Eph 4:21 if indeed you have heard Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Yeshua.
- Eph 4:22 With respect to your former lifestyle, you are to lay aside the old self corrupted by its deceitful desires,
- Eph 4:23 be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
- Eph 4:24 and put on the new self—created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- Eph 4:25 So lay aside lying and "each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.
- Eph 4:26 "Be angry, yet do not sin." Do not let the sun go down on your anger,
- Eph 4:27 nor give the devil a foothold.
- Eph 4:28 The one who steals must steal no longer—instead he must work, doing something useful with his own hands, so he may have something to share with the one who has need.
- Eph 4:29 Let no harmful word come out of your mouth, but only what is beneficial for building others up according to the need, so that it gives grace to those who hear it.



- Eph 4:30 Do not grieve the Ruach ha-Kodesh of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- Eph 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness and rage and anger and quarreling and slander, along with all malice.
- Eph 4:32 Instead, be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other just as God in Messiah also forgave you.

#### Hebrews 12:12-14

- Heb 12:12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble!
- Heb 12:13 And make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame will not be pulled out of joint but rather be healed.
- Heb 12:14 Pursue shalom with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

#### 1 Peter 1:3-25

- 1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah! In His great mercy He caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Messiah Yeshua from the dead.
- 1Pe 1:4 An incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading inheritance has been reserved in heaven for you.
- 1Pe 1:5 By trusting, you are being protected by God's power for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- 1Pe 1:6 You rejoice in this greatly, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials.
- 1Pe 1:7 These trials are so that the true metal of your faith (far more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire) may come to light in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Messiah Yeshua.
- 1Pe 1:8 Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. And even though you don't see Him now, you trust Him and are filled with a joy that is glorious beyond words,
- 1Pe 1:9 receiving the outcome of your faith—the salvation of your souls.
- 1Pe 1:10 The prophets, who spoke about the grace that was to be yours, searched for this salvation and investigated carefully.
- 1Pe 1:11 They were trying to find out the time and circumstances the Ruach of Messiah within them was indicating, when predicting the sufferings in store for Messiah and the glories to follow.
- 1Pe 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were providing these messages not to themselves but to you. These messages have now been announced to you through those who proclaimed the Good News to you by the Ruach ha-Kodesh, sent from heaven. Even angels long to catch a glimpse of these things.



- 1Pe 1:13 So brace your minds for action. Keep your balance. And set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Yeshua the Messiah.
- 1Pe 1:14 Like obedient children, do not be shaped by the cravings you had formerly in your ignorance.
- 1Pe 1:15 Instead, just like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in everything you do.
- 1Pe 1:16 For it is written, "Kedoshim you shall be, for I am kadosh."
- 1Pe 1:17 If you call on Him as Father—the One who judges impartially according to each one's deeds—then live out the time of sojourning in reverent fear.
- 1Pe 1:18 You know that you were redeemed from the futile way of life handed down from your ancestors—not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
- 1Pe 1:19 but with precious blood like that of a lamb without defect or spot, the blood of Messiah.
- 1Pe 1:20 He was chosen before the foundation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.
- 1Pe 1:21 Through Him you are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.
- 1Pe 1:22 Now that you have purified your souls in obedience to the truth, leading to sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently from a pure heart.
- 1Pe 1:23 You have been born again—not from perishable seed but imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God.
- **1Pe 1:24** For, "All humanity is like grass, And all its glory like a wildflower. The grass withers, and the flower falls off,
- 1Pe 1:25 But the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word that was proclaimed as Good News to you.

#### 11 Peter 3:10-13

- 2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the elements will melt and disintegrate, and the earth and everything done on it shall be exposed.
- 2Pe 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what kind of people should you be? Live your lives in holiness and godliness,
- 2Pe 3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God. In that day the heavens will be dissolved by fire, and the elements will melt in the intense heat.

#### VI. The Believers Call To Sanctification

#### Strongs Greek #37 hagiazo, hag-ee-ad'-zo

from Strongs Greek #40; to make holy, i.e. (ceremonially) purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate: --hallow, be holy, sanctify.



# We have been sanctified and set apart to search Yeshua our Messiah and bring glory to God.

#### John 17:17

Joh 17:17 Make them holy in the truth. Your word is truth.

#### **1 Corinthians 1:30-31**

**1Co 1:30** But because of Him you are in Messiah Yeshua, who became to us wisdom from God and righteousness and holiness and redemption—

1Co 1:31 so that, just as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in Adonai."

# 11 Timothy 2:21-22

2Ti 2:21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor—sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

2Ti 2:22 Now flee from youthful desires; instead, pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love, and shalom, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

#### **Hebrews 13:8-2**

Heb 13:8 Yeshua the Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Heb 13:9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace—not by foods that have not benefited those occupied by them.

Heb 13:10 We have an altar from which those serving in the tabernacle have no right to eat.

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those animals—whose blood is brought into the Holies by the kohen gadol as an offering for sin—are burned outside the camp.

Heb 13:12 Therefore, to make the people holy through His own blood, Yeshua also suffered outside the gate.

#### 1 Peter 1:1-2

**1Pe 1:1** Peter, an emissary of Messiah Yeshua, To the sojourners of the Diaspora in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia—chosen

1Pe 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, set apart by the Ruach for obedience and for sprinkling with the blood of Yeshua the Messiah: May grace and shalom be multiplied to you.