

NUMBERS CHAPTER 25

¹ And Israel sojourned in Acacia Grove, and the people profaned themselves by committing harlotry with the daughters of Moab. ² And they called them to the sacrifices of their idols; and the people ate of their sacrifices, and worshipped their idols. ³ And Israel consecrated themselves to Baal of Peor; and the Lord was very angry with Israel. ⁴ And the Lord said to Moses, "Take all the princes of the people, and make them examples *of judgment* for the Lord in the face of the sun, and the anger of the Lord shall be turned away from Israel."

⁵ And Moses said to the tribes of Israel, "Every one of you kill his friend that is consecrated to Baal of Peor."

⁶ And behold, a man of the children of Israel came and brought his brother to a Midianite woman before Moses, and before all the congregation of the children of Israel; and they were weeping at the door of the tabernacle of witness. ⁷ And Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest saw it, and rose out of the midst of the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand, ⁸ and went in after the Israelite man into the chamber, and pierced them both through, both the Israelite man and the woman through her womb; and the plague was stopped from the children of Israel. ⁹ And those that died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.

¹⁰ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹¹ "Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest has caused My wrath to cease from the children of Israel, when I was exceedingly jealous among them, and I did not consume the children of Israel in My jealousy. ¹² Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; ¹³ and he and his seed after him shall have a perpetual covenant of priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.'"

¹⁴ Now the name of the smitten Israelite man, who was smitten with the Midianite woman, *was* Zambri son of Salmon, prince of a house of the tribe of Simeon. ¹⁵ And the name of the Midianite woman who was smitten, *was* Cozbi, daughter of Zur, a prince of the nation of Hommoth: it is a chief house among the people of Midian.

¹⁶ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ¹⁷ 'Harass the Midianites as enemies, and strike them, ¹⁸ for they are enemies to you by the treachery in which they ensnare you through Peor, and through Cozbi their sister, daughter of a prince of Midian, who was smitten in the day of the plague because of Peor.'"