

**~PHINEHAS 1 (281)**  
**(Phin'e-has)**

- Son of Eleazar and grandson of Aaron. His mother was a daughter of Putiel, and his son's name was Abishua.
- And Eleazar, Aaron's son, took for himself one of the daughters of Putiel as his wife. Later she bore him **Phinehas**. These are the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their families. (**Exodus 6:25**)
- As for Eleazar, he became father to **Phinehas**. **Phinehas** himself became father to Abishua. (**1 Chronicles 6:4**)
- It was young **Phinehas** quick action that halted the scourge from Yehowah after 24,000 Israelites had died on the Plains of Moab because of fornication and because they attached themselves to the Baal of Peor.
- When he spotted Zimri taking the Midianitess Cozbi into his tent, he pierced them both through with a lance, the woman through her genital parts.
- This zeal in tolerating no rivalry at all toward Yehowah was counted to him as righteousness, and God made a covenant for the priesthood to remain in his line to time indefinite.
- Now Israel was dwelling in Shittim. Then the people started to have immoral relations with the daughters of Moab. (**Numbers 25:1**)
- And the women came calling the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people began to eat and to bow down to their gods. (**Numbers 25:2**)
- So Israel attached itself to the Baal of Peor, and the anger of Yehowah began to blaze against Israel. (**Numbers 25:3**)
- But, look! A man of the sons of Israel came, and he was bringing near to his brothers a Midianite woman before Moses eyes and before the eyes of all the assembly of the sons of Israel, while they were weeping at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

**(Numbers 25:6)**

- When **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest caught sight of it, he at once got up from the midst of the assembly and took a lance in his hand. **(Numbers 25:7)**
- Then he went after the man of Israel into the vaulted tent and pierced both of them through, the man of Israel and the woman through her genital parts. At that the scourge was halted from upon the sons of Israel. **(Numbers 25:8)**
- And those who died from the scourge amounted to twenty-four thousand. **(Numbers 25:9)**
- Then Yehowah spoke to Moses, saying; **(Numbers 25:10)**
- **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest has turned back my wrath from upon the sons of Israel by his tolerating no rivalry at all toward me in the midst of them, so that I have not exterminated the sons of Israel in my insistence on exclusive devotion. **(Numbers 25:11)**
- For that reason say; Here I am giving him my covenant of peace. **(Numbers 25:12)**
- And it must serve as the covenant of a priesthood to time indefinite for him and his offspring after him, due to the fact that he tolerated no rivalry toward his God and proceeded to make atonement for the sons of Israel. **(Numbers 25:13)**
- Incidentally the name of the fatally struck Israelite man who was fatally struck with the Midianitess was Zimri the son of Salu, a chieftain of a paternal house of the Simeonites. **(Numbers 25:14)**
- And the name of the Midianite woman fatally struck was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, he was a head one of the clans of a paternal house in Midian. **(Numbers 25:15)**
- When **Phinehas** stood up and intervened, then the scourge was halted. **(Psalms 106:30)**
- And it came to be counted to him as righteousness for generation after generation to time indefinite. **(Psalms 106:31)**

- During his lifetime **Phinehas** served in various capacities. He was the priestly representative in the army that executed Yehowah's vengeance upon Midian.
- So Moses spoke to the people, saying; Equip men from among you for the army, that they may serve against Midian to execute Yehowah's vengeance upon Midian. (**Numbers 31:3**)
- Then Moses sent them out, a thousand of each tribe, to the army, them and **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar the priest to the army, and the holy utensils and the trumpets for blowing calls were in his hand. (**Numbers 31:6**)
- When it was thought that three tribes were forsaking Yehowah's worship, he headed a group of investigators.
- After that the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned and went away from the other sons of Israel, from Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, so as to go to the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession in which they had been settled at the order of Yehowah by means of Moses. (**Joshua 22:9**)
- When they came to the regions of the Jordan that were in the land of Canaan, then the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar great in conspicuousness. (**Joshua 22:10**)
- Later on the other sons of Israel heard it said; Look! The sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar on the frontier of the land of Canaan in the regions of the Jordan on the side belonging to the sons of Israel. (**Joshua 22:11**)
- When the sons of Israel got to hear of it, the whole assembly of the sons of Israel were then congregated at Shiloh to go up for military action against them. (**Joshua 22:12**)
- Then the sons of Israel sent to the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar the priest. (**Joshua 22:13**)
- And ten chieftains with him, one chieftain of each paternal house of all the tribes of Israel, and they were each a head of the house

of their fathers of the thousands of Israel. (Joshua 22:14)

- In time they came to the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh in the land of Gilead and began to speak with them, saying; (Joshua 22:15)
- This is what all the assembly of Yehowah have said; What is this act of unfaithfulness that you have perpetrated against the God of Israel in turning back today from following Yehowah by your building for yourselves an altar, that you may rebel today against Yehowah? (Joshua 22:16)
- Was the error of Peor too small for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves down to this day, although the plague came to be upon the assembly of Yehowah? (Joshua 22:17)
- And you, you would turn back today from following Yehowah, and it must occur that should you, for your part, rebel today against Yehowah, then tomorrow it will be against the entire assembly of Israel that he will be indignant. (Joshua 22:18)
- Now if it is indeed that the land of your possession is unclean, make your way across to the land of Yehowah's possession where the tabernacle of Yehowah has resided, and get settled in our midst, and against Yehowah do not you rebel and do not make us the ones to rebel by your building for yourselves an altar in addition to the altar of Yehowah our God. (Joshua 22:19)
- Was it not Achan the son of Zerah that perpetrated an act of unfaithfulness in the thing devoted to destruction, and was it not against all the assembly of Israel that there came indignation? And he was not the only man to expire in his error. (Joshua 22:20)
- At this the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered and spoke with the heads of the thousands of Israel. (Joshua 22:21)
- Divine One, God, Yehowah, Divine One, God, Yehowah, he is knowing, and Israel, he too will know. If it is in rebellion and if it is in unfaithfulness against Yehowah, do not save us this day. (Joshua 22:22)
- If it was to build for ourselves an altar so as to turn back from

- following Yehowah, and if it was to offer up burnt offerings and grain offerings on it, and if it was to render up communion sacrifices on it, Yehowah himself will search out. ([Joshua 22:23](#))
- Or if it was not rather out of anxious care for something else that we did this, saying; In a future day your sons will say to our sons; What do you have to do with Yehowah the God of Israel? ([Joshua 22:24](#))
  - And there is a boundary that Yehowah has put between us and you, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad, namely, the Jordan. You have no share in Yehowah. And your sons will certainly make our sons desist from fearing Yehowah. ([Joshua 22:25](#))
  - Hence we said; Let us take action in our behalf, please, by building the altar, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice. ([Joshua 22:26](#))
  - But that it may be a witness between us and you and our generations after us that we shall render the service of Yehowah before him with our burnt offerings and our sacrifices and our communion sacrifices, that your sons may not say in a future day to our son; You have no share in Yehowah. ([Joshua 22:27](#))
  - So we said; And it must occur that in case they should say that to us and to our generations in a future day, we must also say; See the representation of Yehowah's altar that our fathers made, not for burnt offering nor for sacrifice, but it is a witness between us and you. ([Joshua 22:28](#))
  - It is unthinkable, on our part, to rebel of our own accord against Yehowah and to turn back today from following Yehowah by building an altar for burnt offering, grain offering and sacrifice besides the altar of Yehowah our God that is before his tabernacle! ([Joshua 22:29](#))
  - Now when **Phinehas** the priest and the chieftains of the assembly and the heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him heard the words that the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke, it came to be good in their eyes. ([Joshua 22:30](#))
  - So **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh; Today

we do know that Yehowah is in our midst, because you have not perpetrated against Yehowah this act of unfaithfulness. Now you have delivered the sons of Israel out of the hand of Yehowah. (Joshua 22:31)

- With that **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar the priest and the chieftains returned from the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad in the land of Gilead to the land of Canaan to the other sons of Israel and brought back word to them. (Joshua 22:32)
- And the word came to be good in the eyes of the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel proceeded to bless God, and they did not talk of going up for army service against them to ruin the land in which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad were dwelling. (Joshua 22:33)
- He was chief of the tabernacle gatekeepers.
- And it was **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar that happened to be leader over them in the past. Yehowah was with him. (1 Chronicles 9:20)
- After the burial of his father in the **Hill of Phinehas**, he served in the office of High Priest.
- Also, Eleazar the son of Aaron died. So they buried him in the **Hill of Phinehas** his son, which he had given him in the mountainous region of Ephraim. (Joshua 24:33)
- After that the sons of Israel inquired of Yehowah, as it was there that the ark of the covenant of the true God was in those days. (Judges 20:27)
- Now **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, was standing before it in those days, saying; Shall I go out yet again to battle against the sons of Benjamin my brother or shall I cease to? To this Yehowah said; Go up, because tomorrow I shall give him into your hand. (Judges 20:28)
- His name is prominent in several postexilic genealogies.
- As for Eleazar, he became father to **Phinehas**. **Phinehas** himself became father to Abishua. (1 Chronicles 6:4)

- And these were the sons of Aaron, Eleazar his son, **Phinehas** his son, Abishua his son. (**1 Chronicles 6:50**)
- The son of Abishua the son of **Phinehas** the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the chief priest. (**Ezra 7:5**)
- Of the sons of **Phinehas**, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the sons of David, Hattush. (**Ezra 8:2**)