

For those who do not know, the Portion name comes from the first word or words of the portion in Torah. This week the Torah Portion name is Pinchas and is translated as "Snake's Mouth."

Shabbat Message:

And God spoke all these words, saying, I YHVH your God, which has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make to you any graven image, or any likeness... You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: for I YHVH your God a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth of them that hate Me; and showing mercy to thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments. (Ex. 20:1-6)

For you shall worship no other god: for YHVH, Whose Name Jealous [qanna H-#7067], a jealous God: Lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring [zannah, H-#2181 – to commit adultery/idolatry] after their gods, and do sacrifice to their gods, and call you, and you eat of his sacrifice; and you take of their daughters to your sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make your sons go a whoring after their gods. (Ex. 34:14-16)

And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, Pinchas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned My wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for My sake among them, that I consumed not the Children of Israel in My jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous [qana, H-#7065 zealous/jealous] for his God, and made an atonement for the Children of Israel. (Num. 25:1-13)

An interesting thought here: A blood atonement was made because of jealousy and zealousness. The Hebrew word "qanna/qana" has the same root letters: a kof, a nun, and an aleph. In the Paleo-Hebrew, the picture meaning of the kof is "back of the head" [go behind; the last /or least]. The nun means "fish" [activity or life]; and the aleph is an "ox or bull" [the first or leader, strength]. God is a Jealous God, His Name is Jealous, and He will have nothing or no one before Him. The jealousy goes all the way back to the Garden, and the "*Has God said...*" (Gen. 3:1-7) God is to be Supreme, and to go

behind His back in an activity and in strength in an attempt to disobey and put oneself first will bring His wrath and Jealousy. God wants us to come and to meet us face to face; to have a personal relationship with Him, not one that seeks to usurp Him and to replace Him with adultery, idolatry [which is spiritual adultery], and disobedience. The nachash [serpent] sought to go behind God's commandment and bring lust out: the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life.

Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. (Jas. 1:15) For all that in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abides for ever. (1 Jn. 2:16,17)

Another interesting thought: one of the words in the First Testament for "lust" is "nephesh" [*a breathing/vital creature/person*]; another word for "lust" means "longing or desire"; and a third word means "twisted or obstinate". In the Second Testament, the definitions of words for "lust" include: "to set the heart upon/long for"; an "excitement of the mind"; a "craving after"; "long for that which is forbidden"; and "a suffering or passion for". We are to keep our minds set on God, zealous for Him: to keep His commands, to hearken to His voice, and to walk in His statutes. He is Jealous over us and desires us to be whole-hearted to Him. He has given us a blood atonement in Messiah Yeshua, Who was zealous for His Father's house and would raise up the temple of His body in three days after it was destroyed. (Jn 2:15-22)

God Jealous, and YHVH revenges, YHVH revenges and furious; YHVH will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserves [wrath] for His enemies. (Nah. 1:2)

Be zealous for Him! Keep your covenant and stand firm against idolatry! He keeps His Covenant. Selah. [Definitions for Hebrew and Greek words used are from Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionary.]