

Pinchas as the Hero of Bemidbar

This book is about grass-roots
leadership

This book is about shared leadership

The Grass Roots

And with you shall be, one man per tribe

It's the book of Numbers, Pikudim
Everyone counts

The Book of Grass Roots Involvement

Everyone counts

Vediglo alay ahava, ודגלו עלי אהבה, each person at their flag

Hikriv Netanel ben Tzuar, , Each tribe... הקריב נתנאל בן צוער...

Pesach Sheni **lama nigara, למה ניגרע**

The sins

The masses don't want to go to Israel

Kol haedah kulam kedoshim, כל העדה כלם קדשים,

Benot Tzlofchad, **lama nigara, למה נגרע**

Who are supposed to be the leaders?

It's a book of leadership.

What is the main idea of Bemidbar?

The Key words: Nasi, Nesiim

Nesiim, leaders, of tribes listed 4 times

Shelach: Spies: כל נשיא בהם

Korach: נשיאי עדה קריאי מועד אנשי שם

Zimri: נשיא בית אב לשמעוני

Benot Zlofchad approach Moshe and the Nesiim

Rashei Hamatot have a parasha

Midyan adjudicated by Moshe and the Nesiim

Reuven and Gad approach Moshe and the Nesiim

Masai: New Nesiim listed

The case of Menashe vs. Benot Tzlofchad adjudicated by Moshe and...

It's a book of Levites

Bemidbar: Count the Israelites and count the Leviim

Exchange the Levites for the first born ('cuz they were so good?)

Lay out the role of the 1/3 Levite families

Naso The role of other Levite families

B'halotecha Cohen, Dedication of the Levites

Shlach No role of the Levites??

Korach Rebellion of the Levites

Pinchas: Count the People and the Levites. Masei: The Levite Cities

It's a book of the Firstborn

Bemidbar: Reuven is listed first

The flag groups have Reuven, first of Leah and Dan, first of Zilpa as leaders

The Bechorim switch with the Levites

Datan and Aviram is a rebellion of Reuven, the firstborn

Korach is the firstborn of the next brother of Amram

What is the worst/best thing that happened in this book?

Crime

Mitonenim

Asafsuf

Miriam

Spies

Korach

Post Korach

Zimri

Punishment

Fire at the edges (grass roots/ desire problem)

Makah rabba meod (desire problem)

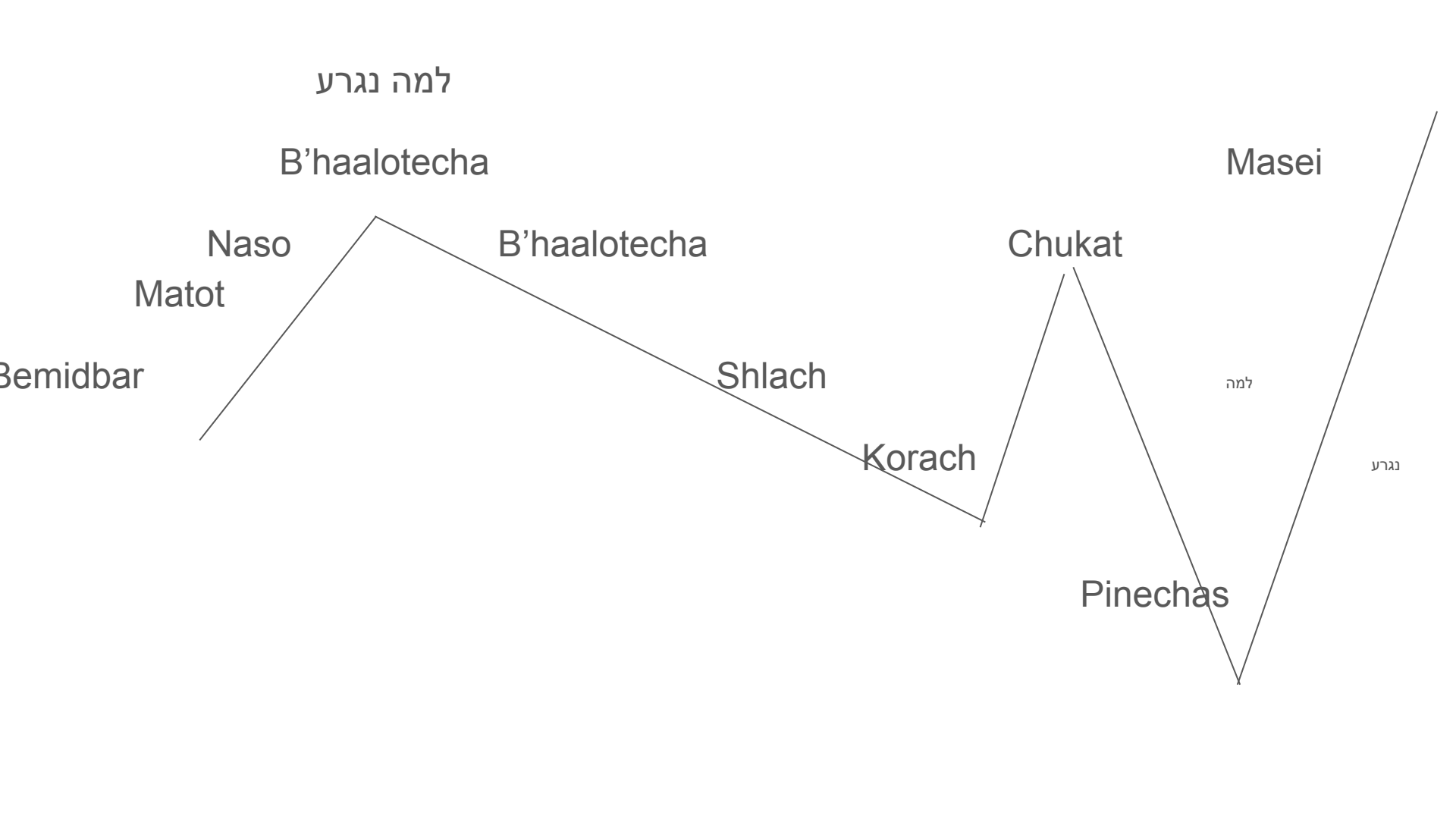
Leprosy (leadership problem)

National condemnation, 40 years

Swallowed up and burnt (Leadership problem)

14,700 dead (grass roots problem)

24,000 (eye/desire problem)



Pinechas is a big deal

Psalm 106

וַיִּצְמְדוּ לְבַעַל פְּעֹר וַיֹּאכְלוּ זִבְחֵי מֵתִים:

They attached themselves to Baal Peor, ate sacrifices offered to the dead.

וַיִּכְעִסוּ בְּמַעַלְלֵיהֶם וַתִּפְרֹץ־בָּם מַגֶּפֶה:

They provoked anger by their deeds, and a plague broke out among them.

וַיַּעֲמֵד פִּינְחָס וַיִּפְלֵל וַיִּתְעַצֵּר הַמַּגֶּפֶה:

Phinehas stepped forth and intervened, and the plague ceased.

וַיִּתְחַשֵּׁב לוֹ לְצִדְקָה לְדֹר וָדֹר עַד־עוֹלָם:

It was reckoned to his merit for all generations, to eternity.

If not for Pinechas...

וְהִפְּיֵן הַשִּׁיב אֶת-חַמְּתִי מֵעַל בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקִנְאוֹ אֶת-קִנְאָתִי בְּתוֹכְכֶם וְלֹא-כָלִיתִי אֶת-בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּקִנְאָתִי: פ

“Phinehas, son of Eleazar son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the Israelites by displaying among them his passion for Me, so that I did not wipe out the Israelite people in My passion.

So much for one act?

וְהָיְתָה לּוֹ וּלְזַרְעוֹ אַחֲרָיו בְּרִית כֹּהֲנֵת עוֹלָם תַּחַת אֲשֶׁר קִנְאֵ לְאֱלֹהָיו וַיִּכַּפֵּר עַל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

It shall be for him and his descendants after him a pact of priesthood for all time, because he took impassioned action for his God, thus making expiation for the Israelites.”

Whom does Pinechas represent?
For whom is he a tikkun?

Levi

Amcha, everyman

Nasi

Cohen

Korach was a Levi and wanted to be a Cohen. Pinechas is a Levi and he wants to be a Cohen, a leader.

At the Golden Calf who stood up?

הָאֵימֶר לְאָבִיו

וְלֵאמֹן לֹא רָאִיתִיו וְאֶת-אָחִיו לֹא הִפִּיר וְאֶת-בְּנָיו [בְּנָיו] לֹא יָדַע כִּי שָׁמְרוּ אִמְרֹתֶיךָ וּבְרִיתֶךָ יִנְצְרוּ:

Who said of his father and mother, “I consider them not.” His brothers he disregarded, Ignored his own children. Your precepts alone they observed, And kept Your covenant.

וַיַּעֲמֵד מֹשֶׁה בַּשַּׁעַר הַמַּחֲנֶה וַיֹּאמֶר מִי לַיהוָה אֵלַי וַיֵּאֲסֹפוּ אֵלָיו כָּל־בְּנֵי לֵוִי:

Moses stood up in the gate of the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come here!” And all the Levites rallied to him.

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שֶׁחָרְבוּ עַל־יָרְכוּ עִבְרוּ וְשׁוּבוּ מִשַּׁעַר לְשַׁעַר בַּמַּחֲנֶה וְהָרְגוּ אִישׁ־אֶת־אָחִיו וְאִישׁ אֶת־רֵעֵהוּ וְאִישׁ אֶת־קָרְבוֹ:

He said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Each of you put sword on thigh, go back and forth from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay brother, neighbor, and kin.”

וַיַּעֲשׂוּ בְנֵי־לֵוִי כְּדִבְרַי מֹשֶׁה וַיִּפְּלוּ מִן־הָעָם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא כִּשְׁלֹשָׁת אֲלָפֵי אִישׁ:

The Levites did as Moses had bidden; and some three thousand of the people fell that day.

How did Levi fare in Bemidbar? What did they do?

Korach???

And now.....?

This is a tikkun for the rebellion of Korach

שפת אמת במדבר פרשת פינחס

רק הכניס המעשה בכלל ישראל ועשה רק להראות שאף שחטאו בני"י עכ"ז יש בהם מי שינקום. ובזה שכך חמת המלך. ומה"ט לא עשאו משה רבינו ע"ה. כי הי' צריך להיות ע"י איש פשוט תוך כלל ישראל. ומה"ט י"ל שלא הי' נמשח מקודם.

Sefat Emet

Pinchas put Israel into this and he did this to show that though Bnai Yisrael sinned but they have someone to avenge for G-d and with this the wrath of the King was put down and this is why Moshe did not do it for it had to be a simple person part of klal Yisrael. And for this reason Pinechas was not anointed until now.

All the tikkunim

The masses are redeemed

Levi is redeemed

The Nesiim are redeemed

The firstborn is redeemed