

### Parshas Pinchos: Revenge Is Hashem's Alone:

1. **Bamidbar 25;10:** Hashem spoke to Moshe, saying: Pinchos the son of Elazar the son of Aharon the Kohen, turned back My wrath from upon the children of Israel, when he acted jealously for my jealousy among them, so I did not consume the Children of Israel in my zeal.
2. **Rashi (Ibid):** When he avenged My vengeance, as he displayed anger that I should have displayed. Every expression of "jealousy" is when one contends to avenge something.
3. **Bamidbar 31; 2-3:** Take vengeance of the Children of Israel against the Midianites.... Arm men from among yourselves for the legion that they may be against Midian to inflict Hashem's vengeance against Midian.
4. **Psalms 94;1:** O G-d of vengeance, O G-d of vengeance appear!
5. **Talmud Brachos 33a:** Vengeance is a great thing because it appears between the two names of G-d, O G-d of vengeance, O G-d of vengeance appear!,
6. **Vayikra 19; 18:** You shall not take revenge or bear a grudge.
7. **Mesilas Yesharim Ch. 11:** Revenge is sweeter than honey.
8. **Sefer Hachinuch 241:** At the root of the precept lies the purpose that a man should know and reflect that whatever happens to him , good or bad, is caused by Hashem to occur to him; from a human hand, from a man's brother's hand, nothing can be without the will of Hashem. Therefore, should a man inflict suffering or pain on him, let him know in his soul that his bad deeds were the cause, and Hashem decreed this upon him; and let him not set his thoughts to take revenge from him.
9. **Bereishis 15;13:** Know with certainty that your offspring shall be aliens in a land not their own – and they will serve them, and they will oppress them – four hundred years. But also the nation that they will serve, *I shall judge*, and afterwards they will leave with great wealth.
10. **Hagada:** Had He executed judgment against them...it would have been enough for us!
11. **R' Shimshon Pinkus, Shabbos Malkesa pg. 58:** Suffering and punishments are wondrously good for the world at large and for man – for they bring to light the unity of Hashem.