

- viii. While Moses was giving that message, we are told that an Israelite who was a descendant of Simeon came in with a Midianite princess and as bold as could be and shameless took her right into his tent where everybody could see to commit adultery with her.
- ix. When Phineas saw that, that was it.
 - a. Phineas is the son of Eleazar.
 - b. ~~he~~^{he} took his spear and went into that tent and killed both of them.
 - c. When he did the~~x~~, the Lord said, "Phineas, because you have been zealous for my honor 1) I am going to reward you and you are going to have a lasting priesthood and 2) the plague is going to stop."
 - d. But by the time that plague had stopped, 24,000 people had died.
 - e. Balaam's counsel resulted in the death of 24,000 people.
 - 1) How did the Lord respond to that.
 - 2) Notice what he told Moses to do
 - i) 25:16-18
 - ii) The Lord said, "Treat the Midianites as enemies and kill them because they treated you as enemies when they deceived you in the affair of Peor."
 - iii) The Midianite women weren't interested in being friendly to the Israelites. ~~they~~^{they} were interested in getting them to commit idolatry so that God's judgment would come down on top of them so that Balak and the Midianites could then drive them out. But the Lord said that the Midianites are going to be killed.

3. Instructions for holiness and order (26-30)

- i. Chapter 26
 - a. In chapter 26, you have a census taken after the plague.
 - b. All of the men 20 years and older that were counted in the desert of Sinai had died.
 - c. Now here another sense is taken of the people.
 - d. The census was taken by Moses, Eleazar, and probably the heads of the tribes.
 - e. When the census was taken, they had 601,730.
 - f. But among those men was not one man who was counted in the desert of Sinai except Caleb and Joshua.
 - g. The census was taken ~~for a purpose~~^{wise}.
 - 1) The Lord is going to do a number on the Midianites.
 - 2) There is the promised land that the Israelites have to conquer and the Lord wants to make sure that they have their soldiers in order so they can go and take the promised land.