

## Discussion Questions for Small Group



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**Instructions:** Listen to the Shabbat audio reading together as a small group. Have your Bibles with you and read along. After listening, go through the discussion questions below.

**Date:** July 1-2, 2023

**Scripture Reading:** Num 25:1-18, 2 Kings 20:1-22:2, Acts 21:18-36, Psalm 150:1-6, Prov 18:9-10

1. Read Numbers 25:1-3. Why was the anger of the LORD aroused against Israel?

**NOTE:** Baal-Peor in Hebrew means: "lord of the gap". It was a deity worshipped at Peor and included sexual acts of promiscuity.

2. Read Numbers 25:5. Moses instructs the judges to do what?

**NOTE:** "Joined" to Baal-Peor. The word "joined" in Hebrew is "Samad" and it means to fasten, combine, fit together, hitch up.

3. Read Numbers 25:6, and verse 9. What happens here? Describe the scene. What was the judgment that came upon the people?

4. Read Numbers 25:7-9. What does Phinehas do in response? What do you think motivated him to do what he did? What was the result after he speared the man and the woman?

5. Read Numbers 25:11-13. What was the covenant that God made with Phinehas and his descendants? What was the character in Phinehas that was pleasing to the LORD?

6. Read Numbers 25:14-15. They were about to engage in sex, and somehow, this sexual act involved the worship of the god, Baal-Peor. What was the name of the man? What was the name of the woman?

**NOTE:** Cozbi means "my Lie". She was the daughter of Zur, a Midianite chief.  
Zimri means "my music"

7. Read Numbers 25:17-18. What was the chief strategy for how the Midianites attacked Israel?

8. Read 2 Kings 21:1-4. What were some of the evil things that King Manasseh did?

9. Read 2 Kings 21:5-6. What else did King Manasseh do here?

10. Do you think that worship of the statues, groves, and poles erected to these false gods, (Asherah, Baal, Molech) is connected to bringing out demonic spirits?

11. What does idolatry (worship of false gods) look like today? How do you see these demonic spirits manifesting today?

12. Read 2 Kings 21:7-8. What else did King Manasseh do?

13. Read 2 Kings 21:9. *But the people refused to listen, and Manasseh led them to do even more evil than the pagan nations that the LORD had destroyed when the people of Israel entered the land.*

Do you see any similarity between what happened in verse 9 to the children of Israel and what is happening today in the church and in the nations?

14. Read 2 Kings 21:12-15. What is the consequence/judgment that the LORD says He is going to do with the children of Israel? (and that includes US, and their spiritual descendants!)

15. Think about it. WE are living in exile, in a pagan/foreign land because of the sins of idolatry of our spiritual forefathers.

Now, read Leviticus 26:40-42. What does the LORD promise to do here IF we will confess and repent of our sins, AND the sins of our forefathers?

16. Pray into Leviticus 26:40-42. Turn it into a personal prayer of repentance.