



קנאה

1. Look at this, the first פסוק in the פרשה:

פרק טז

וַיַּקְרֹב קָרְחַ בָּוּזִצְּרַ בָּוּזִקְתַּ בָּוּלִי וְדָתָן וְאַבְרָם בָּנֵי אַלְיאָב וְאָנוֹ בָּנְ-פְּלַת בָּנֵי רָאוּבָן (.....) :

The whole פָּסִיק is printed here, but in the brackets you can see spaces for two words which, according to ר' ש"י, *might have been included, but are not*. What words were 'left out'?

2. Why were these words not included?
3. What was the argument of קָרְחָה against מֹשֶׁה and אַהֲרֹן?
4. How did ה' punish קָרְחָה and his 250 followers?
5. a) What did ה' say should be done with the מְחִתּוֹת - firepans the 250 men had been holding?
b) What was the reason for doing this?
6. On what did blossom, buds and almonds sprout?
7. What did this show and prove to the people?
8. What did ה' now tell the כֶּהֶנִּים and לֹויִם?

Answers:

1. בְּ גַעֲקֹב
2. בְּ גַעֲקֹב had prayed on his deathbed that he should not be mentioned together with קָרְחָה and his followers.
3. Their argument was that מֶלֶךְ and אֱהָרֹן were taking too much power for themselves.
4. 'ה punished them by causing the ground to open and swallow them up.
5. a) They were to be hammered out and made into a covering for the בְּשָׂכִין.
b) This would be a reminder to all of בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל that only אֱהָרֹן and his descendants had been chosen to be the כְּהֻנִּים and only they were allowed to offer the incense.
6. On the staff (rod) which belonged to אֱהָרֹן.
7. This showed that only אֱהָרֹן was the true כְּהֻן גָּדוֹל and his descendants were the כְּהֻנִּים.
8. 'ה explained exactly what gifts they would be entitled to from the rest of the people.

שבת שלום!