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1. Q: Is peace in the Middle East possible?

Everything can be found Torah. So let's look at this week's parsha for an answer.



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2. This week:

Zimri causes Jews to worship the idol "Pe'or" and a plague killed 24,000.

Pinchas "the zealot" kills Zimri ending the plague.

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3. G-d rewards Pinchas with eternal Kehuna for his entire family.



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4. Later in the parsha:

It's time for Moses to leave is people.

Moses wants his sons to succeed him but G-d chooses Joshua for he served Moses faithfully while Moses' children did not toil in Torah.



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5. Why can Pinchas bequeath his kehuna to his children while Moses can't bequeath his position to his children?



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6. Behavior and attitude can be passed on. A child raised by zealots in a zealous home will be a zealot!
 But Torah knowledge cannot just be picked up from the home. It must be worked for.

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7. We find this factor in other areas as well, e.g.:
 No descendant of Amon or Moab can marry a Jewess because they did not feed us when we left Egypt.



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8. Are we taking revenge? No!
 Behavior and attitude can be passed on. A child raised by **cruel** parents will grow up **cruel**.
 The behavior and attitude become a second nature that cannot be shaken.



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9. Jews don't like cruelty.
 As descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob our second nature is to be "quiet, merciful and kind."
 We cannot accept cruelty into our midst.



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10. So is peace possible with the Palestinians?
 Palestinians are taught from age zero to hate every Jew and this hatred becomes second nature.

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11. Peace with the Palestinians is impossible.
 The only way our nations can coexist is if they start teaching their children to love Jews- and that will only happen when Moshiach comes!



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