

# PARSHAS KORACH

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## PARSHAH OVERVIEW



Korach's rebels. Moshe tries to reconcile, to no avail. Korach and his followers get swallowed by the earth. Many Jews die in plague. Aharon's position of authority is confirmed. The Parshah also discusses guarding the Mishkan, as well as gifts to the Levites and Priests.



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## PARSHAH STATS

Pesukim - 95

Words - 1,409

Letters - 5,325

Mitzvos - 9



## QUOTABLE QUOTE

*"To be cured of potential violence towards the Other, I must be able to imagine myself as the Other."*

*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt"l*

## QUICK VORT

The very first Rashi in Parshas Korach is strange. Rashi says: פרשה זו יפה נדרשת במדרש רבי תנחומא - this passage is beautifully expounded in the Midrash R' Tanchuma.

Why does Rashi feel the need to say this? It's not typical for him to explain a passuk in this way.

Perhaps, Rashi - by saying this pshat - is actually explaining the overall mistake of Korach, and as such, is giving us a practical takeaway lesson from Parshas Korach.

Korach had an inability to see יפה - to see beauty and good - in someone else. This mentality led to his demise.

Rashi, to explain the mistake of Korach, starts off by saying: This passage is יפה נדרשת - beautifully expounded - in the Midrash... There is beauty in what he has, and I recognize that. Korach failed to live in this way.  
**Have a holy Shabbos!**

## GEMATRIA



There are exactly 95 pesukim that make up Parshas Korach. It's interesting, the mistake of Korach was that he didn't see יפה, as Rashi says: לא ראה יפה. Fascinatingly, the gematria of יפה is 95!

## THOUGHTS IN CHASSIDUS

The Noam Elimelech says an amazing thing. When the Mishnah in Avos says זו מחלוקת קרה וכל עדתו - *this is the argument of Korach and his assembly* - it doesn't say who they argued against. Why? Because, in essence, they were arguing amongst each other! Each one had their own negative approach.



## DID YOU KNOW



A recent study at Oregon State University found that when people feel they have resolved an argument, the emotional response associated with that disagreement is significantly reduced and, in some situations, almost entirely erased.