

## **Numbers 27:1-11 (From the Torah portion Parashat Pinchas)**

1. The daughters of Zelophehad, of Manassite family—son of Hephher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph—came forward. The names of the daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

**Describe a formative childhood experience that Hoglah, the middle daughter had that she is remembering right now**

2. They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the chieftains, and the whole assembly, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and they said,

3. “Our father died in the wilderness. He was not one of the faction, Korah’s faction, which banded together against the LORD, but died for his own sin; and he has left no sons.

**What was Zelophchad’s sin?**

4. Let not our father’s name be lost to his clan just because he had no son! Give us a holding among our father’s kinsmen!”

**Describe Zelophchad’s prized possession that his daughters will be inheriting**

5. Moses brought their case before the LORD.

**What was the oldest daughter Mahlah daydreaming about while they waited for an answer from Moses? What about Tirzah, the youngest?**

6. And the LORD said to Moses,

**Narrate Moses’ opening argument to God about the case**

7. “The plea of Zelophehad’s daughters is just: you should give them a hereditary holding among their father’s kinsmen; transfer their father’s share to them.

**How did the Noah, the second oldest react to the news? Who did she run and tell first?**

8. “Further, speak to the Israelite people as follows: ‘If a man dies without leaving a son, you shall transfer his property to his daughter.

9. If he has no daughter, you shall assign his property to his brothers.

10. If he has no brothers, you shall assign his property to his father’s brothers.

11. If his father had no brothers, you shall assign his property to his nearest relative in his own clan, and he shall inherit it.’ This shall be the law of procedure for the Israelites, in accordance with the LORD’s command to Moses.”

**How did the rest of the Israelites react to this law change?**