

You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal Peor. The LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, but all of you who held fast to the LORD your God are still alive today (Deuteronomy 4:3-4 NIV).

They yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor  
and ate sacrifices offered to lifeless gods;  
they aroused the LORD's anger by their wicked deeds,  
and a plague broke out among them.  
But Phinehas stood up and intervened,  
and the plague was checked.  
This was credited to him as righteousness  
for endless generations to come (Psalm 106:28-31).

"When I found Israel,  
it was like finding grapes in the desert;  
when I saw your ancestors,  
it was like seeing the early fruit on the fig tree.  
But when they came to Baal Peor,  
they consecrated themselves to that shameful idol  
and became as vile as the thing they loved" (Hosea 9:10 NIV).