

~AMALEK (567)

(Am'a-lek)[Amalekites, A-mal'ek-ites]

- Son of Esau's firstborn Eliphaz, by his concubine Timna.
- And Timna became the concubine of Eliphaz, Esau's son. In time she bore to Eliphaz **Amalek**. These are the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. (**Genesis 36:12**)
- Sheik Korah, Sheik Gatam, Sheik **Amalek**. These are the sheiks of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These are the sons by Adah. (**Genesis 36:16**)
- **Amalek**, a grandson of Esau, was one of the sheiks of Edom.
- These are the sheiks of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, Esau's firstborn, Sheik Teman, Sheik Omar, Sheik Zepho, Sheik Kenaz. (**Genesis 36:15**)
- Sheik Korah, Sheik Gatam, Sheik **Amalek**. These are the sheiks of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These are the sons by Adah. (**Genesis 36:16**)
- **Amalek's** name also designated his tribal descendants.
- There should be a remembering of what **Amalek** did to you in the way when you were coming out of Egypt. (**Deuteronomy 25:17**)
- Now Midian and **Amalek** and all the Easterners were plumped in the low plain as numerous as locusts, and their camels were without number, as numerous as the grains of sand that are on the seashore. (**Judges 7:12**)
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I must call to account what **Amalek** did to Israel when he set himself against him in the way while he was coming up out of Egypt. (**1 Samuel 15:2**)
- The belief of some that the **Amalekites** were of a much earlier origin and not descendants of Esau's grandson **Amalek** is not founded on solid factual ground. The idea that the **Amalekites** predated **Amalek** was based on Balaam's proverbial utterance; **Amalek** was the first one of the nations, but his end afterward will be even his perishing.

- When he got to see **Amalek**, he carried further his proverbial utterance and went on to say; **Amalek** was the first one of the nations, but his end afterward will be even his perishing. (**Numbers 24:20**)
- However, Balaam was not speaking here of history in general and the origin of nations seven or eight centuries earlier. He was speaking of history only in connection with the Israelites, whom he was hired to curse and who were about to enter the Promised Land. Hence, after listing Moab, Edom, and Seir as Israel's opponents, Balaam declares that the **Amalekites** were actually the first one of the nations to rise up in opposition to the Israelites on their march out of Egypt toward Palestine, and for this reason, the end of **Amalek** will be even his perishing.
- Moses, therefore, in relating events of Abraham's day before **Amalek** was born, spoke of the whole field of the **Amalekites**, evidently describing the **region** as understood by people of Moses time, instead of implying that **Amalekites** predated **Amalek**.
- Then they turned about and came to Enmishpat, that is, Kadesh, and defeated the whole field of the **Amalekites** and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazontamar. (**Genesis 14:7**)
- The center of this **Amalekite** territory was North of Kadesh-barnea in the Negeb desert in the southern part of Palestine, with their tributary camps radiating out into the Sinai Peninsula and northern Arabia.
- After that Saul went striking down **Amalek** from Havilah as far as Shur, which is in front of Egypt. (**1 Samuel 15:7**)
- At one time their influence may have extended into the hills of Ephraim.
- Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim in the mountain of the **Amalekite**. (**Judges 12:15**)
- The **Amalekites** were the first one of the nations to launch an unprovoked attack on the Israelites after the Exodus, at Rephidim near Mount Sinai. As a consequence, Yehowah decreed ultimate extinction for the **Amalekites**.

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- And the **Amalekites** proceeded to come and fight against Israel in Rephidim. (**Exodus 17:8**)
- At this Moses said to Joshua; Choose men for us and go out, fight against the **Amalekites**. Tomorrow I am stationing myself upon the top of the hill, with the rod of the true God in my hand. (**Exodus 17:9**)
- Then Joshua did just as Moses had said to him, in order to fight against the **Amalekites**, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. (**Exodus 17:10**)
- And it occurred that as soon as Moses would lift his hand up, the Israelites proved superior, but as soon as he would let down his hand, the **Amalekites** proved superior. (**Exodus 17:11**)
- When the hands of Moses were heavy, then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat upon it, and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on this side and the other on that side, so that his hands held steady until the sun set. (**Exodus 17:12**)
- Hence Joshua vanquished **Amalek** and his people with the edge of the sword. (**Exodus 17:13**)
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Write this as a memorial in the book and propound it in Joshua's ears, I shall completely wipe out the remembrance of **Amalek** from under the heavens. (**Exodus 17:14**)
- And Moses proceeded to build an altar and to call its name Yehowah-nissi. (**Exodus 17:15**)
- Saying; Because a hand is against the throne of Yah, Yehowah will have war with **Amalek** from generation to generation. (**Exodus 17:16**)
- There should be a remembering of what **Amalek** did to you in the way when you were coming out of Egypt. (**Deuteronomy 25:17**)

- How he met you in the way and proceeded to strike in the rear of you all those straggling after you, while you were exhausted and weary, and he did not fear God. (**Deuteronomy 25:18**)
- And it must occur that when Yehowah your God has given you rest from all your enemies round about in the land that Yehowah your God is giving you as an inheritance to take possession of it, you should wipe out the mention of **Amalek** from under the heavens. You must not forget. (**Deuteronomy 25:19**)
- A year later, when the Israelites attempted to enter the Promised Land contrary to Yehowah's word, they were repulsed by the **Amalekites**.
- But Moses said; Why is it that you are passing beyond the order of Yehowah? But that will not succeed. (**Numbers 14:41**)
- Do not go up, because Yehowah is not in your midst, that you may not be defeated before your enemies. (**Numbers 14:42**)
- For the **Amalekites** and the Canaanites are there before you, and you are certain to fall by the sword, because, for the reason that you turned back from following Yehowah, Yehowah will not continue with you. (**Numbers 14:43**)
- However, they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain, but the ark of Yehowah's covenant and Moses did not move away from the midst of the camp. (**Numbers 14:44**)
- Then the **Amalekites** and the Canaanites who were dwelling in that mountain came on down and began striking them and went scattering them as far as Hormah. (**Numbers 14:45**)
- Twice during the days of the Judges these adversaries of Israel shared in assaulting Israel. They did it in the days of Eglon king of Moab.
- And once again the sons of Israel went doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. At that Yehowah let Eglon the king of Moab grow strong against Israel, because they did what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. (**Judges 3:12**)
- Furthermore, he gathered against them the sons of Ammon and

- Amalek.** Then they went and struck Israel and took possession of the city of palm trees. (**Judges 3:13**)
- Again, with the Midianites and Easterners, they pillaged the land of Israel seven years before Gideon and his 300 men dealt them a smashing defeat.
 - Then the sons of Israel began to do what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah. So Yehowah gave them into the hand of Midian for seven years. (**Judges 6:1**)
 - And the hand of Midian came to prevail over Israel. Due to Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the underground store places that were in the mountains, and the caves and the places difficult to approach. (**Judges 6:2**)
 - And it occurred that, if Israel sowed seed, Midian and **Amalek** and the Easterners came up, yes, they came up against them. (**Judges 6:3**)
 - And all Midian and **Amalek** and the Easterners gathered together as one and proceeded to cross over and camp in the low plain of Jezreel. (**Judges 6:33**)
 - Now Midian and **Amalek** and all the Easterners were plumped in the low plain as numerous as locusts, and their camels were without number, as numerous as the grains of sand that are on the seashore. (**Judges 7:12**)
 - And the Sidonians and **Amalek** and Midian, when they oppressed you and you went crying out to me, that I proceeded to save you out of their hand? (**Judges 10:12**)
 - Because of this persistent hatred, during the period of the kings Yehowah called to account the **Amalekites**, commanding King Saul to strike them down, which he did from Havilah as far as Shur, which is in front of Egypt. However, Saul, overstepping Yehowah's order, spared Agag their king. But God was not mocked, for Samuel went hacking Agag to pieces before Yehowah in Gilgal.
 - This is what Yehowah of armies has said; I must call to account what **Amalek** did to Israel when he set himself against him in the way while he was coming up out of Egypt. (**1 Samuel 15:2**)

- Now go, and you must strike down **Amalek** and devote him to destruction with all that he has, and you must not have compassion upon him, and you must put them to death, man as well as woman, child as well as suckling, bull as well as sheep, camel as well as ass. (1 Samuel 15:3)
- Accordingly Saul summoned the people and took the count of them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot and ten thousand men of Judah. (1 Samuel 15:4)
- And Saul proceeded to come as far as the city of **Amalek** and to lie in ambush by the torrent valley. (1 Samuel 15:5)
- Meanwhile Saul said to the Kenites; Go, depart, go down from the midst of the **Amalekites**, that I may not sweep you away with them. As for you, you exercised loving-kindness with all the sons of Israel at the time of their coming up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from the midst of **Amalek**. (1 Samuel 15:6)
- After that Saul went striking down **Amalek** from Havilah as far as Shur, which is in front of Egypt. (1 Samuel 15:7)
- And he got to catch Agag the king of **Amalek** alive, and all the other people he devoted to destruction with the edge of the sword. (1 Samuel 15:8)
- But Saul and the people had compassion upon Agag and upon the best of the flock and the herd and the fat one's and upon the rams and upon all that was good, and they did not wish to devote them to destruction. As for all the goods that were despicable and rejected, these they devoted to destruction. (1 Samuel 15:9)
- The word of Yehowah now came to Samuel, saying; (1 Samuel 15:10)
- I do regret that I have caused Saul to reign as king, because he has turned back from following me, and my words he has not carried out. And it was distressing to Samuel, and he kept crying out to Yehowah all night long. (1 Samuel 15:11)
- Then Samuel got up early to meet Saul in the morning. But report was made to Samuel, saying; Saul came to Carmel, and, look! he was erecting a monument for himself, and he then turned around and went across and descended to Gilgal. (1

Samuel 15:12)

- **At length Samuel came to Saul, and Saul began to say to him; Blessed are you of Yehowah. I have carried out the word of Yehowah. (1 Samuel 15:13)**
- **But Samuel said; Then what does this sound of the flock in my ears mean, and the sound of the herd that I am hearing? (1 Samuel 15:14)**
- **To this Saul said; From the Amalekites they have brought them, because the people had compassion upon the best of the flock and of the herd, for the purpose of sacrificing to Yehowah your God, but what was left over we have devoted to destruction. (1 Samuel 15:15)**
- **At this Samuel said to Saul; Stop! And I will tell you what Yehowah spoke to me last night. So he said to him; Speak! (1 Samuel 15:16)**
- **And Samuel went on to say; Was it not when you were little in your own eyes that you were head of the tribes of Israel, and Yehowah proceeded to anoint you as king over Israel? (1 Samuel 15:17)**
- **Later Yehowah sent you on a mission and said; Go, and you must devote the sinners, the Amalekites, to destruction, and you must fight against them until you will have exterminated them. (1 Samuel 15:18)**
- **So why is it you did not obey the voice of Yehowah but went darting greedily at the spoil and doing what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah? (1 Samuel 15:19)**
- **However, Saul said to Samuel; But I have obeyed the voice of Yehowah in that I went on the mission on which Yehowah had sent me and I brought Agag the king of Amalek, but Amalek I have devoted to destruction. (1 Samuel 15:20)**
- **And the people went taking from the spoil sheep and cattle, the choicest of them as something devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to Yehowah your God in Gilgal. (1 Samuel 15:21)**
- **In turn Samuel said; Does Yehowah have as much delight in**

burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of Yehowah? Look! To obey is better than a sacrifice, to pay attention than the fat of rams. (**1 Samuel 15:22**)

- For rebelliousness is the same as the sin of divination, and pushing ahead presumptuously the same as using uncanny power and teraphim. Since you have rejected the word of Yehowah, he accordingly rejects you from being king. (**1 Samuel 15:23**)
- Then Saul said to Samuel; I have sinned, for I have overstepped the order of Yehowah and your words, because I feared the people and so obeyed their voice. (**1 Samuel 15:24**)
- And now, please, pardon my sin and return with me that I may prostrate myself to Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 15:25**)
- But Samuel said to Saul; I shall not return with you, for you have rejected the word of Yehowah, and Yehowah rejects you from continuing as king over Israel. (**1 Samuel 15:26**)
- As Samuel was turning about to go, he immediately grabbed hold of the skirt of his sleeveless coat, but it ripped away. (**1 Samuel 15:27**)
- At this Samuel said to him; Yehowah has ripped away the royal rule of Israel from off you today, and he will certainly give it to a fellowman of yours who is better than you. (**1 Samuel 15:28**)
- And, besides, the Excellency of Israel will not prove false, and He will not feel regrets, for He is not an earthling man so as to feel regrets. (**1 Samuel 15:29**)
- At this he said; I have sinned. Now honor me, please, in front of the older men of my people and in front of Israel and return with me, and I shall certainly prostrate myself to Yehowah your God. (**1 Samuel 15:30**)
- So Samuel returned behind Saul, and Saul proceeded to prostrate himself to Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 15:31**)
- After that Samuel said; Bring Agag the king of **Amalek** near to me. Then Agag went to him reluctantly, and Agag began to say to himself; Truly the bitter experience of death has departed. (**1**

Samuel 15:32)

- However, Samuel said; Just as your sword has bereaved women of children, in that way your mother will be most bereaved of children among women. With that Samuel went hacking Agag to pieces before Yehowah in Gilgal. (**1 Samuel 15:33**)
- Some of David's raids included **Amalekite** villages, and when they in return attacked Ziklag and carried off David's wives and goods, he and 400 men overtook them, recovering all that had been stolen.
- And David proceeded to go up with his men that they might raid the Geshurites and the Girzites and the **Amalekites**, for they were inhabiting the land that extended from Telam as far as Shur and down to the land of Egypt. (**1 Samuel 27:8**)
- And it came about while David and his men were coming to Ziklag on the third day, that the **Amalekites** made a raid on the south and on Ziklag, and they proceeded to strike Ziklag and burn it with fire. (**1 Samuel 30:1**)
- And to carry off captive the women and all that were in it, from the smallest to the greatest. They did not put anyone to death, but they drove them along and went on their way. (**1 Samuel 30:2**)
- When David came with his men to the city, why, there it was burned with fire, and, as for their wives and their sons and their daughters, they had been carried off captive. (**1 Samuel 30:3**)
- And David and the people that were with him began to raise their voice and weep, until there was in them no power to weep anymore. (**1 Samuel 30:4**)
- And David's two wives had been carried off captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. (**1 Samuel 30:5**)
- And it became very distressing to David, because the people said to stone him, for the soul of all the people had become bitter, each one because of his sons and his daughters. So David took to strengthening himself by Yehowah his God. (**1 Samuel 30:6**)
- Hence David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech;

Do, please, bring the ephod near to me. And Abiathar came bringing the ephod near to David. (1 Samuel 30:7)

- **And David began to inquire of Yehowah, saying; Shall I chase after this marauder band? Shall I overtake them? At this he said to him; Go in chase, for you will without fail overtake them, and you will without fail make a deliverance. (1 Samuel 30:8)**
- **Promptly David got on his way, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and they went on as far as the torrent valley of Besor, and the men that were to be left behind stood still. (1 Samuel 30:9)**
- **And David kept up the chase, he and four hundred men, but two hundred men that were too tired to pass over the torrent valley of Besor stood still. (1 Samuel 30:10)**
- **And they got to find a man, an Egyptian, in the field. So they took him to David and gave him bread that he might eat and gave him water to drink. (1 Samuel 30:11)**
- **Further, they gave him a slice of a cake of pressed figs and two cakes of raisins. Then he ate and his spirit returned to him, for he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights. (1 Samuel 30:12)**
- **David now said to him; To whom do you belong, and where are you from? To which he said; I am an Egyptian attendant, a slave of an **Amalekite** man, but my master left me because I took sick three days ago. (1 Samuel 30:13)**
- **We were the ones that made a raid on the south of the Cherethites and upon that which belongs to Judah and upon the south of Caleb, and Ziklag we burned with fire. (1 Samuel 30:14)**
- **At this David said to him; Will you lead me down to this marauder band? To this he said; Do swear to me by God that you will not put me to death, and that you will not surrender me into the hand of my master, and I shall lead you down to this marauder band. (1 Samuel 30:15)**
- **Accordingly he led him down, and there they were spread disorderly over the surface of all the land eating and drinking and having a feast on account of all the great spoil that they had**

taken from the land of the Philistines and the land of Judah. (**1 Samuel 30:16**)

- And David went striking them down from the morning darkness until the evening, that he might devote them to destruction, and not a man of them escaped except four hundred young men that rode upon camels and took to flight. (**1 Samuel 30:17**)
- And David got to deliver all that the **Amalekites** had taken, and his two wives David delivered. (**1 Samuel 30:18**)
- And there was nothing of theirs lacking, from the smallest to the greatest and to sons and daughters and from the spoil, even to anything that they had taken for themselves. Everything David recovered. (**1 Samuel 30:19**)
- So David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before that other livestock. Then they said; This is David's spoil. (**1 Samuel 30:20**)
- During the reign of Hezekiah, some of the tribe of Simeon annihilated the remnant of the **Amalekites**.
- And from them there were some of the sons of Simeon that went to Mount Seir, five hundred men, with Pelatiah and Neariah and Rephaiah and Uzziel the sons of Ishi at their head. (**1 Chronicles 4:42**)
- And they proceeded to strike down the remnant that had escaped of **Amalek**, and they continued to dwell there down to this day. (**1 Chronicles 4:43**)
- There is no further direct mention of the **Amalekites** in Biblical or secular history. However, Haman the son of, the Agagite was probably a descendant, for Agag was the title or name of certain **Amalekite** kings.
- After these things King Ahasuerus magnified Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite and proceeded to exalt him and to put his throne above all the other princes that were with him. (**Esther 3:1**)
- Water keeps trickling from his two leather buckets, and his seed is by many waters. His king also will be higher than Agag, and

his kingdom will be lifted up. (**Numbers 24:7**)

- And he got to catch Agag the king of **Amalek** alive, and all the other people he devoted to destruction with the edge of the sword. (**1 Samuel 15:8**)
- But Saul and the people had compassion upon Agag and upon the best of the flock and the herd and the fat one's and upon the rams and upon all that was good, and they did not wish to devote them to destruction. As for all the goods that were despicable and rejected, these they devoted to destruction. (**1 Samuel 15:9**)
- Thus the **Amalekites**, along with others mentioned by name, were exterminated in order, that people may know that you, whose name is Yehowah, you alone are the Most High over all the earth.
- The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites. (**Psalms 83:6**)
- Gebal and Ammon and **Amalek**, Philistia together with the inhabitants of Tyre. (**Psalms 83:7**)
- Also, Assyria itself has become joined with them, they have become an arm to the sons of Lot. (**Psalms 83:8**)
- Do to them as to Midian, as to Sisera, as to Jabin at the torrent valley of Kishon. (**Psalms 83:9**)
- They were annihilated at En-dor, they became manure for the ground. (**Psalms 83:10**)
- As for their nobles, make these like Oreb and like Zeeb, and like Zebah and like Zalmunna all their dukes. (**Psalms 83:11**)
- Who have said; Let us take possession of the abiding places of God for ourselves. (**Psalms 83:12**)
- O my God, make them like a thistle whirl, like stubble before a wind. (**Psalms 83:13**)
- Like a fire that burns up the forest and like a flame that scorches the mountains. (**Psalms 83:14**)
- In just that way may you pursue them with your tempest and

may you disturb them with your own storm wind. (**Psalms 83:15**)

- Fill their faces with dishonor, that people may search for your name, O Yehowah. (**Psalms 83:16**)
- O may they be ashamed and be disturbed for all times, and may they become abashed and perish. (**Psalms 83:17**)
- That people may know that you, whose name is Yehowah, you alone are the Most High over all the earth. (**Psalms 83:18**)