
שבת זכור

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Shabbat Zachor

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תִּצְוֹה (T'tsaveh) – “You shall command”

תורה

Torah:

Exodus 27:20-30:10

מפטיר

Maftir:

Deuteronomy 25:17-19

הפטרה

Haphtarah:

1 Sam 15:2-34 (Ashkenazi)

1 Sam 15:1-34 (Sephardi)

Ezekiel 43:10-27 (Usual Haphtarah reading withheld)

ברית

Brit Chadasha:

חדש

Hebrews 13:10-16 (Jeff Feinberg)

Ephesians 6:10-18; Rev 18:1-24 (David Stern)

Children's Gentile Hero: Erwin Rommel (Devorah Harms)

Shabbat Zachor – Reading cycle and background

Today is *Shabbat Zachor*, number 3 of 4 special Sabbaths before Passover¹. *Zachor* (זכור) was a command G-D spoke to us, meaning “Remember!” Jews around the world read through the 5

¹ 2 of these occur before Purim; 2 more occur before Passover

oldest books of the bible, either once a year, or once every 3 years depending on the Jewish community. Related readings from the rest of the Hebrew Bible were chosen to go with the weekly readings, and Messianic congregations have added readings from the Newer Covenant. The reading cycle is sometimes changed (as it was this week) as the Jewish calendar is lunar based, and “leap months” are added every few years to realign everything back to the solar cycle. Today, the discussion topic around the world is *Amalek* (עַמָּלֵךְ)² and the *Amalekites*, the first enemy Israel fought after leaving Egypt. One rabbi went as far as saying it’s even more important to be in *shul* for *Shabbat Zachor* than for *Yom Kippur*³! The L-RD made known that conflict with *Amalek* would occur generation after generation⁴. The details of our first battle with *Amalek* are given in Exodus 17⁵, but G-D’s command for us to remember that 1st encounter is in Deuteronomy 25, and has been translated as follows:

Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and attacked all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God. When the LORD your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land he is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget! (Verses 17-19, NIV)

About a year later, we sent 12 spies to survey the Promised Land. G-D assured us we could take the land, but we made excuses why we couldn’t. As a result, G-D advised us we would have to wait 40 years before entering the land. We decided we didn’t want to wait, and we tried to force entry into Canaan without G-D being with us, and what happened? We got our behinds handed to us by *Amalek*⁶.

Some 400 years later, G-D instructed our first king, Saul to:

...go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys (1 Sam 15:3, NIV)

That G-D would command something so “politically incorrect” is hard to understand. Why did G-D order something so extreme? To answer that, we must look at who *Amalek* was...and is.

Who was Amalek?

² <http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H6002&t=NIV>

³ Shabbat Zachor <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vr-uk7ZYfNU>

⁴ Exodus 17:16

⁵ Verses 8-16

⁶ Numbers 14:43-45

Amalek and Israel are related peoples. *Amalek* was the grandson of Jacob's twin brother Esau, Jacob and Esau were fraternal twins⁷. Esau, after selling his birthright to his brother for a bowl of stew⁸ and later realizing the huge mistake he made, he wept loudly with many tears⁹, but these tears were for nothing. We know this, because Esau later named one of his sons *Eliphaz*. *Eliphaz* (אֵלִיָּהוּ) translates "My god is fine gold"¹⁰. This gives an indication of where Esau's spiritual head was at. People in bible times didn't name their kid's randomly like we do today; a baby was named according to cherished values the parents held¹¹. Esau had some of the influence of his G-D fearing father Isaac on him; *Eliphaz*'s son had no such influence. And *Eliphaz*'s son was *Amalek*.

Amalek's mother was from a tribe unrelated to Israel, the Horites¹². The name *Amalek* seems to be non-Israelite. It probably meant something in the Horite language, but it has a Hebrew meaning. The Hebrew word picture¹³ for *Amalek* is grabbing an eye and twisting it out; to blind¹⁴. The twisting action is the same as in Leviticus, where the priest would wring the head off a dove or pigeon¹⁵. *Amalek* is a hideous priest, mutilating himself and others. He destroys spiritual vision, and his destructive acts are carried out in a religious way. There are two words for evil: Ra (רָעַ)¹⁶, which is regular evil and Re-sha (רֵשָׁע)¹⁷, which is even deadlier evil. Re-sha is different Hebrew letters, but the same word picture as *Amalek*: a person destroying the eye¹⁸ – willful blindness. The Philistines forced Samson to his knees in front of them and gouged out his eyes¹⁹. Nebuchadnezzar forced Zedekiah to his knees, and after forcing him to watch his sons being slaughtered, his eyesight was destroyed²⁰. *Amalek* is bent on destroying the

⁷ Genesis 25:24-26

⁸ Genesis 25:29-34

⁹ Hebrews 12:17

¹⁰ <http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H464&t=NIV>

¹¹ To see how important names are in the bible, here's a homework assignment; take the supposedly boring genealogy in Genesis 5 and write the names in that genealogy out in a list. Then beside each name, write out the meaning of that person's name. Then read the meanings of the names together in order as a continuous sentence. You will be amazed at what this sentence conveys!

¹² <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&keywords=Timna&commit=search>

¹³ Each Hebrew letter originally had a pictographic representation. Hebrew letters were put together to make a "picture" or to visually demonstrate an action. For background, Dr. Frank T. Seekins, Hebrew Word Pictures, Living Word Pictures Inc., 1994.

¹⁴ ע (eye) + מֶלֶךְ (Strong's word 4454) = *עמלק* (Amalek)

¹⁵ <http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H4454&t=NIV>; Leviticus 1:15

¹⁶ <http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H7451&t=NIV>

¹⁷ <http://www.morfix.co.il/%D7%A8%D7%A9%D7%A2>

¹⁸ ר (head/person) + ע (teeth/destroy) + ע (eye/see/perceive) = רשע

¹⁹ Judges 16:21

²⁰ 2 Kings 25:5-7

commonwealth of Israel, both Jew and gentile²¹, by any means necessary. And if he can't destroy us as a people, he targets our spiritual eyesight²², and when he does this, he thinks he is doing a great and holy thing.

Back to the 2 kinds of evil. With Ra (רע), a person acts based only on his or her perceptions, without considering right or wrong. Someone acting this way might regret their actions later. **Re-sha** is the same as Ra, but the person considers all possible outcomes, and the effect on self and others, and says "Right or wrong be damned, I'm going to do X anyway". This kind of willful blindness sears the conscience²³, and destroys our ability to see spiritually at all.

Why did G-D consider the attack to be so heinous?

That Israel and the *Amalek* are related people and *Amalek* attacked us anyway was bad enough. It would be like dining at a large family reunion, and your fourth cousin 3 times removed grabs a knife and attacks 90 year old aunt Edna and 4 year old Jimmy - from behind! But Exodus 17 gives another reason why G-D saw this attack as so heinous. The NIV puts it this way:

Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the LORD, the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation (Verse 16, Emphasis added)

Amalek declared war on the very source of G-D's authority. After we left Egypt, G-D lead us to Mount Sinai for HIS rule to be established in our midst. Enroute, *Amalek* attacked us at a place called *Rephidim*²⁴. *Rephidim* (רֶפִידִים) can be translated "upholsterers"²⁵; upholsterers make furniture comfortable. G-D was creating HIS very throne in the midst of Israel, and he was going to teach us how to make HIS throne comfortable; how to upholster it. For *Amalek*, as long as G-D was some kind of nomad wandering god who could be controlled, that was fine. But the more G-D revealed that HE was ONE from WHOM authority came, the more nervous *Amalek* became. *Amalek* knew G-D wouldn't just rule just over Jews; HIS plan was to be the sovereign all mankind. *Amalek* wanted no part of this then, and he still wants nothing to do with it now.

Who is Amalek today? From Generation to Generation; The Battle Continues (Ex 17:16)

Fast forward to the time of the Persian Empire, 5th century BC. Israel vs. *Amalek*, the bell rings again for another round. A certain Haman, an Amalekite, gets a law passed to have all Jews

²¹ Ephesians 2:12-14

²² Proverbs 29:18

²³ 1 Timothy 4:2

²⁴ Exodus 17:8

²⁵ <http://www.morfix.co.il/%D7%A8%D7%A4%D7%93>

killed, some 2400 years before Hitler²⁶. This guy Haman might have even had a small moustache cropped under his nose with the right and left edges shaved off, but I wasn't able to confirm that.

G-D made known that we would be at war with the Amalekites generation after generation. The fight is going on today. And the fight is not just for Jews. If you're a gentile believer, your role in this fight is just as important.

The Amalekites have genes and genetics that make them who they are, but we can no longer identify them on that basis. Modern rabbis hold that at least some Germans must be Amalekites, due to the insane hatred manifested by the Nazis. But it can't be all Germans. Take Sophie Scholl and her brother Hans, who publically denounced Nazism at their university, and were beheaded for it²⁷. Or Erwin Rommel "The Desert Fox", the Nazi general who ignored Hitler's orders to deport French Jews and to kill captured Jewish soldiers and civilians in North Africa. Rommel wrote many letters protesting our mistreatment during that time²⁸. Hitler forced Rommel to commit suicide in exchange for his family not to be killed. We can't equate *Amalek* with any one race or nation today. But the rabbis are onto something; *you can see who Amalek is by seeing what Amalek does*. We could try to isolate Amalekite DNA by getting blood samples from Iran's former president Ahmadinejad, or the leadership of Hamas, ISIS, Al-qaeda, Hezbollah, Boko Haram and The Muslim Brotherhood. It's possible they may not cooperate though.

Numbers 24 gives an important clue who *Amalek* is when it says he is *Reysheet* (ראשית) "first" among the nations²⁹. *Reysheet* is a first fruits or a first harvest³⁰. *Amalek* both is a deadly fruit and he produces deadly fruit. *Reysheet* also means that *Amalek* is a leader, dispersed among different nations. *Amalek* spearheads the rebellion against the G-D of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the only hope for the world - HIS SON.

Psalm 83 is a prophetic psalm where 10 nations of one mind surround Israel, all intent on her destruction; *Amalek* is number 7 of these nations.

Amalek's king *Agag* (אֲגָג) also illustrates who *Amalek* is. *Agag* wasn't the name of just one man; it was a title, like pharaoh. *Agag* - but I don't hear anyone laughing; here's why. *Agag* literally means "I will roof", or "I will be on top (of everything and everyone)".³¹ His prayer is "My kingdom come; my will be done." Nothing has changed; *Amalek* wants to dominate everything and everyone, with everyone, especially the people of G-D, subservient to him.

There is a connection between *Amalek* and Babylon. *Amalek* is **first** among the nations. And the world's **first** empire? Babylon. Babylon has always lead the exodus away from G-D; so does

²⁶ Book of Esther

²⁷ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sophie_Scholl

²⁸ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erwin_Rommel

²⁹ Verse 20 (NIV)

³⁰ <http://www.morfix.co.il/%D7%A8%D6%B5%D7%90%D7%A9%D7%81%D6%B4%D7%99%D7%AA>

³¹ <http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H90&t=NIV>

Amalek. Where was the tower of Babel built? Babylon. When G-D called Abraham, where was he called from? Babylon. Where were we taken captive for 70 years? Babylon. What's THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH that Revelation talks about³²? Babylon. The bible doesn't say this, but Josephus wrote that Nimrod built the tower of Babel and gradually set up an oppressive dictatorship³³. When you translate what "Nimrod" means in Hebrew, it sends a chill up the spine. "Nimrod" literally means: "We will rebel". Both *Amalek* and Babylon are devoted to rebellion against G-D.

The crescent moon has always been the symbol of Babylon. Here's an image from a cylinder seal, about 2100 BC Babylon, right around Abraham's time³⁴:



The crescent moon is between the third and fourth figures. Babylon had moon, sun and star gods, but the moon god Sin became more and more important. The last king of Babylon, Nabonidus³⁵, really pushed the cult of the moon god ahead of the other cults³⁶.

Check out this gal, the goddess Ishtar, about 13th century BC Babylon, around the time of the Judges³⁷:

³² 17:5

³³ Josephus, *Jewish Antiquities*, Book 1, Chapter 4, Sections 2 and 3
(<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0146%3Abook%3D1%3Awhiston+chapter%3D4%3Awhiston+section%3D2>)

³⁴ Cylinder seal of Ḫaššamer, ensi (governor) of Iškun-Sin, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sin_\(mythology\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sin_(mythology))

³⁵ Reigned ca. 556 – 539 BC

³⁶ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nabonidus>

³⁷ <http://saltlakebiblecollege.org/library/Lib%20C/comptheoone.html>



It kind of looks like horns on her head, but it's actually a crescent moon. Fast forward 1300 years to Artemis of the Ephesians, the goddess Paul almost got killed over. This statue rendition is long after Paul's time, but is it true to how the Greeks viewed this moon/warrior/hunter goddess³⁸. Notice the hunting dog. Look on top of her head³⁹:

³⁸ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artemis>

³⁹ <http://www.crystalinks.com/artemis.html>



It's not in every translation, but the crescent moon symbol is mentioned 3 times in scripture (*saharoneem*, שָׁהָרִים⁴⁰), twice in Judges⁴¹ once in Isaiah⁴². In Judges, crescent moon ornaments were around the necks of the camels of Zebah and Zalmunna and the kings of Midian - enemies of Israel. In Isaiah, some women of Jerusalem dressed lavishly, were arrogant, and took to wearing crescent moon necklaces. G-D put these details in these passages for us to notice.

The crescent moon symbol appears ontop of minarets of mosques around the world; Islam is Babylonian religion repackaged. Alla(h) first appeared during the time of our enslavement in Egypt, around 1700 BC in the Babylonian Epic of Atrahasis. This Alla(h) was one of a number of brothers, but they all took orders from him⁴³. Arabs today call Mecca "Mount Babel", and at the holiest site of Islam, Mecca's Kaaba, there are seven huge buildings with one of the largest towers in the world⁴⁴. Genesis 11 comes to mind: "Come, let us build a city with a **tower** that reaches to the heavens"⁴⁵. Acts 19 tells us that the **image** of the goddess Artemis fell from the sky, and the Ephesians were worshipping this image at Ephesus; a meteorite⁴⁶. Five times a day, Muslims pray to a black stone meteorite, an **image**. Once in a lifetime, every Muslim must make the Hajj - go to Mecca to circle around the black stone 7 times, and then kiss it.

Remember that bit in Revelation about the **image** of the beast speaking?⁴⁷ There is a hadith in Islam, a saying of Muhammad, that at the end of time, the black stone will speak, and "it will testify in favor of those who touched it in sincerity"⁴⁸. The black stone has a silver "frame" around it. I didn't include a picture of it, because this is a family environment. The frame is in the shape of female genitalia. Muslims admit that before Muhammad, sexual rites were practiced naked at the Kaaba. And today, Hajj pilgrims are forbidden to wear underwear⁴⁹. The circling around the Kaaba 7 times was taken from Jewish wedding custom; a bride circles 7 times around her husband. This going around the Kaaba is a perverse wedding, followed by consummation of the marriage when one kisses the black stone. In Islam, temporary marriages exist, where, as long as the ceremony is witnessed and documented, a man and a woman can be "husband and wife", for a day, a weekend, or whatever brief period of time the "couple" decide on⁵⁰. The once in a lifetime obligation to kiss the black stone has another disturbing

⁴⁰ <http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H7720&t=NIV>

⁴¹ Chapter 8, verses 21 and 26

⁴² 3:18

⁴³ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allah>

⁴⁴ <http://shoebat.com/2014/04/21/muslims-rebuild-tower-babel-shocking-research/>

⁴⁵ Verse 4, my emphasis

⁴⁶ Verse 35

⁴⁷ 13:15

⁴⁸ <http://islamqa.info/en/1902>

⁴⁹ <http://www.haqislam.org/health-guidelines-for-hajj-and-umrah/>

⁵⁰ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nikah>

Babylonian precedent. The Greek historian Herodotus⁵¹ wrote that every Babylonian woman once in her lifetime had to go to a temple, and as part of religious ritual, be intimate with a man she had never before seen, and then accept as payment whatever amount of money the man gave her⁵².

Mecca, not Rome and not America, is the Whore of Babylon, Revelation's **MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**. Mecca in Arabic means "**mother**". Read Isaiah 21, Isaiah 34⁵³, Revelation chapters 13⁵⁴, 14⁵⁵, 17, 18, 19⁵⁶; Ezekiel 25⁵⁷ and Psalm 137⁵⁸. Read them all together. Revelation 17 says the Beast hates the Whore and is going to burn her with fire⁵⁹. This connects to a prophecy of Isaiah, not yet fulfilled, that the land of **Edom** will become burning pitch, burning generation after generation⁶⁰. The smoke of the burning of Revelation's Whore goes up forever and ever⁶¹. Geographically, the bible specifies that the land of **Edom** is from Teman (תְּמָן)⁶² to Dedan⁶³; today, that's from Yemen⁶⁴ to northwestern Saudi Arabia. Islamic prophecy is clear that before the time of the end, Mecca and Medina will both be destroyed⁶⁵. The heading of Isaiah 21 is "*A Prophecy against the Desert by the Sea*"; Mecca and Medina are right along that strip of land by the Red Sea. The Whore is rich beyond measure, symbolized by the expensive clothing and jewelry she wears⁶⁶. One word sums up the source of the riches: **Oil**. The burning pitch in **Edom** is burning oil. Revelation's Whore is drunk on blood⁶⁷. Those who refused to worship the **image** of the beast were killed⁶⁸.

⁵¹ C. 484-425 BC

⁵² The History of Herodotus, Book 1: Clio, Section 199 (<http://www.sacred-texts.com/cla/hh/hh1190.htm>)

⁵³ Verses 5-17

⁵⁴ Verse 15

⁵⁵ Verse 8

⁵⁶ Verse 3

⁵⁷ Verses 12-14

⁵⁸ Verses 7 and 8

⁵⁹ Verse 16

⁶⁰ 34:9

⁶¹ 19:1-3

⁶² <http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=H8487&t=NIV>

⁶³ Ezekiel 25:13

⁶⁴ <http://www.morfix.co.il/%D7%AA%D6%BC%D6%B5%D7%99%D7%9E%D6%B8%D7%9F>

⁶⁵ http://www.discoveringislam.org/destruction_of_kaba.htm;
<http://www.usc.edu/org/cmje/religious-texts/hadith/abudawud/037-sat.php>

⁶⁶ Revelation 17:1-5

⁶⁷ Revelation 17:6

Since Muhammad's time⁶⁹, some 270 million people have been killed in the name of Allah⁷⁰. Almost 3 times as many as were killed in World Wars I and II combined⁷¹.

I know this is not a pleasant conversation. Sticking our heads in the sand is an option; but the sand only goes so deep. When we get to the clay, we can dig through with our teeth, but eventually we hit bedrock, at which point, we start breaking our teeth. This is a matter of life and death – eternal life and eternal death. We read in Revelation that G-D's wrath will fall on those who worship the image of the Beast⁷². This hits very close to home; very dear members of my own family are Muslims. Clearly, there are problems with Islam, and one main problem is – we can't talk about the problems. We either don't know the facts about Islam (or our own faith) or how to communicate them, or we're afraid to offend, afraid to be labeled an "islamophobe". "Islamophobia" is a actually thought crushing device, designed to stop any criticism of Islam. In the United States, counter-terrorism training materials for the FBI, CIA and Secret Service have been rewritten, removing any mention of Jihad or Islam⁷³. "Free speech" in the western world is becoming less and less free. Well known informed speakers like Robert Spencer, Pamela Geller and Michael Savage have been banned from Britain⁷⁴, accused of promoting hate, simply for pointing out the clear historic connections between Islam and violence. Our NATO ally Erdogan, the president Turkey, of one of the most "moderate" Muslim nations on earth, has stated there is no moderate and no extreme Islam – there is only Islam⁷⁵. The roots of violent factionalism in Islam run very deep⁷⁶; not just Muslims fighting non-Muslims, but Muslims fighting each other. Also, Islamic theology goes into great detail about different ways one can lie, trick or deceive to achieve the goals of Islam⁷⁷. The different ways have different names:

Taqiyya or Muda'rat	(tactical deceit in order to spread Islam)
Kitman	(deceit by omission)
Tawriya	(deceit by ambiguity)

⁶⁸ Revelation 13:15

⁶⁹ Assuming he actually existed. Recently, this has been challenged (see Spencer, Robert, Did Muhammad Exist? [book] and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Que1xs81Wts>)

⁷⁰ <http://www.politicalislam.com/tears-of-jihad/>

⁷¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I_casualties;
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II_casualties

⁷² Revelation 14:9-11

⁷³ <http://www.aim.org/aim-column/obama-neuters-war-on-islamic-terrorists/>

⁷⁴ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAMdETecljo>

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<http://www.jihadwatch.org/2007/09/turkeys-pm-erdogan-the-term-moderate-islam-is-ugly-and-offensive-islam-is-islam>

⁷⁶ Dr. Michael Brown wrote an excellent article discussing the roots of violent factionalism in Islam at <http://townhall.com/columnists/michaelbrown/2013/07/08/islam-violence-and-civil-war-n1636028>

⁷⁷ <http://islamexposed.org/multimedia-map/a-primer-on-islamic-deceit-taqiyya-kitman-tawriya-muruna-etc/>

Taysir	(deceit through facilitation)
Darura	(deceit through perceived necessity)
Muruna	(temporarily suspending Sharia to appear “moderate”)

The Quran itself calls Allah “The greatest of deceivers”⁷⁸. Compare Satan in the bible and Allah in the Quran and you will see the same being. Compare the Antichrist in the bible to the Mahdi in Islam and you will see the same person.

Of course, not every Muslim wants to kill us. The goals of The Muslim Brotherhood are public: “to eliminate[e] and destroy[]Western civilization from within and ‘sabotag[e]’ its miserable house”⁷⁹; but not every Muslim next door or at work is a secret Brotherhood agent. Some Muslims are Muslim in name only; born into Islam, but not committed to it. Muslims have varying commitment to Islam, and may hold to some aspects of Quran, Sunna and Hadith but not others. All Muslims must pray in Arabic only, but not all Muslims know Arabic. Some have memorized the Quran and can chant it in Arabic in its entirety. Such a person⁸⁰ is highly esteemed in the Muslim community, but they don’t always know the meaning of everything they chant. The Antichrist, who the Talmud calls **Armilus** will be a Muslim, probably an Amalekite; but will he rule the entire globe? Not necessarily. In Daniel 3, Nebuchadnezzar set up an idol and commanded that “all...nations and peoples of every language” worship it, or else be thrown alive to a fiery death⁸¹. Did Daniel 3 include Australians? Icelanders? Scots? Native Americans? No - Nebuchadnezzar did not rule those lands. When Revelation says Antichrist will rule all nations, we need to understand it the same way; all nations *relative to the land of Israel*.

Islam is not something we and our children **might** have to deal with; we will have no choice but to confront it. The birth rate in Western nations is dangerously low, while the birthrate among Muslims is high. We don’t have long before Islam becomes THE predominant religion in the West and in the world⁸². And *Amalek* will use this to his advantage.

How do we fight Amalek?

In our day and age, to fight *Amalek*, we must watch what is going on around us, in our community, city, province, country and the world at large. We need to be politically active and responsible. In Britain, Sharia courts now operate alongside English courts⁸³. If people or groups begin to change or modify our laws towards Sharia, we must get involved and do

⁷⁸ 3:54; 7:99; 8:30

⁷⁹ <http://counterjihadreport.com/muslim-brotherhoods-plan-for-america/>

⁸⁰ A Hafiz [male] or Hafiza [female] ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hafiz_\(Quran\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hafiz_(Quran)))

⁸¹ Verse 7

⁸² https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_kKkY5EpVpY

⁸³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim_Arbitration_Tribunal

whatever we can to oppose. The triumphal mega-mosque at Ground Zero in New York was stopped because people got involved to oppose it.

Not all Muslims are *Amalek*, but *Amalek* will use Islam in his war against us, and we must use the sword against him. Perhaps the literal sword, but our most important sword is the Sword of the Spirit. It has 2 edges, so it cuts both ways. This sword is the Word of the one true G-D, living and active, it cuts to divide soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart⁸⁴. How do we use this sword? I'll demonstrate with something that stuck with me from Mel Gibson's movie *Braveheart*. Young William Wallace's family had just been killed, and Wallace was placed in the care of his uncle, Argyle. William took his uncle's sword and held it up, dreaming of the day he would learn to use it. Argyle took the sword from him, pointed to Wallace's head and said "First learn to use **this**...". Argyle held up the sword and finished the sentence: "...then I'll teach you to use **this**".

We also fight *Amalek* when we listen to G-D and do what HE says, instead of being fearful what *Amalek* may do to us. In Muslim lands where the truth about Yeshua is restricted, breathtaking visions and dreams are occurring. A believing woman in Iran took a taxi. During her trip, G-D told her: "Tell the driver that Isa (Jesus) loves [him]". She was hesitant to do so because she was out with this cabbie in the middle of nowhere, afraid he might react badly and even harm her. She promised G-D she would tell him, but only when she was at her destination, outside the cab and the money was in his hand. They arrived at the destination, she exited the cab, paid him the fare, and then told the man "G-D wants me to tell you that Isa loves you". The man broke down weeping with joy, telling her he had a dream where G-D showed him that while driving his cab, he would give a woman a ride and she would reveal to him the truth about who G-D really is. The woman ministered to him and that man found the true and living G-D that day, because she listened to G-D and was obedient.

When we dialogue with people about Islam, we need to have our facts straight, speak the truth in love, listen, and clearly identify both where we share common ground **and** exactly where we differ. We must carefully define terms. Words like peace, innocence, etc may not have the same meaning in our mind that they have in the mind of the Muslim we are talking to. If we ask a Muslim: "Do you denounce the killing of innocent civilians?", they may say "Yes", and not be lying, but we may not have understood each other. In some Muslim's minds, no *Kafir*⁸⁵ (unbeliever/non-Muslim) is innocent; so if someone who rejected Islam, a *Kafir*, is killed, they may think they deserved it for having rejected Islam.

In that first battle against *Amalek* at Rephidim, when Moses' hands were down, the *Amalekites* were prevailing; when Aaron and Hur held Moses' hands up, Israel prevailed⁸⁶. Why didn't Moses hold up his right leg up, or his left ear? Here, the Targums are useful. The Targums are translations of scripture with commentary written into them. They help us understand how Jews read and understood scripture around Jesus' time. The Targum for this passage tells us that

⁸⁴ Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12

⁸⁵ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kafir>

⁸⁶ Exodus 17:11-12

Moses' hands were held up **in prayer and fasting**⁸⁷. A recent example of the power of prayer is seen in Egypt. Hosni Mubarak had been overthrown, and Muhammad Morsi and The Muslim Brotherhood seized power. Millions of Coptic Christians of Egypt prayed, and the Muslim Brotherhood was removed. A definite miracle; a clear demonstration of G-D's power through prayer.

A **sofer**, a person who writes a torah scroll, does something before he or she⁸⁸ starts writing a torah. They write the name of *Amalek*, and then **literally** blot it out. Before something can be written somewhere, if something is already written there, it must first be erased. Through the blood of Messiah, the dedication to the Enemy that was written on our hearts is erased, and then G-D's torah can be written there in its place⁸⁹. Irwin Rommel, a gentile living among the enemies of Israel, had the truth of G-D written on his heart. He upheld what G-D told Abraham: "*I will bless those who bless you; and I will curse those who curse you*"⁹⁰. He knew it was better if Hitler gouged out his physical eyes, than to become spiritually blind⁹¹. May we follow his example.

⁸⁷ Targum Pseudo-Jonathan and Onkelos, an 1892 translation by J. W. Etheridge (<http://targum.info/pj/pjex13-17.htm>)

⁸⁸ There is currently at least 1 known **Soferet** (<http://www.sofret.com/>)

⁸⁹ Jeremiah 31

⁹⁰ Genesis 12:3

⁹¹ Matthew 5:29; Matthew 18:9



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Let's pray

L-RD, help us be as wise as serpents and as innocent as doves⁹² in our fight against *Amalek*. We pray for dear friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members caught in the web of Islam, held captive by the Enemy to do his will. May they see what a broken cistern Islam really is, and may they discover the true source of living water.

L-RD, thank you for promising that to **whoever** keeps knocking, the door will be opened. That those who seek you with all their heart will find **YOU**. That those who are empty can and will be filled. That those who are dead inside can become truly alive!

We pray for those who are Samson, falling asleep on Delilah's lap. Wake us up; help us to see the trap she has us in.

We pray for Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's Prime Minister, and his speech before the US congress next week. May the speech happen to begin with - there is strong opposition to it. Help congress really listen to his message and really take to heart what he is planning to say about Iran and the importance of hindering Iran's nuclear program.

Thank you for Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper, that we have a Prime Minister who truly loves Israel. Thank you that Canada is looking into the activities of Muslim Brotherhood.

The US elections are not far away. We pray for leadership to emerge there that will reverse disturbing trends, a leadership that will once again stand with Israel – unashamed.

L-RD, hasten the day that Isaiah wrote about when **YOU** will say “Blessed be **Egypt** my people, **Assyria** my handiwork, and **Israel** my inheritance⁹³.”

These things we pray in the blessed name of Yeshua/Jesus our L-RD – Amen

Shabbat Shalom!

Further Resources

Shabbat Zachor Remembering the Fight of Faith...

<http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Holidays/Shabbat/Special/Zakhor/zakhor.html>

Amalek and Spiritual Warfare

<http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Scripture/Parashah/Summaries/Tetzaveh/Amalek/amalek.html>

Why the need to Destroy Amalek? Can we identify who he is?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QX20CbMvF24>

⁹² Matthew 10:16

⁹³ Isaiah 19:25 (NIV)

Amalek and G-d's Name

http://www.chabad.org/multimedia/media_cdo/aid/1751304/jewish/Amalek-and-G-ds-Name.htm

Shabbat Zachor 5777: Is It Kosher To Hate Our Enemies?

<http://vimeo.com/89457342>

Erase The Memory of Amalek

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ms0qzedLJgk>

TORAH : WIPING OUT THE SEED OF AMALEK COMPLETELY MITZVAH 188 - The Jewish People By: GABRIEL YAK

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jb_gYEz6WB0

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