

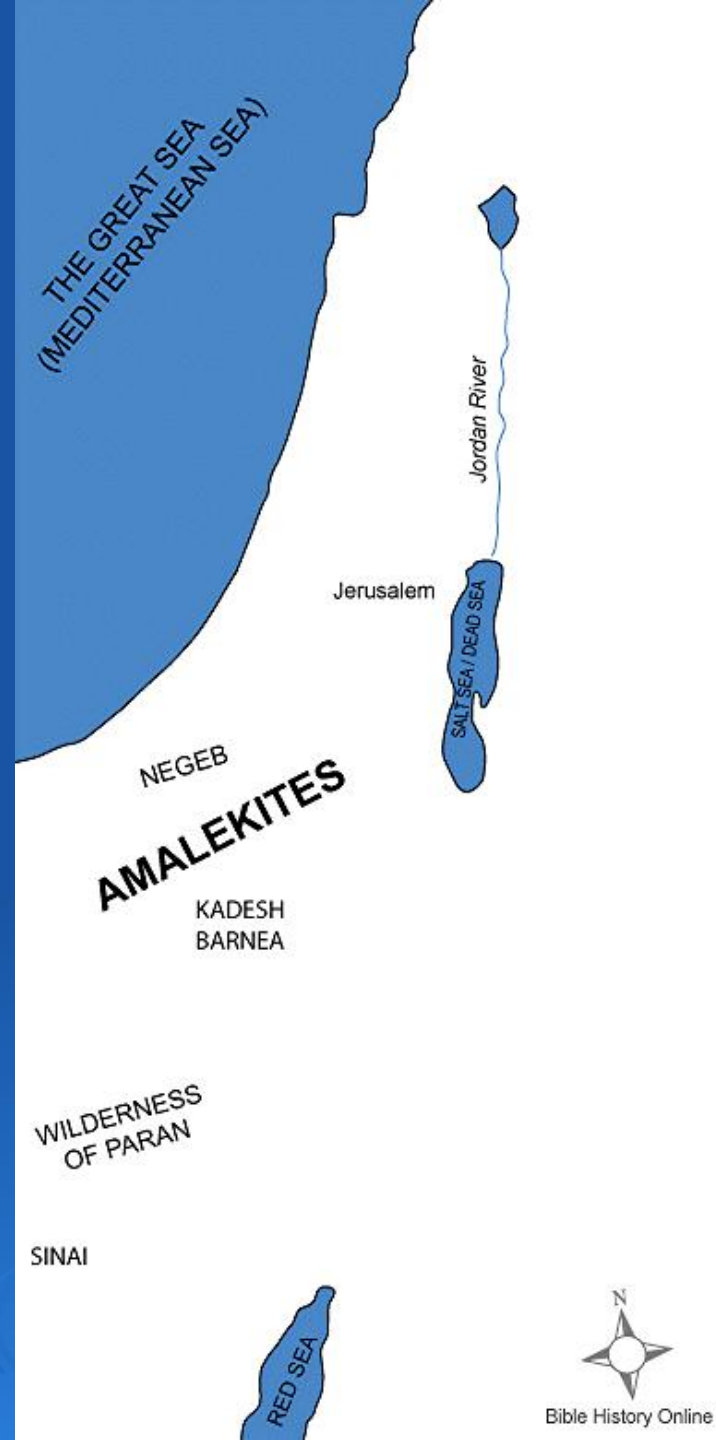
1ST SAMUEL 15: GOD ORDERS HOLY WAR WITH AMALEK

- 1Sam 15: 1 – 3
- Undefined amount of time has passed since the Battle of Mikhmas
- Prophet Samuel sent by God to King Sha'ul
- “Remember Amalek”
- The source of Amalek's hatred for Israel is murky



WHO OR WHAT IS AMALEK?

- Amalek is the supreme nation of evil and an enemy of Israel
- A type or pattern that will reappear in the End Times
- Partly are descendants of Esau
- Esau's firstborn son was Eliphaz
- Eliphaz had a son name AMALEK with a Horite concubine
- Gen 14:7 People called the Amalekites lived during Abraham's era (well before Amalek was born)



What came first?

AMALEKITES?

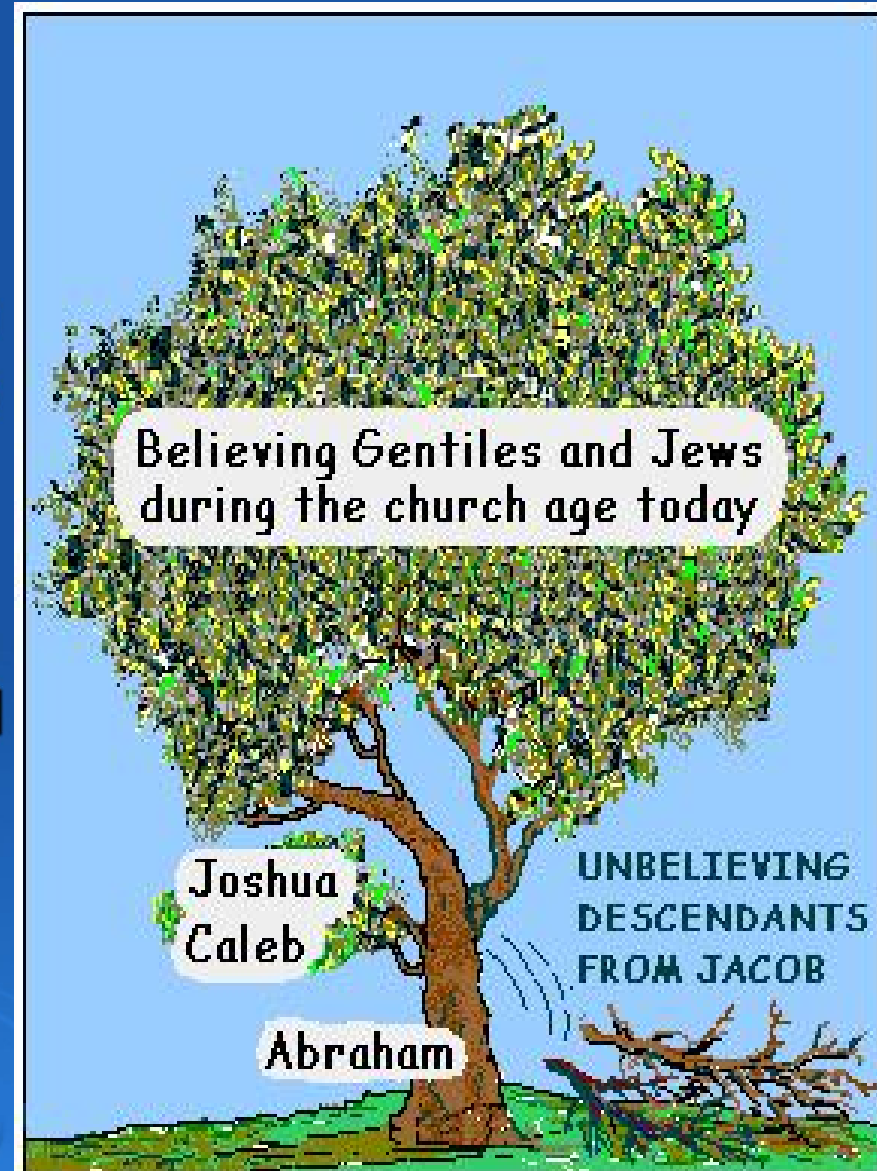
AMALEK?



- Esau's grandson Amalek may have been named AFTER the tribe of the Amalekites
- Perhaps the Amalekites of Abraham's day and the Amalekites of Saul's day were different people
- Num. 24:20
- *Reshit* = beginning
- *Acharit* = ending
- *Acharito* = remnant
- *"The beginning of the gentile nations is Amalek, but all that remains of them shall be destroyed forever."*

AMALEK IS THE ARCHETYPICAL ENEMY OF GOD AND HIS CHOSEN

- Amalek is GENTILE
- Amalek the first gentile nation to attack redeemed Israel
- God divided and separated earth into two people groups: Hebrews and gentiles
- Gentiles who SPIRITUALLY join Israel (by trust in Messiah Yeshua) are now seen by YHWH as Spiritual Israelites
- Romans 11
- Spiritual gentiles remain as the natural enemies of God and Israel

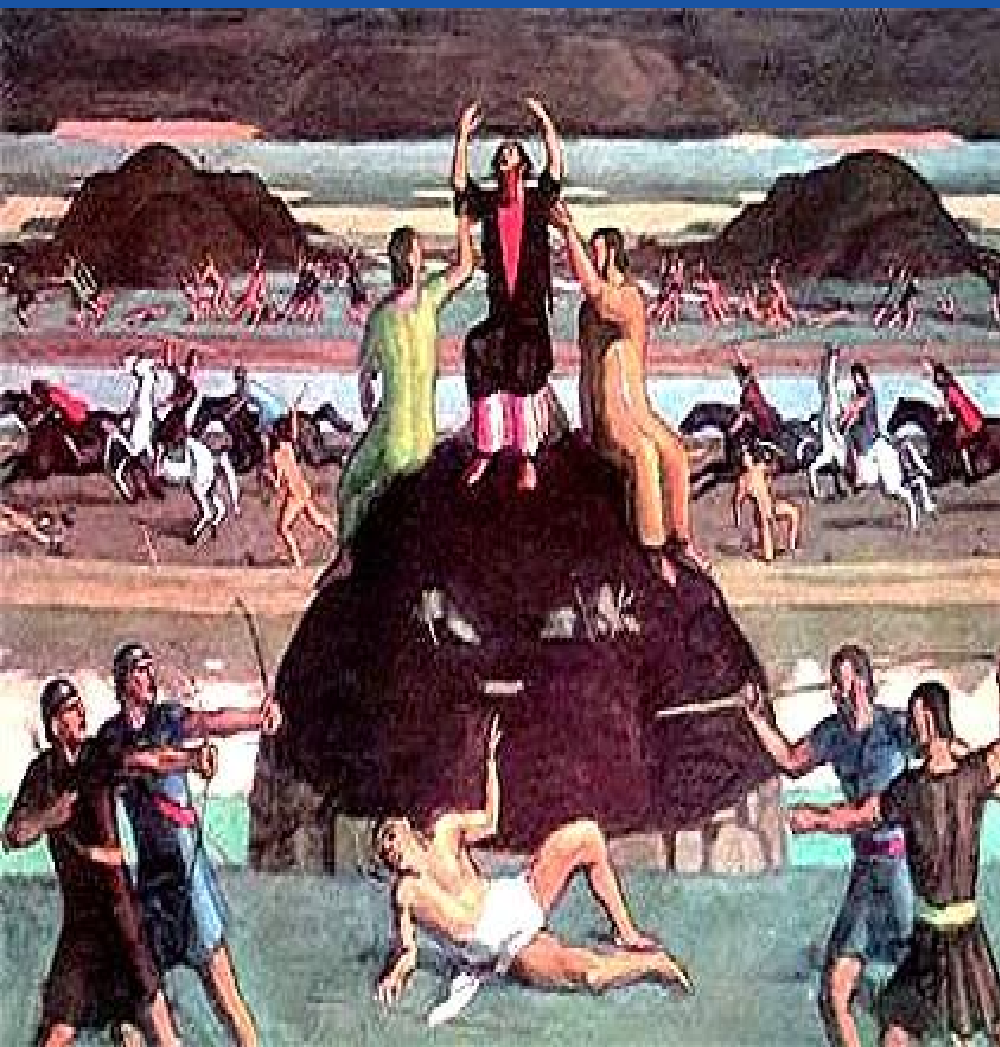


EARTHLY vs. SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE OF AMALEK



- SPIRITUAL Amalek represents all gentiles who oppose God and His chosen
- EARTHLY Amalek is NOT Arabs, or Palestinians because in general they are not descended from Amalek
- SAMUEL'S DAY Amalek was generally viewed as being related to Esau

AMALEK “DID NOT FEAR GOD”



- Ex. 17:14 “... *I will completely blot out...Amalek...*”
- Deut. 25:17 “...*He did not fear God....*”
- Amalek = the epitome of the gentiles
- You cannot say you stand with God, but also stand AGAINST God’s people!
- If you do, YOU are Amalek!
- Does not mean you must agree with all Israeli government actions or side with every Jew

THE SPOILS OF WAR

- King Saul is not to allow anything to remain of Amalek
- This is a designated Holy War
- **Herem** = ban
- The Law of the Ban means that the Commander in Chief gets ALL the spoils
- YHWH was Israel's Commander in Chief



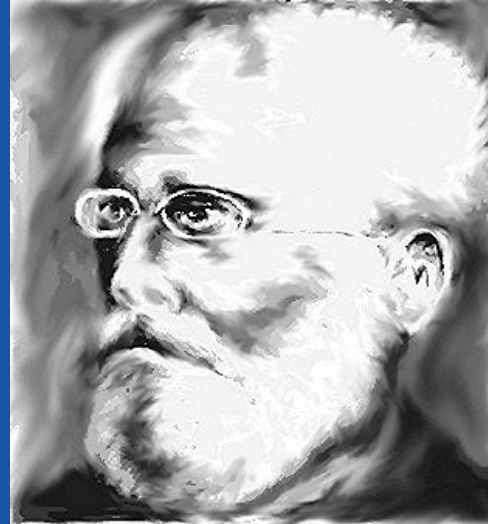
DESTRUCTION OF THE SPOILS

- God is not a man so he needs no gold, food, or barns
- The ONLY way to give God His spoils is to destroy it with fire
- This keeps it from being used by the soldiers
- It returns the spoils to their elements, which returns them to Creation, which returns them to the Creator
- Holy War is NOT to spread the religion of the Hebrews
- Holy War is to KEEP the religion of the Hebrews from being infected by the religion of the gentiles



THE LAW OF HEREM IS CENTRAL TO ARMAGEDDON

- If the “New Testament Christian Code” abolishes Holy War, then what about Armageddon and Revelation?
- Yeshua will fill the Valley of Jezreel with the blood of the enemy, and annihilate all non-believers regardless of age, sex, race, or nation
- No prisoners except for Anti-Christ and his false prophet



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ARMAGEDDON: OLD TESTAMENT HOLY WAR

- Since this is Holy War, all that belongs to God's enemies **MUST** be destroyed as the means of giving it to Him!
- King Saul thought he had a better solution
- Have we reached such an advanced state of morality and knowledge that we can decide to disobey God's commandments if it seems right to us? **NO !!**



THE CITY OF AMALEK

- **Telaim** = place of the lambs
- 200,000 “Israelites”, plus 10,000 from Judah
- **Ir** = city or town (without walls)
- **Keni** = Kenites
- **Chesed** = righteous actions and deeds of mercy
- Kenites temporarily left the area so as to avoid being accidentally killed



KING SAUL DISOBEYS THE LAW OF HEREM



- King Saul captures the king of the Amalekites, Agag
- The entire local population of Amalek is destroyed
- The weak and sick animals are killed, but the healthy ones are taken and given to King Sha'ul
- Vs. 9 ***“They weren’t inclined to destroy these things....”***