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Amalek was the grandson of Esau, Genesis 36:15-16, and became Israel's enemy. Amalek was vicious and immoral preying on the weak of Israel.

"Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;

How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God."

Deuteronomy 25:17-18

Amalek taught their children that Israel was the enemy with no right to live. They had no fear of the God of Israel.

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HAMAS: THE MODERN DAY AMALEK

On Saturday morning, 6:30 am Israel time, October 7, Israel was attacked by the terrorist group Hamas. Israel now has their "9-11." Except, much, much worse, percentage wise, then the U.S. had in deaths. The barbarity of Hamas is demonic.

A friend contacted me about a conservative, patriotic, Christian podcaster. He is calling Israel out in writing "Israel commences illegal war crimes ethnic cleansing operation against 2 million Palestinian civilians." He is wrong in so many ways.

The operation is NOT against 2 million Palestinian civilians. It IS against a demonic, murderous, barbaric terrorist group called Hamas. In the short article he speaks approvingly of the U.N., Turkey, Iran, and Syria. The U.N. is an anti-Semitic, anti-Israel institution. Some 60 to 70 percent of their reprimands are against Israel. Not against China, Venezuela, Cuba, the different Islamic countries, etc. The U.N. has zero credibility. The rest of the countries he mentions are no better than the U.N., being Islamic anti-Israel, anti-Semitic despotic regimes.

Hamas embeds themselves in the civilian population in Gaza - in schools, hospitals, apartment buildings, etc. and shows their barbarity in their attack with the wanton slaughter of women, children, elderly and the beheading of infants and small children.

Israel has ALWAYS warned the citizens to leave when they retaliate against Hamas or Islamic Jihad. This time is no different. Does Hamas prevent many from fleeing? Unfortunately yes. Hamas is the war criminal, not Israel. Israel never starts these wars. Hamas is a terrorist organization in every way.

Why hasn't the U.N., the Arab states, etc. taken care of Hamas in the past? They want Israel destroyed as well. Instead of getting Hamas out of Gaza they have sent them money, supplies, etc. which Hamas doesn't use for the population but for their terrorist activities.

The world gives lip service in rebuking Hamas atrocities but when Israel retaliates defending their country and people, the world, ultimately, condemns Israel. As Israel finally does what it should have done

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"No nation under heaven could touch Israel for ill without bringing down upon them the wrath of almighty God. The pages of history are strewn with the wreckage of nations who, though great in the eyes and councils of the world, incurred the just wrath of an outraged God. While God reserved the right to judge His chosen people for their sins, He also reserves the right to judge those who spitefully treat the Jews, and thus bring reproach on the One who made an everlasting covenant with Israel."

Feinberg, Charles Lee, The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord, Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1969, p. 146.



previously Israel will be loudly condemned. President Biden has already started his warnings to Israel in that they need to show restraint.

In 2005 Israel pulled out of Gaza which was peaceful and thriving. So what did the citizens do when they were given the chance to govern their own state? In 2007 they voted Hamas in to rule, knowing what Hamas stood for. They are not innocent in all this.

The world paints Hamas as defending the citizens of Gaza and would have peace with Israel if the blockade was lifted. This is a lie. The Hamas charter calls for the destruction of Israel and ALL Jewish people. The actions of Hamas prove their intent is the destruction of Israel and all Jewish people.

This is part of Satan's attempt to defeat God by destroying the people around whom God's promises are built - the Jewish people. In the coming seven year Tribulation Satan, knowing his time is short, tries with a satanic vengeance to destroy Israel and the Jewish people. Revelation 12 gives details on what is coming.

What will undoubtedly happen is that Israel will ultimately become the villain in this whole thing. And many biblically illiterate, ignorant Christians (of every stripe) will call Israel a pariah nation and demand the world punish Israel for her actions to destroy Hamas.

My concern is that the world AND Christians will turn against Israel as they take just action to destroy Hamas. Hamas will use Palestinians in Gaza as shields. They will booby trap homes with Gazans in them, unable to leave, so when they die in the explosion Israel will be blamed.

Israel has a moral right to go after Hamas and annihilate it. In a sense, no different than when God told the Israelites to kill all the Amalekites who were murderous, brutal, and immoral. Hamas is the modern day Amalekites.

May God give believers the discernment and courage not to listen to the voices of the world, many claiming to be Christian. They are tools of Satan and not realizing it.

We are living in the last days. The hatred of the Jewish people and Israel, sadly, will only get worse.

“The preservation of the Jews is really one of the most single and illustrious acts of divine Providence... and what but a supernatural power could have preserved them in such a manner as none other nation upon earth hath been preserved. Nor is the providence of God less remarkable in the destruction of their enemies, than in their preservation... We see that the great empires, which in their turn subdued and oppressed the people of God, are all come to ruin... And if such hath been the fatal end of the enemies and oppressors of the Jews, let it serve as a warning to all those, who at any time or upon any occasion are for raising a clamor and persecution against them.”

Thomas Newton, Bishop of Bristol (1704-1782)

MASTER THE POSSIBILITIES UPDATE

My course at Master the Possibilities has been accepted. It is scheduled for every Wednesday in March 2024. I have no idea what the registration and turnout will be. If it is good (minimum of 15-20 people) I will likely look to teach 3 or 4 courses in the following semester.

Master the Possibilities has an In person Kick-Off scheduled for Wednesday, November 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. The purpose of this event is to give faculty members a chance to exhibit upcoming courses and visit with prospective students. At this event, students can pre-register. It is a great opportunity for those instructors who have projects as part of their curriculum to display the items students can expect to complete in class.

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Maisie's birthday



Maisie became 1 year of age on September 29th. Her birthday was celebrated on Sunday, October 1st with friends and family attending.

Home Church

Mark is presently teaching a series in Sunday School titled "What On Earth is God Doing?" It is an overview of history with the focus on Israel in the plan of God. He is teaching through the month of September, October and the first 2 weeks of November.

Mark preached in the evening service on October 1 and 8.

Cheryl is singing in the choir and volunteers in the church office on Friday mornings.



Jewish Club

We joined the Jewish Club in order to make contact with Jewish people. We have befriended Dan and Suzie. They are a lovely couple and enjoyable to spend time with.

She is Jewish and he comes from a Catholic background. They are not religious. About twice a month we have been getting together for dinner and games. At our last

get together on September 26 the subject of anti-Semitism came up. They have no understanding of why there is so much hatred of the Jewish people. I asked if I could explain the biblical reason for anti-Semitism. After explaining that man's sin required God

to send a Redeemer (Messiah) into the world that man may be forgiven; that God brought the Jewish people into existence so the Redeemer could be born into this world; that Satan, God's enemy, does not want anyone to be saved; that Satan tried to destroy the Jewish people to prevent Messiah from coming and dying for the sins of the world; that Satan failed in this attempt; that Satan is still trying to destroy the Jewish people because God's plan is wrapped around them; thus anti-Semitism is Satan's attempt to destroy God's plan (the Jewish people and Israel).

They commented that this was the best explanation they ever heard for the reason of anti-Semitism. Pray for them. As we continue our get-togethers and friendship more opportunities are arising to talk about spiritual things. Jewish evangelism takes time (as does all evangelism) as friendships are developed and the gospel is eventually shared. We will get together with them before Chanukah but I told them we want to have them over to eat Cheryl's delicious latkes for Chanukah. I hope to be able to explain about the servant candle and it representing Jesus as the Servant of God who brings light to us. Pray for their salvation.

We have met many Jewish people in the Jewish club but presently are building a friendship with Dan and Suzie.

They were the first nation to hate Israel and the Jewish people. But not the only and not the last. In the amazing prophecies of Balaam we are told:

“And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.” Numbers 24:20

The end of Amalek, and his ilk, is certain. As a nation they were irredeemable. Their intent was the destruction of God’s people Israel. Clearly, their source of hatred was satanic. They were a tool of Satan in his attempt to defeat God and His plan for the world in Messiah. Amalek needed to be destroyed. When Saul became King of Israel, God wanted him to exercise justice on these wicked people by completely destroying them.

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.

Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.” 1 Samuel 15:2-3

Saul disobeyed God allowing these vile people to survive. Years later another Amalekite would arise to continue the quest to destroy God’s people, the Jews. Haman was an Amalekite. He was the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, Esther 3:1. Agag was the King of the Amalekites, 1 Samuel 15:18.

The story of Haman’s quest to annihilate the Jewish people is recorded for us in the book of Esther. One of the messages of this book is that God, though never mentioned in the book, is behind the scenes providentially preserving Israel and the Jewish people. As we are told in Malachi 3:6:

“For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

The hatred of the Jews lives on in Hamas. The actions of October 7 show the soullessness of the people. If God were to give orders to Israel today, I believe it would be to wipe out the modern day Amalekites, Hamas - “utterly destroy all that they have.”

There is a battle that rages in heaven with its manifestation on earth. A battle between God and Satan. A battle manifest on earth with the people of Israel, the Jewish people, fighting against the forces of darkness, followers of Satan, who desire to destroy the people of God.

The end is certain. The Amalek nations and their supporters will be destroyed. But that end waits for the return of the King of kings. One day the Judge of the universe will return. He will mete out justice on a rebellious world.

Revelation 19:

- 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**
- 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.**
- 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.**
- 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**
- 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**
- 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

All followers of Jesus should unashamedly, irrevocably stand in support of Israel in their battle against Hamas and the other Amalekite nations and people of the world. God gave us a choice.

“And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:...” Genesis 12:3