



Amalek: Pursuing the Destruction of **ישראל**

[Deuteronomy 25.17-19](#) instructs **ישראל** *Yisra'el* Israel to *remember to blot out the memory* of Amalek. The passage says in [25.18](#) that Amalek **קרה** *qarah* happened upon **ישראל**, struck the weak, and had no fear of God. This describes Amalek's philosophy: "all is chance."

In contrast, **ישראל** fears God, believes God's Law, and protects the weak. So the two are always in conflict. Like secular atheists who say God doesn't exist, we evolved by chance, life has no meaning, and abortion and euthanasia are good, vs. believers in God who say we are made in His image, He loves us, and He has a plan for our lives.

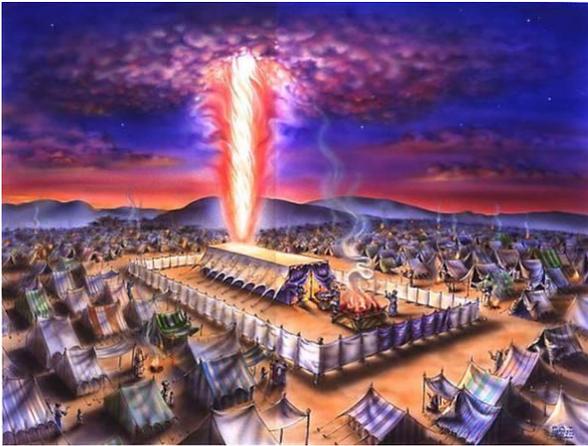
Another possible reading of verse 18 is **אשר קרך** *asher karkha* how he chilled you (root **קר** *kar* cold). Combined with Amalek attacking the feeble, faint, and weary, this is exactly how terrorists work today: attacking the young and weak, causing the majority not to want to fight back. They chill the will to fight. We see this wherever terrorists strike.



Amalek's hatred for **ישראל** is inherited. In [Genesis 27.41](#), Esau, Amalek's grandfather [Genesis 36.12](#), promises to kill Jacob. [Exodus 17.8-16](#) tells of the battle between Amalek and **ישראל** in the wilderness. In [Judges 3.12-13](#), Amalek allies with Moab against **ישראל**, but is defeated at the hand of the judge Ehud. Gideon beats the Midianites, Amalekites, and others in [Judges 6](#). In [1 Samuel 15](#), Samuel himself kills *Agag*, king of the Amalekites, because Saul, *son of Kish*, refuses. Saul loses his kingship for this disobedience, [1 Samuel 28.18](#). [1 Chronicles 4.42-42](#) describes 500 men of the tribe of Simeon wiping out a remnant of the Amalekites in Mt. Seir.

Amalek in the Book of Esther

[Esther 3.1](#) describes Haman, who swears to utterly destroy all of **ישראל** because of his hatred of Mordecai the Jew. Haman is a descendant of Hammedatha the *Agagite*, an Amalekite. Mordechai is a *son of Kish* [Esther 2.5](#). The 500-year-old battle between Agag and Saul is being fought again. [Ecclesiastes 1.9](#) says that there is nothing new under the sun. [Exodus 17.16](#) says that **יהוה** *YHVH* the LORD will fight with Amalek from generation to generation.



Tent of Meeting or World of Chance

The feast of פורים *Purim*, named after the פור *pur* lot cast by Haman in [Esther 3.7](#) to set the date for the destruction of the Jews, commemorates the reversal of Haman the Amalekite's plot. פורים occurs after the reading of Torah portion Tetsaveh. In [Exodus 27.21](#), this portion describes באהל מועד (In the *ohel* tent *mow'ed* appointed place/appointed time/meeting Tent of Meeting. מועד is the same word translated in [Leviticus 23.2](#) as feast.

When we hear, “Those are just feasts of the Jews,” they are really *God's appointed times*, when He promises to meet with us. We don't live in a world of chance.

Esther is the only book of the Bible which never mentions God. This may be a literary device—even though we never hear directly from God, God's work is obvious:

- It just so happens Queen Vashti refuses to come before the king
- It just so happens a secretly Jewish girl, Esther, becomes queen in Vashti's place
- It just so happens Mordecai, Esther's uncle, hears of a plot to kill the king
- It just so happens Haman should turn his rage against Mordecai toward all Jews
- It just so happens the king can't sleep and wants a book read to him
- It just so happens he hears that Mordecai was never rewarded for saving his life
- It just so happens Haman walks in when the king decides to reward Mordecai
- It just so happens Haman falls on the queen just as the king walks back in
- It just so happens Haman builds a gallows in time for his own execution
- It just so happens that the Jews not only survive, all their enemies are destroyed

From Haman to Hitler

Haman's ten sons are hung by special request of Queen Esther in [Esther 9.13-14](#). The sons' names are listed in [Esther 9.7-10](#), and set apart as shown at right.

Four of the Hebrew letters in the list of Haman's sons are written differently. The ת, ש, and ז are written smaller than normal, and the ל is written larger. In Hebrew, letters are also numbers, so each letter has a value. ת = 400, ש = 300, and ז = 7. Their total is 707. The ל = 6. Since it is oversized, for centuries the interpretation of these titles has been that on the sixth millennial occurrence of the year 707, ten more sons of Haman will be hanged. The sixth occurrence of 707 is 5707: 707, 1707, 2707, 3707, 4707, and finally 5707.

פרשנדֵתָ ואת ←
דלפֹּן ואת
אספתָ ואת
פורתָ ואת
אדליָ ואת
ארידתָ ואת
פרמֵשֶׁתָ ואת ←
אריסִי ואת
ארידִי ואת
לֵיתָ ←←

God's Timing or Chance?

When did the Jewish year 5707 occur? 1946, the year of the Nuremberg trials, when ten "sons" of Hitler were executed by hanging after they sought to destroy the Jewish people.

The Nazis were aware of the biblical feast days and used them to provoke the Jews. *Der Stürmer*, a Nazi propaganda paper, wrote about פורים in 1935 and a Nazi propaganda film, *The Eternal Jew*, highlighted the feast. At Nuremberg, 12 Nazis were sentenced to death. Martin Bormann was sentenced in absentia (he was later found to be already dead) and Herman Goering committed suicide in his cell. Of the remaining 10, one made a curious rant as he was carried off. Julius Streicher, editor of *Der Stürmer*, yelled, "Dies ist mein Purimfest 1946!" ("This is my Purim feast 1946!") Streicher himself made the connection between Haman's ten sons and Hitler's ten sons, all hung for trying to destroy the Jews.

Jewish tradition is that Haman also had a daughter who committed suicide. Herman Goering, who committed suicide in his cell, was known for his habit of extravagant dress.

The Persian Madman Reappears

On October 30th, 2005, the New York Times reported that Ahmadinejad, the president of Iran, called for Israel to be "wiped off the map." Some debate whether that is actually an accurate translation. The Guardian published an article on June 2nd, 2006 based on the translation, "the occupation regime over Jerusalem should vanish from the page of time." Ahmadinejad has made similar statements since then.

At the 19th anniversary of the death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 2008, Ahmadinejad said, "You should know that the criminal and terrorist Zionist regime which has 60 years of plundering, aggression and crimes in its file has reached the end of its work and will soon disappear off the geographical scene," Reuters, June 3rd, 2008.

On Israel's 60th birthday, Ahmadinejad said, "Those who think they can revive the stinking corpse of the usurping and fake Israeli regime by throwing a birthday party are seriously mistaken. Today the reason for the Zionist regime's existence is questioned, and this regime is on its way to annihilation," AFP, May 8th, 2008.

In a public address on IRINN TV on June 2, 2008, Ahmadinejad stated, "...the Zionist regime has reached a total dead end. Thanks to God, your wish will soon be realized, and this germ of corruption will be wiped off," MEMRI, Clip #1784, June 2nd, 2008.

In May 2011, Ahmadinejad said on television "... like a cancer cell that spreads through the body, this regime infects any region. It must be removed from the body," according to Agence France Presse.

Persia, the ancient homeland of Haman, is modern-day Iran. Ahmadinejad is Haman's spiritual son. His goal is the same: destroy ישראל.

Weapons of Mass Destruction

In Haman's time, he was able to rally all the haters of **ישראל** in the 127 provinces of Persia, all the way from Ethiopia to India—the known world. Hitler's regime engineered the Holocaust. In July, 2015, President Obama agreed to lift sanctions on Iran, give them billions of dollars, and, many think when reviewing the deal, allowed a straight path to the development of nuclear bombs. History repeats.



Fighting Amalek for 4,000 Years

Amalek's grandfather Esau wanted to kill Jacob/**ישראל**. Amalek was the first nation to attack **ישראל** as they left Egypt. **ישראל** has fought Amalek through the centuries.

Around **פורים** in 2012, **ישראל** worries that Amalek's descendant could be successful.

If we lived in a world of chance, Amalek could win.

Since God is working, even when we can't see Him, Amalek will fail. **ישראל** is called to remember to destroy Amalek. If you are grafted into the tree of **ישראל**, it's your battle too. This is not a time to be intimidated or tired of fighting. And one day Amalek's memory will be forgotten.

One way to fight is to be a prayer warrior! Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, [Psalm 122.6](#).



Glossary, in order of appearance:

ישראל	<i>Yisra'el</i>	Israel
קרה	<i>qarah</i>	happened upon
אשר קרך	<i>asher karkha</i>	how he chilled you
קר	<i>kar</i>	cold
יהוה	<i>YHVH</i>	The LORD
פורים	<i>Purim</i>	Purim, a feast celebrating salvation
פור	<i>pur</i>	lot
אהל מועד	<i>ohel mow'ed</i>	tent/appointed place, time/Tent of Meeting