

Shabbat Zachor
Shabbat of Remembrance

Torah: Deuteronomy 25:17-19
Haftarah: 1 Samuel 15:2-34
Brit Chadasha: Ephesians 6:10-18, Revelation 18:1-24

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TORAH:

Deuteronomy 25:17-19

17 “Remember what Amalek did to you along the way as you came out from Egypt—

18 how he happened upon you along the way and attacked those among you in the rear, all the stragglers behind you, when you were tired and weary—he did not fear God.

19 Now when *Adonai* your God grants you rest from all the enemies surrounding you in the land *Adonai* your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, you are to blot out the memory of Amalek from under the heavens. Do not forget!

HAFTARAH

1 Samuel 15:2-34

2 Thus says *Adonai-Tzva'ot*: 'I remember what Amalek did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt.

3 Now go and strike down Amalek and put all he has under the ban of destruction—so have no pity on him; but kill both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and sheep, camels and donkeys.'"

4 So Saul summoned the troops and numbered them in Telaim: 200,000 foot soldiers and 10,000 men of Judah.

5 Saul advanced to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley.

6 Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, or else I may destroy you with them—for you showed kindness to all *Bnei-Yisrael* when they came up from Egypt." So the Kenites withdrew from among the Amalekites.

7 Then Saul struck down the Amalekites from Havilah until you come to Shur, which is close to Egypt.

8 He captured King Agag of Amalek alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag as well as the best of the sheep, the cattle, even the fatlings and the lambs, and all that was good, since they were not willing to utterly destroy them; everything that was worthless and feeble, they destroyed completely.

10 Then the word of *Adonai* came to Samuel saying:

11 "I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands." So Samuel was troubled and cried out to *Adonai* all night long.

12 Then Samuel rose early in the morning to confront Saul. But it was reported to Samuel saying, "Saul went to Carmel—for some reason, he erected a monument for himself. Then he turned and went down to Gilgal."

13 Now when Samuel reached Saul, Saul said to him, “Blessed are you of *Adonai*! I have carried out *Adonai*’s command.”

14 But Samuel said, “Then what is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?”

15 “They brought them from the Amalekites,” Saul replied, “for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice to *Adonai* your God—but the rest we have utterly destroyed.”

16 “Stop!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what *Adonai* said to me last night.” “Say on,” he said.

17 Then Samuel said, “Isn’t it true, though you were insignificant in your own eyes, that you were made head of the tribes of Israel? *Adonai* anointed you king over Israel!

18 Then *Adonai* sent you on a mission and said: ‘Go and utterly destroy the Amalekites, the sinners, and wage war against them until you annihilate them.’

19 Why then did you not obey the voice of *Adonai*, but rushed greedily onto the spoil—doing what was evil in *Adonai*’s eyes?”

20 “But I did obey the voice of *Adonai*,” Saul said to Samuel. “I went on the mission on which *Adonai* sent me, and brought back Agag the king of Amalek—and utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took some of the spoil, sheep and oxen—the best of what was under the ban of destruction— to sacrifice to *Adonai* your God in Gilgal.”

22 Samuel said: “Does *Adonai* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of *Adonai*? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay heed than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination and stubbornness is like iniquity and idolatry. Since you have rejected *Adonai*’s word, He has also rejected you as king.”

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned! For I have transgressed against the word of *Adonai* and your words—because I feared the people and listened to their voice.

25 So now, please pardon my sin and return with me, that I may worship *Adonai*.”

26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of *Adonai*, and *Adonai* has rejected you as king over Israel."

27 As Samuel turned about to go, Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore.

28 Then Samuel said to him, "*Adonai* has torn the kingship over Israel from you today and has given it to your neighbor who is better than you.

29 Moreover, the Eternal Glory of Israel does not lie or change His mind. For He is not human that He should change His mind."

30 Then Saul said, "I have sinned! But please, honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me until I bow in worship to *Adonai* your God."

31 So Samuel returned after Saul, and Saul bowed in worship to *Adonai*.

32 Then Samuel said, "Bring me Agag the king of Amalek." Agag approached him in chains, thinking, "Surely bitter death has turned back."

33 Then Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so will your mother be childless among women." Then Samuel cut Agag into pieces before *Adonai* in Gilgal.

34 Samuel then went to Ramah, while Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.

BRIT CHADASHA

Ephesians 6:10-18

Put on the Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you are able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the worldly forces of this darkness, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist when the times are evil, and after you have done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand firm then! Buckle the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

15 Strap up your feet in readiness with the Good News of *shalom*.

16 Above all, take up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the *Ruach* on every occasion, with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, keep alert with perseverance and supplication for all the *kedoshim*.

Revelation 18:1-24

Judgment of Babylon

1 After these things, I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his glory.

2 He cried out with a mighty voice, saying: “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a den for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit and for every unclean bird and for every unclean and detestable beast.

3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her immorality. The kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich off the power of her self-indulgence.”

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you participate in her sins and receive her plagues!

5 For her sins have piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.

6 Pay her back just as she has paid out, and give her back double for her deeds! In the cup she has mixed— mix a double dose for her!

7 As she has exalted herself and indulged herself in luxury, so give her the same measure of torment and grief! For in her heart she says, ‘I sit as a queen— I am no widow; I shall never see grief.’

8 For this reason her plagues will arrive in a single day— death and grief and famine— and she shall be burned down with fire. For mighty is *Adonai Elohim* who judges her!”

9 Then the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and indulged in luxury with her shall weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning—

10 standing far off because of the terror of her torment, saying: “Alas, alas, O great city— O Babylon, the mighty city! For in a single hour your judgment has come!”

11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, because no one buys their merchandise anymore—

12 shipments of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet; all kinds of citron wood; all kinds of ivory products; all kinds of products made of costly wood, bronze, iron, and marble;

13 cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, and frankincense; wine, oil, fine flour, and wheat; cattle, sheep, horses, and chariots; and slaves—that is, human souls.

14 The fruit of your soul’s desire has gone from you, and all the expensive and beautiful things are lost to you —never again will people find them.

15 The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, shall stand far off for fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,
16 saying, “Alas, alas, O great city— clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!
17 For in a single hour so much wealth has been ruined!” And every ship captain and passenger, sailors and all who make their living at sea, stood at a distance
18 and were crying out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What city is like the great city?’
19 And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, “Alas, alas, O great city— in her all who had ships at sea grew rich from her wealth! For in a single hour has she been ruined!
20 Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you *kedoshim*, emissaries and prophets! For God has judged her condemnation of you!”
21 Then a mighty angel picked up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying: “So shall Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, never to be found again!
22 And the sound of harpists and musicians, flautists and trumpeters, shall never be heard in you again! And the craftsman of any craft shall never be found in you again! And the sound of a mill shall never be heard in you again!
23 And the light of a lamp shall never shine in you again! And the voice of the bridegroom and bride shall never be heard in you again! For your businessmen were the tycoons of the world, for all the nations were deceived by your sorcery!
24 And in her was found the blood of the prophets and *kedoshim* and all those slaughtered on the earth.”