

## Exod. 17:14-16 WAR AGAINST AMALEK

*"Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial, and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." 15 And Moses built an altar, and named it The LORD is My Banner; 16 and he said, "The LORD has sworn; **the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation.**"*

This is a positive commandment that Yah gave to Moses. Yah hated the Amalekites because of what they did to Moses and He wanted them irradiated from the face of the earth. They were evil from their innermost core. We see other verses that reveal something similar.

**Deut. 25:17-19** *"Remember what Amalek did to you along the way when you came out from Egypt, 18 how he met you along the way and **attacked among you all the stragglers at your rear when you were faint and weary**; and he did not fear God. 19 "Therefore it shall come about when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance to possess, **you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you must not forget.** 1Sam. 15:3 'Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'" 1Sam. 28:18 "As you did not obey the LORD and did not execute His fierce wrath on Amalek, so the LORD has done this thing to you this day. We see something very similar mentioned in **Neh. 13:1-2** On that day they read aloud from the book of Moses in the hearing of the people; and there was found written in it that **no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God**, 2 because they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them. However, our God turned the curse into a blessing.*

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