# שמות פרק כד: ז

And he took the Book of the Covenant and read it within the hearing of the people, and they said, "All that the Lord spoke we will do and we will hear."

וַיִּקְחֹ סַפֶּר הַבְּרִית וַיִּקרָא בְּאָזְנֵי הָעֶם וַיִּאמְרֹוּ כָּל אֲשֶׁר־דִּבֶּר יְהֹוָה נָעֲשֵׂה וְנִשְׁמָע

אסתר פרק ט: כז-כח

The Jews ordained and took upon themselves and upon their seed and upon all those who join them, that it is not to be revoked to make these two days according to their script and according to their appointed time, every year. קּיְמִוּ וְקּבְּלֵ הַיְּהוּדִים ۠ | עְלֵיהֶּם | וְעַל־זַרְעָם וְעַל כָּל־הַנִּלְוֵים עְלֵיהֶם ׁ וְלֹא יָעְבוֹר לְהְיָוֹת עִשִּׁים אֶת־שְׁנֵי הַיָּמִים הָאֵלֶה כִּכְתָבֶם וְכִזְמַנֵּם בְּכָל־שָׁנָה וְשָׁנָה:

28And these days shall be remembered and celebrated throughout every generation, in every family, every province, and every city, and these days of Purim shall not be revoked from amidst the Jews, and their memory shall not cease from their seed.

כחוְהַיָּמֵים הָּאֵלֶה נִזְכָּרִים וְנַעְשִים בְּכָל־דּוָר וְדוֹר מִשְׁפָּחָה וּמִשְׁפָּחָה מְדִינֵה וּמְדִינֶה וְעִיר וָעֵיר וִימֵי הַפּוּרֵיִם הָאֵלֶּה לֹּא יָעַבְרוּ מִתּוֹךְ הַיְּהוּדִים וְזִכְרֶם לֹאדְיָסִוּף מִזַּרְעָם:

שמות פרק יט: יז

Moses brought the people out toward God from the camp, and they stood at the bottom of the mountain.

וַיּוֹצֵּא מּשֶׁה אָת־הָעֶם לִקרַאת הָאֵלהִים מִן־הַמַּחָנֶה וַיִּתְיַצְבוּ בְּתַחִתִּית הָהָר:

שבת פח.

בירתא תליתאי כמאן כרכון: ירתיצבו בתחתית החר "א"ר אבריםי כר המא כר המא מלמר שכפה הקב"ה עליהם את החר כנינית ואמר להם אם אתם מקבלים התורה מעב ואם לאו שם תהא קבורתכם א"ר אהא

שמות פרק יז : ח-יא

חוַיָבֹא עְמָלֵק וַיּלֶּחֶם עִם־יִשְׂרָאֵל בּרִפִּידִם:

טוַיֹּאמֶר משֶה אָל־יְהוֹשַׁעֵּ בְּחַר־לֵנְוּ אָנָשִׁים וְצֵא הּלָחַם בְּעָמֶלֵק מְחָר אָנֹכִי נִצָּב עַל־רִאשׁ הַגִּבְעָה וּמֵשֵּה הָאֵלֹהִים בַּיִּדִי:

יוַיַעשׁ יְהוּשֻׁעַ כָּאֲשֶׁר אָמַר־לוֹ מּשְׁה לְהִלָּחֵם בָּעְמָלֵק וּמּשָׁה אָהַרֹן וְחוּר עָל) ראָשׁ הַגִּבְעָה:

Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

 $\underline{9}$ So Moses said to Joshua, Pick men for us, and go out and fight against Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand

10 Joshua did as Moses had told him, to fight against Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur ascended to the top of the hill.

11It came to pass that when Moses would raise his hand, Israel would prevail, and when he would lay down his hand, Amalek would prevail.

יאוְהָיֶה כָּאֲשֶׁר יָרִים משֶׁה יָד) וְגָבֵּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָאֲשֶׁר יָנִיחַ יָד) וְגָבַר עְמָלָק:

שמות פרק יז : יד - טז

The Lord said to Moses, Inscribe this [as] a memorial in the book, and recite it into Joshua's ears, that I will surely obliterate the remembrance of Amalek from beneath the heavens

ידוַיֹּאמֶר יְהֹוֶה אֶל־ משֶּׁה כְּתֹב זֹאָת זְכָּרוֹן בַּפֵּפֶר וְשַׂיִם בְּאָזְנֵי יְהוֹשֵׁעַ כִּי־מָחֹה אָמְחָה אָת־זֵכֶר עְמָלֵק מִתְּחַת הַשָּׁמִים:

15Then Moses built an altar, and he named it The Lord is my miracle

טוויָבֶן משֶה מִזְבַּחַ וַיִּקרָא שְׁמ) יְהֹּנָה | נִפִּי:

16And he said, For there is a hand on the throne of the Eternal, [that there shall be] a war for the Lord against Amalek from generation to generation.

טזוַ אמֶר פִּי־יָד עַל־כֵּס יָה מִלְחָמָה לִיהוַה בָּעֶמָלֵק מִדֹּך דִּר:

דברים פרק כה: יז-יט

You shall remember what Amalek did to you on the way, when you went out of Egypt,

זָכוֹר אַת אָשֶר־עָשֵׁה לְדָּ עַמַּלֵק בַּדֶּרֶרְ בָּצָאתְכֶם מִמִּצְרָיִם:

18how he happened upon you on the way and cut off all the stragglers at your rear, when you were faint and weary, and he did not fear God.

יחאשֶׁר קרך בַּדֶּרֶךְ וַיְזַנֵּב בְּּךְּ כָּלִ־הַנָּחֲשָׁלִים אַחְרִיךְ וְאַתָּה עִיָף וְיִגִעַ וְלָא יָרֵא אֵלֹהִים:

19[Therefore,] it will be, when the Lord your God grants you respite from all your enemies around [you] in the land which the Lord, your God, gives to you as an inheritance to possess, that you shall obliterate the remembrance of Amalek from beneath the heavens. You shall not forget!

יטְוּהָיֶּה בְּהָנֵיחַ יְהֹנֶה אֻלֹתְיִךְ | לְּרְּ מִכֶּל־אֹיְבֶיְׁךְ מִפָּבִיב בָּאָׁרֶץ אָשֶׁר יְהֹוָה־אֵלהָיך נֹתֵּן לְךָ נְחַלָּה לְרִשְׁתְּנָּה תִּמְחָה אֶת־זֵכֶר \* (זֵכֶר) עְמַלֵּק מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמֵיִם לֹא תִשְׁכָּח:

אסתר פרק ט: כב

כבּכַּיָמִים אָשֶׁר־נֶּחוּ בָהֶם הַיְּהוּדִים מֵאיֶבִיהֶם וְהַחֹּדָשׁ אָשֶׁר נֶּהְפַּׂרְ לָהֶם מִיָּגוֹן לְשִׁמְחָה וּמֵאַבֶּל לִיוֹם טוֹב לָעְשׁוֹת אוֹתָם יְמֵי מִשְׁתָּה וְשִׁמְחָה וּמִשְׁלֹחַ מָנוֹת ֹאִישׁ לְרַעַהוּ וּמַתָּנִוֹת לָאָבִינִים:

as the days when the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month that was reversed for them from grief to joy and from mourning to a festive day-to make them days of feasting and joy, and sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

## מאור ושמש

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פרשת בשלח

Synopsis:

Why was the war with Amalek more difficult than other wars? Moshe has to work exceedingly hard and even G-d appears to have a difficult time as this war never ends! It is L'Dor V'Dor. How does the action of Moshes hands being raised affect the Jews connection to Heaven? The war was only one day, how do the people change their mind about subservience to G-d so frequently?

### פרשת תצוה

Synopsis:

This mitzvah is not in the past, it applies in our times. Amalek tries to cool our passion to love each other. How do they do this? by injecting us with their arrogance and sense of grandiosity. Getting rid of these external fallacies and ideals can only be removed with G-ds help. It is essential.

מילינסת משיחנו ב"ב ישר ישרקל לוהצים אלי ייהי בלחדה בער זה עם זה ולשים מענים ולמינה מש ולה לל מה ישקב לכן ועלכה עו וש"ב בקב"ב ילהוב לא ישר ולל ג'יב לוכנס ניולה עד לין בישור היין מקר ושף בעמים ליים ביה בקב ביא בם הייה והם בקבל בהיים ועמד ביותר בקבה שם הכנסת ישר ל

## Synopsis:

When Moshiach comes all of Israel will love each other and be unified. Even the non-Jews will want to be with us. By way of this love, which we have for each other, G-d will love Am Yisrael with a great love that has no measure! G-d and Israel will be one.

#### Synopsis:

How do the hands of Moshe cause them to look up? Why doesn't the text say seeing the hands caused them to be subservient to G-d? The imagery of the hands is very central. Moshes hands represent Moshes strength which was his absolute humility. Moshe felt every person was more important than him! It was his job to bring the Jews to this level of humility and love of fellow man. This is the meaning of his hands being raised; the hands of humility and truth. Am Yisrael also possessed this trait. It had to be strengthened whereby each person would look at the greatness of his friend with complete love. By way of this trait they could defeat Amalek who represents the opposite; arrogance and grandiosity. But it is hard to defeat them; they inject the poison of arrogance. When it says "mistaklin L'Maaleh" it means they began to look at the "Maalot" the great attributes of their friends. It is not looking up at the sky, it is looking up to the greatness of the Jewish soul. When this happened their hearts became truly subservient to G-d and overcame the test of Amalek.