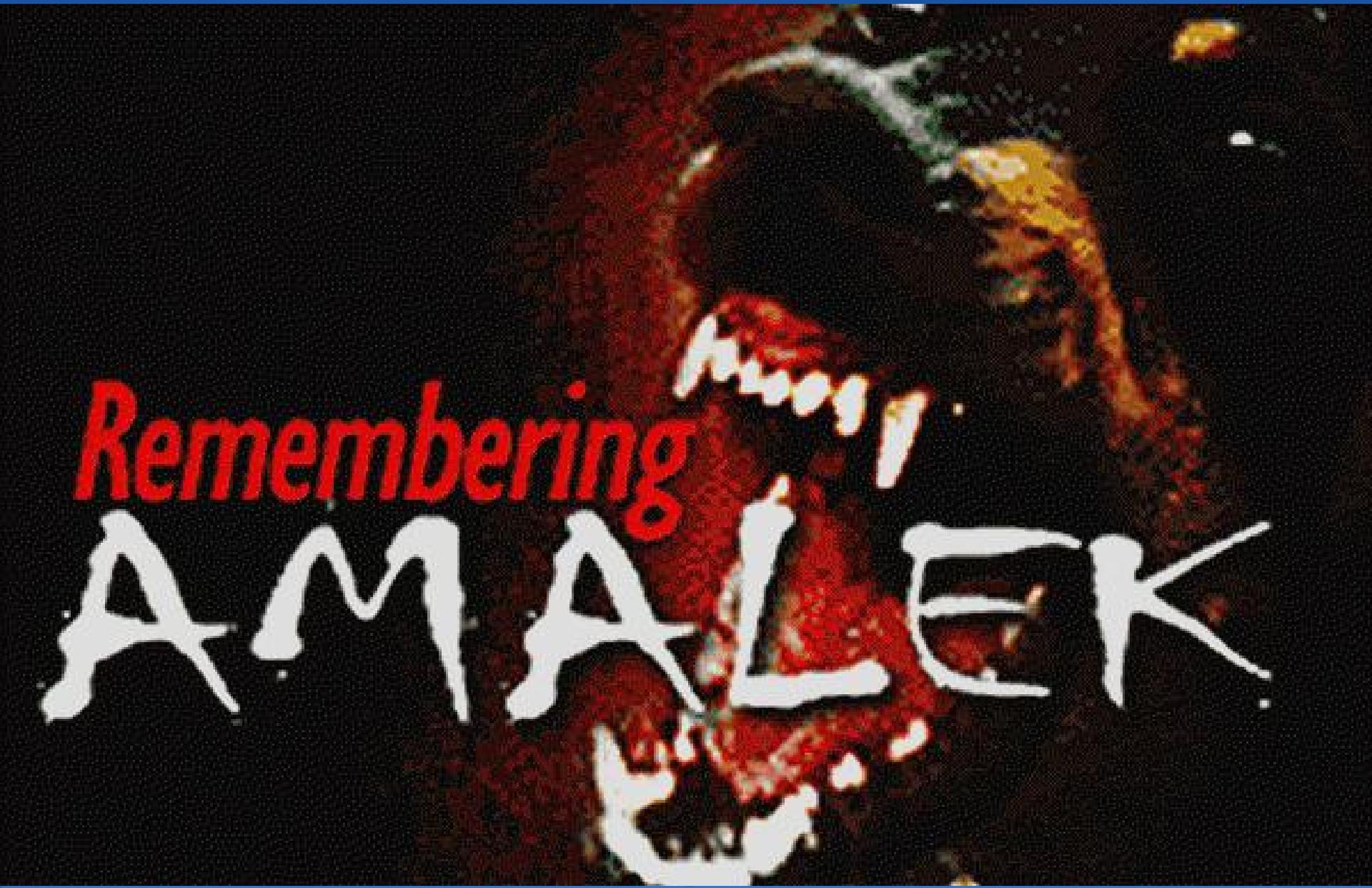


DEUTERONOMY 25:17

Remembering

AMALEK



THE ANNIHILATION OF AMALEK



- King Saul, 250 years after Moses, was directed by God to attack Amalek
- 1 Sam. 15
- Agag, king of Amalek, captured by Saul
- Animals taken as spoils of war
- God is angered by Saul and regrets making him King of Israel

SAMUEL KILLS AGAG

- Agag cut into pieces
- YHWH compares Saul's sin against him to sorcery and idolatry; both are capital offenses without atonement available
- WHY such a hard judgment against Saul?
- God ordered the Holy War against Amalek
- Only when war is directly and divinely ordered is it HOLY WAR



HOLY WAR

- The law of Herem
- Spoils of war belong to God, not to men
- Spoils of Holy War are God's Holy Property
- Items for sacrifice are normally brought to the Priests and divided up
- Items captured in Holy War MUST be destroyed and/or burned up
- King Saul's crime was that he did NOT kill all of Amalek (allowed King Agag to live) AND took spoils of war for himself and for soldiers
- God separated Himself permanently from King Saul as a result

AMALEK = TYPE OF ANTI-CHRIST AND TYPE OF SATAN



- In the Bible “all” doesn’t necessarily mean “100%”
- King David nearly wiped out the Amalekites, and Hezekiah finished the job hundreds of years later
- God will deal with Satan and his followers in the same pattern as He dealt with Amalek
- We are to love OUR enemies, but NOT God’s enemies
- Yeshua did NOT change that

BELIEVERS ARE TO “REMEMBER AMALEK”



- Israel was used as God's hand of wrath against Amalek
- Yeshua will be God's hand of wrath against Satan and his followers
- Holy War is NOT to be attempted at man's decision
- Holy War is ONLY the prerogative of God

DEUTERONOMY 26:

THE DEEPER MYSTERIES OF GOD

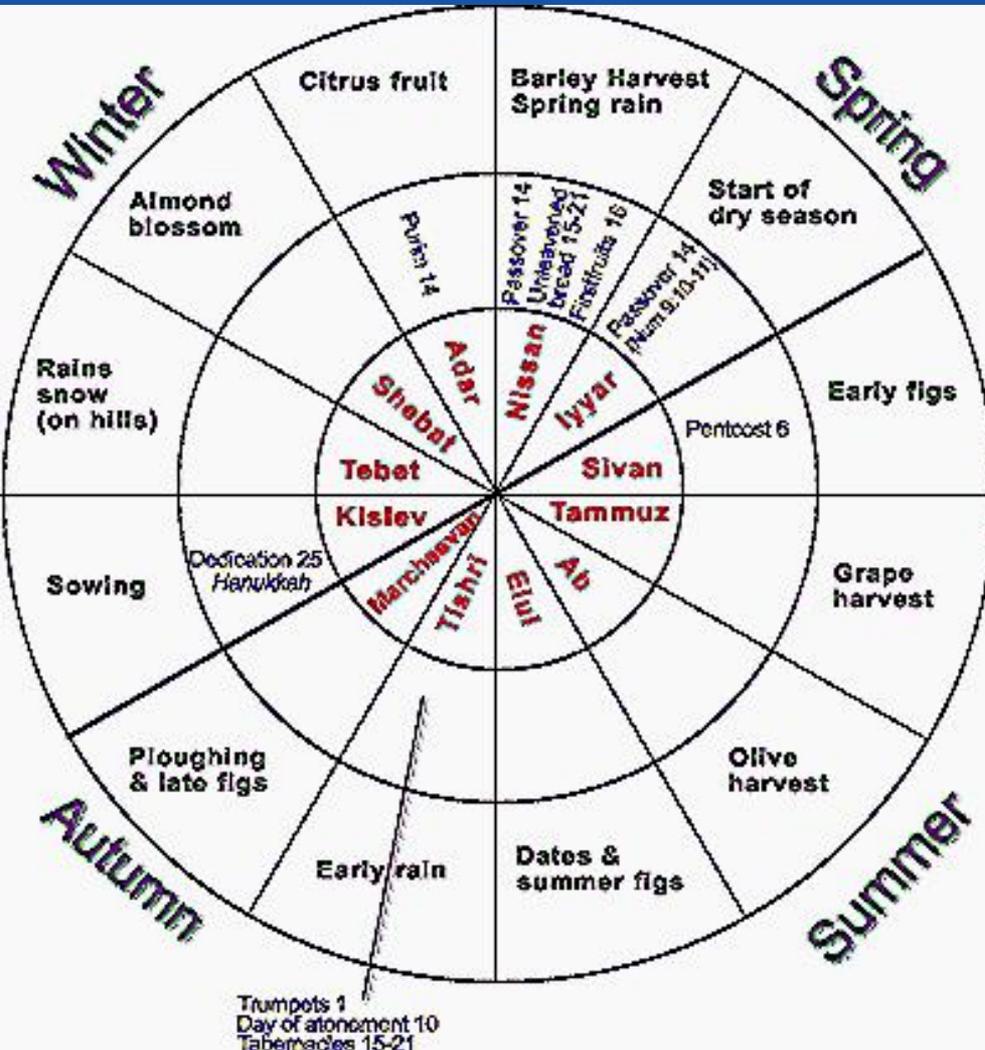
- Chapter 26 begins a 4-chapter section that revolves around the curses and blessings of the Law of Moses
- “...*this command is NOT too hard for you...*”
- The secret things belong to God, the revealed things are for us
- The revealed truth is that part of Torah that all men can understand Deuteronomy 12 -26
- The mysterious things are in Deuteronomy 26-30 and only those who diligently seek will find

FIRSTFRUITS

- Form prayers for lay worshippers
- Firstfruits could NOT, out of practicality, be celebrated out in the Wilderness
- Few Israelites knew anything about farming, they were mostly shepherds



3 FIRSTFRUITS CELEBRATIONS



- Passover time (Spring)
- Shavuot (Summer)
- Sukkot (Fall/winter)
- All 3 were pilgrimage festivals
- Worshipper gives his basket of produce to the Priest
- Verbally acknowledges that the Abraham Covenant of land is NOW FULFILLED!
- Every Israelite forever is to view himself as having personally come out of Egypt

A 2ND DECLARATION TO GOD

- 1) Israel began as nothing special (“my father was an Aram-ean”)
- 2) Jacob was a small clan when they went down into Egypt
- 3) Israel’s stay in Egypt was under harsh oppression
- 4) YHWH rescued Israel from slavery
- 5) Israel was landless and without hope, and God brought them to their own land
- 6) Since God created and owns all things, giving Him the firstfruits of the land is logical

YHWH IS SUPREME



- These 2 declarations are about each INDIVIDUAL
- Most matters of sacrifice and worship are seen more on the collective level
- These 2 INDIVIDUAL declarations focus on redemption!
- A festive meal is eaten near the Sanctuary
- Levites and foreigners are to join and be provided for by the lay worshippers