

# Tetzaveh, Haftarah, March 8, 2025

I Samuel 15:2-34

(2) “Thus said the LORD of Hosts: I am exacting the penalty for what Amalek did to Israel, for the assault he made upon them on the road, on their way up from Egypt. (3)

Now go, attack Amalek, and proscribe all that belongs to him. Spare no one, but kill alike men and women, infants and sucklings, oxen and sheep, camels and asses!”

(4) Saul mustered the troops and enrolled them at Telaim: 200,000 men on foot, and 10,000 men of Judah. (5) Then Saul advanced as far as the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the wadi. (6) Saul said to the Kenites, “Come, withdraw at once from among the Amalekites, that I may not destroy you along with them; for you showed kindness to all the Israelites when they left

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(ב) כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת פְּקֹדֹתַי  
אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה עִמָּלֵק לְיִשְׂרָאֵל  
אֲשֶׁר-שָׂם לוֹ בַדְרֹךְ בְּעֵלְתוֹ  
מִמְצָרִים: (ג) עֲתָה יְיָ וְהַכִּיתָהּ  
אֶת-עִמָּלֵק וְהַחֲרַמְתָּם  
אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ וְלֹא תַחֲמַל עָלָיו  
וְהַמָּתָה מֵאִישׁ עַד-אִשָּׁה מִנְּעֹלָה  
וְעַד-יוֹנֵק מִשׁוֹר וְעַד-שֶׂה מִגָּמֶל  
וְעַד-חֲמֹר: (ד) {ס} וַיִּשְׁמַע שָׁאוּל  
אֶת-הָעָם וַיִּפְקְדֵם בַּטֹּלָאִים מֵאֲתָיִם  
אֶלֶף רַגְלֵי וְעֶשְׂרֵת אֲלָפִים אֶת-אִישׁ  
יְהוּדָה: (ה) וַיָּבֹא שָׁאוּל עַד-עֵיר  
עִמָּלֵק וַיִּרְבַּ בַּנַּחַל: (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר  
שָׁאוּל אֶל-הַקֵּינִי לָכֵן סָרוּ רַדּוֹ  
מִתּוֹךְ עִמָּלֵקִי פֶן-אֶסְפְּךָ עִמּוֹ וְאַתָּה  
עָשִׂיתָה חֶסֶד עִם-כָּל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
בְּעֵלוֹתָם מִמְצָרִים וַיִּסַּר קֵינִי מִתּוֹךְ

Egypt.” So the Kenites withdrew from among the Amalekites. (7) Saul destroyed Amalek from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is close to Egypt, (8) and he captured King Agag of Amalek alive. He proscribed all the people, putting them to the sword; (9) but Saul and the troops spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the second-born, the lambs, and all else that was of value. They would not proscribe them; they proscribed only what was cheap and worthless. (10) The word of the LORD then came to Samuel: (11) “I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned away from Me and has not carried out My commands.” Samuel was distressed and he entreated the LORD all night long. (12) Early in the morning Samuel went to meet Saul. Samuel was told, “Saul went to Carmel, where he erected a monument for himself; then he left and went on down to Gilgal.” (13)

עֲמָלֵק: (ז) וַיִּדָּוּ שָׂאוּל אֶת־עֲמָלֵק  
מִחֻוִּילָהּ בְּוַאֲךָ שׁוּר אֲשֶׁר עַל־פְּנֵי  
מִצְרַיִם: (ח) וַיִּתְּפֹשׂ אֶת־אַגָּג  
מֶלֶךְ־עֲמָלֵק חַי וְאֶת־כָּל־הָעָם  
הַחַרְרִים לְפִי־חָרֵב: (ט) וַיִּחַמְלֵ  
שָׂאוּל וְהָעָם עַל־אַגָּג וְעַל־מֵיטֵב  
הַצֹּאֵן וְהַבָּקָר וְהַמְּשָׁנִים  
וְעַל־הַכְּרִים וְעַל־כָּל־הַטּוֹב וְלֹא  
אָבוּ הַחַרְרִימָם וְכָל־הַמְּלָאכָה  
נִמְבָזָה וְנִמָּס אֶת־הָחַרְרִימוֹ: (פ)  
(י) וַיְהִי דְבַר־יְהוָה אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל  
לֵאמֹר: (יא) נִחַמְתִּי כִּי־הִמְלַכְתִּי  
אֶת־שָׂאוּל לְמֶלֶךְ כִּי־שָׁב מֵאַחֲרַי  
וְאֶת־דְּבָרִי לֹא הִקִּים וַיִּחַר  
לְשְׁמוּאֵל וַיִּזְעַק אֶל־יְהוָה  
כָּל־הַלַּיְלָה: (יב) וַיִּשְׁכַּם שְׁמוּאֵל  
לְקִרְאֵת שָׂאוּל בַּבֹּקֶר וַיִּגַּד  
לְשְׁמוּאֵל לֵאמֹר בָּא־שָׂאוּל  
הַכְּרַמְלָה וְהִנֵּה מַצִּיב לוֹ יָד וַיִּסֹּב  
וַיַּעֲבֹר וַיֵּרֶד הַגִּלְגָּל: (יג) וַיָּבֹא  
שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־שָׂאוּל וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ שָׂאוּל

When Samuel came to Saul, Saul said to him, “Blessed are you of the LORD! I have fulfilled the LORD’s command.” (14) “Then what,” demanded Samuel, “is this bleating of sheep in my ears, and the lowing of oxen that I hear?” (15) Saul answered, “They were brought from the Amalekites, for the troops spared the choicest of the sheep and oxen for sacrificing to the LORD your God. And we proscribed the rest.” (16) Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night!” “Speak,” he replied. (17) And Samuel said, “You may look small to yourself, but you are the head of the tribes of Israel. The LORD anointed you king over Israel, (18) and the LORD sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and proscribe the sinful Amalekites; make war on them until you have exterminated them.’ (19) Why did you disobey the LORD and swoop down on the

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה לַיהוָה הַקִּיַּמְתִּי  
אֶת־דְּבַר יְהוָה: (יד) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל  
וַיִּמְה קוֹל־הַצֹּאן הַזֶּה בְּאָזְנִי וְקוֹל  
הַבָּקָר אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי שֹׁמֵעַ: (טו)  
וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂאוּל מֵעַמְלֵקֵי הַבִּיאוֹם  
אֲשֶׁר חָמַל הָעָם עַל־מִיטְבַּי הַצֹּאן  
וְהַבָּקָר לְמַעַן זָבַח לַיהוָה אֶל־הָיָה  
וְאֶת־הַיּוֹתֵר הֶחֱרַמְנוּ: {פ} (טז)  
וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל אֶל־שְׂאוּל הֲרָף  
וְאֶגִּידָה לְךָ אֵת אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה  
אֵלַי הַלַּיְלָה (וַיֹּאמְרוּ) [וַיֹּאמֶר] לוֹ  
דְּבַר: {ס} (יז) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל הֲלוֹא  
אִם־קָטַן אַתָּה בְּעֵינָיִךְ רֹאשׁ שְׁבֵטִי  
יִשְׂרָאֵל אַתָּה וַיִּמְשַׁחְךָ יְהוָה לְמֶלֶךְ  
עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: (יח) וַיִּשְׁלַחְךָ יְהוָה  
בְּדַרְךְ וַיֹּאמֶר לְךָ וְהֶחֱרַמְתָּהּ  
אֶת־הַחֲטָאִים אֶת־עַמְלֵק וְנִלְחַמְתָּ  
בּוֹ עַד כָּלֹתָם אַתָּם: (יט) וְלָמָּה  
לֹא־שָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹל יְהוָה וַתַּעַט  
אֶל־הַשָּׁלָל וַתַּעַשׂ הָרַע בְּעֵינָי  
יְהוָה: {ס} (כ) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂאוּל

spoil in defiance of the LORD's will?" (20) Saul said to Samuel, "But I did obey the LORD! I performed the mission on which the LORD sent me: I captured King Agag of Amalek, and I proscribed Amalek, (21) and the troops took from the spoil some sheep and oxen—the best of what had been proscribed—to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal." (22) But Samuel said: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As much as in obedience to the LORD's command? Surely, obedience is better than sacrifice, Compliance than the fat of rams. (23) For rebellion is like the sin of divination, Defiance, like the iniquity of teraphim. Because you rejected the LORD's command, He has rejected you as king." (24) Saul said to Samuel, "I did wrong to transgress the LORD's command and your instructions; but I was afraid of the troops and I yielded to

אֶל־שְׂמוּאֵל אֲשֶׁר שָׁמַעְתִּי בְּקוֹל  
 יְהוָה וְאֵלֶיךָ בְּדַרְךְ אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלַחְנִי  
 יְהוָה וְאָבִיא אֶת־אַגַּג מֶלֶךְ עַמְלֵק  
 וְאֶת־עַמְלֵק הִחָרַמְתִּי: (כא) וַיִּקַּח  
 הָעָם מִהַשָּׁלַל צֹאן וּבָקָר רֵאשִׁית  
 הַחֲרָם לְזִבְחַ לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
 בְּגִלְגָּל: {ס} (כב) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל  
 הֲחִפְּץ לַיהוָה בְּעֹלוֹת וּזְבָחִים  
 כְּשִׁמְעַ בְּקוֹל יְהוָה הֲנֵה שֹׁמֵעַ  
 מִזְבַּח טוֹב לְהִקְשִׁיב מִחֲלֵב אֵילִים:  
 (כג) כִּי חֲטֵאת־קֶסֶם מְרִי וְאִוֶּן  
 וּתְרָפִים הַפְּצָר יַעַן מָאַסְתָּ אֶת־דְּבַר  
 יְהוָה וַיִּמְאַסֶּךָ מִמֶּלֶךְ: {ס} (כד)  
 וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂאוּל אֶל־שְׂמוּאֵל חֲטֵאתִי  
 כִּי־עָבַרְתִּי אֶת־פִּי־יְהוָה וְאֶת־דְּבָרֶיךָ  
 כִּי יִרְאֵתִי אֶת־הָעָם וְאֲשַׁמְעַ  
 בְּקוֹלָם: (כה) וְעַתָּה שָׂא נָא  
 אֶת־חֲטֵאתִי וְשׁוּב עִמָּי וְאַשְׁתַּחֲוֶה  
 לַיהוָה: (כו) וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל  
 אֶל־שְׂאוּל לֹא אָשׁוּב עִמָּךְ כִּי  
 מָאַסְתָּה אֶת־דְּבַר יְהוָה וַיִּמְאַסֶּךָ

them. (25) Please, forgive my offense and come back with me, and I will bow low to the LORD.” (26) But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not go back with you; for you have rejected the LORD’s command, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel.” (27) As Samuel turned to leave, Saul seized the corner of his robe, and it tore. (28) And Samuel said to him, “The LORD has this day torn the kingship over Israel away from you and has given it to another who is worthier than you. (29) Moreover, the Glory of Israel does not deceive or change His mind, for He is not human that He should change His mind.” (30) But [Saul] pleaded, “I did wrong. Please, honor me in the presence of the elders of my people and in the presence of Israel, and come back with me until I have bowed low to the LORD your God.” (31) So Samuel followed Saul back, and Saul bowed low to the

יהוה מִהָיֹת מֶלֶךְ עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל: {ס}  
 (כז) וַיִּסָּב שָׁמוּאֵל לָלֶכֶת וַיִּחַזַּק  
 בְּכֹנֶף־מְעִילוֹ וַיִּקְרַע: {ס} (כח)  
 וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו שָׁמוּאֵל קָרַע יְהוָה  
 אֶת־מַמְלְכוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵעַלְיָךְ הַיּוֹם  
 וַנִּתְּנָה לְרֵעֶךָ הַטּוֹב מִמֶּךָ: {ס} (כט)  
 וְגַם נִצַּח יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא יִשְׁקַר וְלֹא  
 יִנָּחֵם כִּי לֹא אָדָם הוּא לְהִנָּחֵם: (ל)  
 וַיֹּאמֶר חָטָאתִי עִתָּה כִּבְדֵנִי נָא וַנִּגַּד  
 זְקַנִּי־עִמִּי וַנִּגַּד יִשְׂרָאֵל וְשׁוֹב עִמִּי  
 וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתִי לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ: (לא)  
 וַיֵּשֶׁב שָׁמוּאֵל אַחֲרַי שְׂאִיל וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה  
 שְׂאִיל לַיהוָה: {ס} (לב) וַיֹּאמֶר  
 שָׁמוּאֵל הִגִּישׁוּ אֵלָי אֶת־אַגָּג מֶלֶךְ  
 עַמְלֵק וַיִּלֶּךְ אֵלָיו אַגָּג מֵעַדְנָת  
 וַיֹּאמֶר אַגָּג אָכֵן סָר מִרְ־הַמּוֹת:  
 {ס} (לג) וַיֹּאמֶר שָׁמוּאֵל כֹּאֲשֶׁר  
 שִׁפְלָה נָשִׁים חֲרָבָה כִּן־תִּשְׁפַל  
 מִנָּשִׁים אִמָּה וַיִּשְׁפֹּף שָׁמוּאֵל  
 אֶת־אַגָּג לְפָנָי יְהוָה בַּגְּלָגַל: {ס}

LORD. (32) Samuel said, “Bring forward to me King Agag of Amalek.” Agag approached him with faltering steps; and Agag said, “Ah, bitter death is at hand!” (33) Samuel said: “As your sword has bereaved women, So shall your mother be bereaved among women.” And Samuel cut Agag down before the LORD at Gilgal. (34) Samuel then departed for Ramah, and Saul went up to his home at Gibeah of Saul.

(לד) וַיֵּלֶךְ שְׁמוּאֵל הָרְמָתָה וְשָׂאוּל  
עָלָה אֶל-בֵּיתוֹ גְּבַעַת שָׂאוּל: