

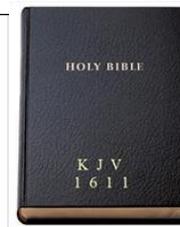
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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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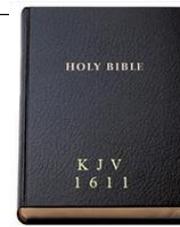
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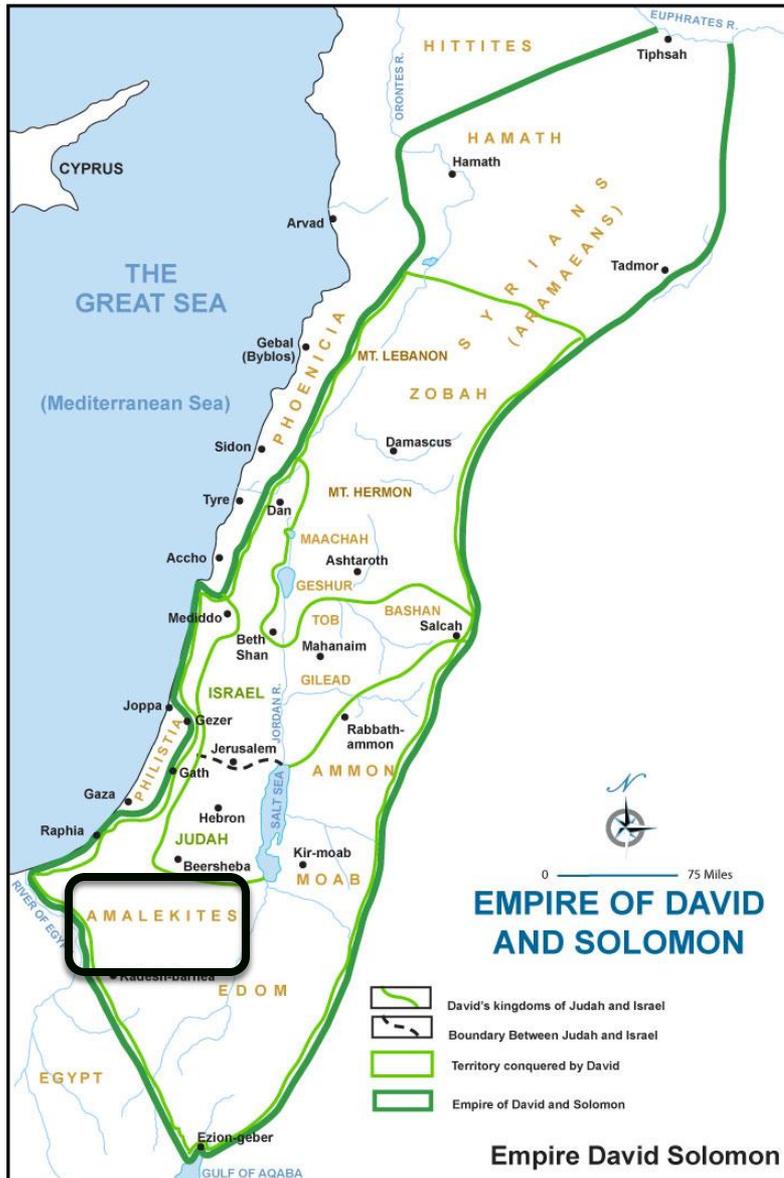
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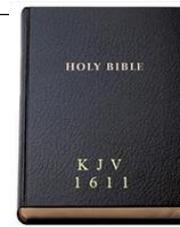
- AMALEK, AMALEKITE(S)= appears 51x
- Amalek was a grandson of Esau so he likely knew the story of his grandfather Esau and Jacob and harbored the same hatred toward the children of Israel over what was perceived to be a STOLEN blessing

1 Chr 1:35-36

The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.

The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

- Amalek, like Esau, is a type of the FLESH
- The Amalekites settled south of Philistia and west of Edom and Mt. Seir



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1 Sam 15:7

And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

- Amalek was the first nation to attack Israel when they came up out of Egypt

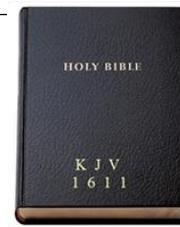
Exo 17:8

Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

Num 24:20

And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.

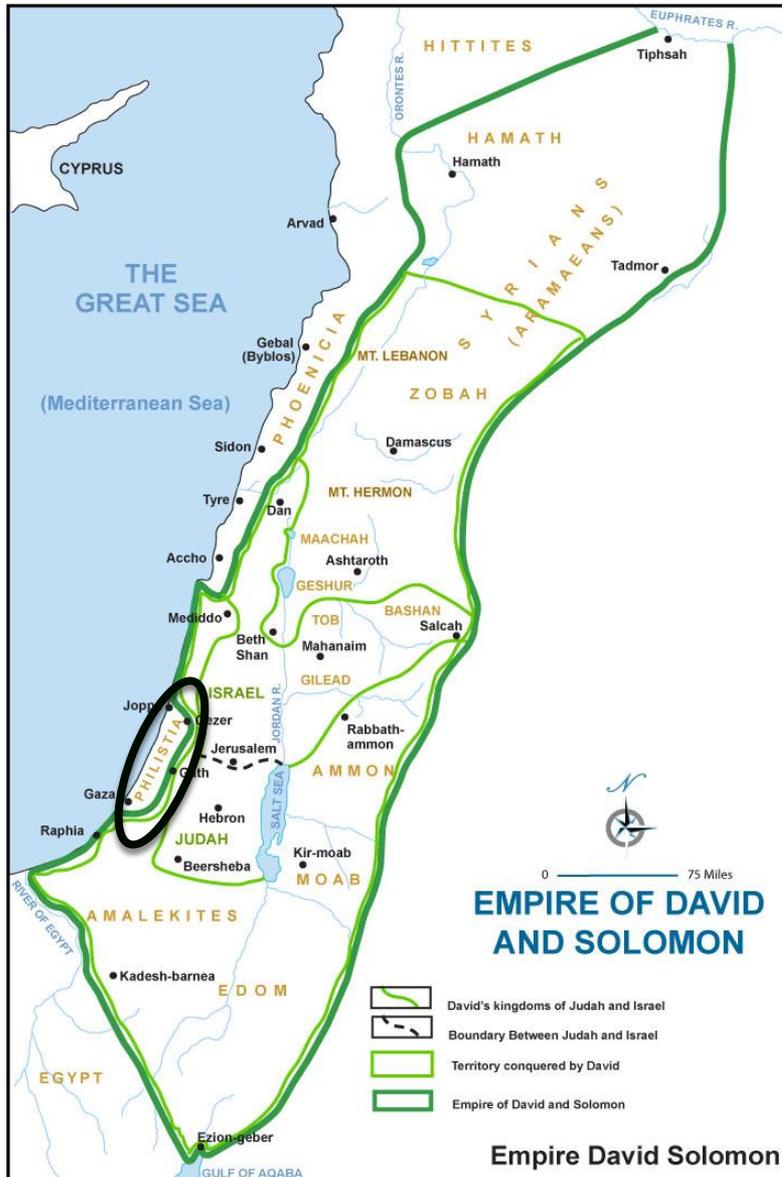
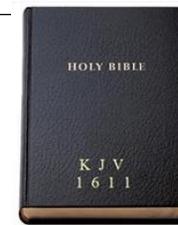
- The Lord remembered this and promised to war with Amalek from generation to generation and, ultimately, to utterly destroy the Amalekites after Israel received their entire inheritance (Exo 17:16; Deu 25:17-19)
- The Amalekites were among those who smote the presumptuous Israelites at Kadesh-barnea (Num 14:43-45)



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- The Amalekites fought with the Midianites against Israel in the days of Gideon (Jud 6:3,33; 7:12)
- The Amalekites were among those who warred against Saul (1 Sam 14:48)
- The Lord commanded Saul to destroy all the Amalekites but he disobeyed and only smote those in a specific area, and spared Agag their king and the best of their flocks and herds (1 Sam 15:1-9)
- Although Samuel executed Agag (1 Sam 15:33), Agag had descendants among the Amalekite remnant that would eventually produce the most famous individual Amalekite, Haman (Est 3:1)
- Haman is a type of Satan and the Antichrist in that he is called “**the adversary and enemy**” (Est 7:6)
- Haman concocted a plan to wipe the Jews off the face of the earth (Est 3:6-15), just like the 10-nation confederacy in Psalm 83 (Psa 83:4) and the Antichrist during the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation (Rev 12:14,17)
- Interestingly, none of the OT prophets pronounce judgment upon the Amalekites
- Their last appearance chronologically is 2 Samuel 8:12, where they are among the nations warring against David

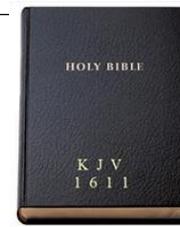
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- PHILISTINE(S) and PHILISTIA= appears 291x
- PALESTINE, PALESTINA= appears 4x (Exo 15:14; Isa 14:29,31; Joel 3:4)
- PHILISTIM= the tribal name; appears 1x (Gen 10:14)
- The Philistines settled on the Mediterranean coast, south and west of Israel, and north of the Amalekites
- The first appearance of the PHILISTINES (Gen 21:32) is in the context of a LAND DISPUTE with Abraham

Gen 21:25

And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.



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- The Philistines would later be involved in a land dispute with Isaac
- At the heart of the dispute was the fact the Philistines **ENVIED** the prosperity of Isaac

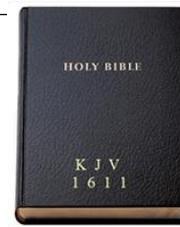
Gen 26:12,14,20

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and **the LORD blessed him.**

For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and **the Philistines envied him.**

And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, **The water is ours:** and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

- The Philistines were constant oppressors of Israel during the days of the judges
- The Philistines oppressed Israel for an undetermined period of time until they were delivered by Shamgar (Jud 3:31)
- They allied themselves with the Ammonites and oppressed Israel for 18 years until they were delivered by Jephthah (Jud 10:6-12:7)
- They oppressed Israel for 40 years until they were delivered by Samson (Jud 13:1; 16:31)



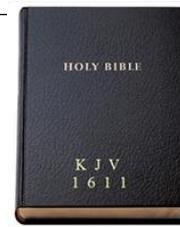
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- The Philistines constantly warred against Israel during the days of Samuel and king Saul (1 Sam 4:1; 7:10; 13:5; 14:31,48; 17:1; 18:27; 23:5; 28:4; 31:1)

1 Sam 14:52

And **there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul**: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

- The Philistines also warred against David after he became king (2 Sam 5:18-25; 8:1,12; 21:15; 23:11)
- The Philistines did not war against Solomon and interestingly, retained their sovereignty all the while Solomon expanded Israel's borders (see: Empire of David and Solomon map)
- The Philistines sent presents to king Jehoshaphat (2 Chr 17:11), but warred against Uzziah (2 Chr 26:6) and Hezekiah (2 Kin 18:8)



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- It appears the Philistines were originally ruled by a single king under the title ABIMELECH (“my father is king”)

Gen 20:2; 26:1

And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She *is* my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

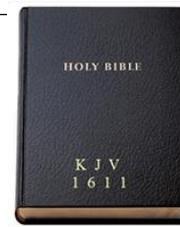
And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

- Eventually, the land of the Philistines was made up of a pentapolis with a lord over each of the five cities

1 Sam 6:17-18

And these *are* the golden emerods which the Philistines returned *for* a trespass offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one;

And the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great *stone of* Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Bethshemite.



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- The five cities of the Philistines appear 126x in their various forms
 - ASHDOD (“ravager”), ASHDODITES, ASHDOTHITES= appears 23x
 - ASKELON (“weighed”), ASHKELON, ESHKALONITES= appears 13x
 - EKRON (“eradication; torn up by the roots”), EKRONITES= appears 24x
 - GATH (“winepress”), GITTITE(S)= appears 43x
 - GAZA (“strong”), GAZATHITES, AZZAH,= appears 23x
- These cities became home to the GIANTS and they remained there even after Joshua and the Israelites purged the rest of the land of them

Jos 11:22

There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

- The most famous individual Philistine is the giant Goliath, who sought to destroy David (a type of Israel) but was defeated in history’s greatest “upset” (a type of the war of Psalm 83?)



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1 Sam 17:4,42,44,50

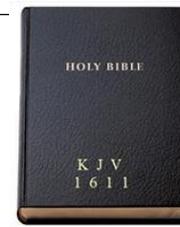
And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named **Goliath, of Gath**, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.

And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, **he despised him**: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and **I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air**, and to the beasts of the field.

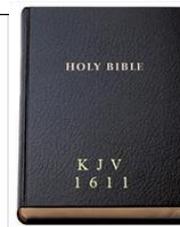
So **David prevailed over the Philistine** with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of David.

- Judgment is pronounced against the PHILISTINES in (Jer 25:20; 47:1-7; Eze 25:15-17; Amo 1:6-8; Zep 2:4-7; Zec 9:5-6)
- With the exception of Ezekiel, all these prophets mention four of the five cities making up the Philistine pentapolis- the only city not mentioned is GATH, possibly because it was destroyed during the days of Uzziah (2 Chr 26:6)



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- The land of the Philistines today is the GAZA STRIP, which contains the largest concentration of Palestinian refugees
- It is possible that the Gaza Strip will become an official independent state of PALESTINE in the near future
- The prophetic judgments against the Philistines apply specifically to any Palestinian state that might be created, Arabs living in the Gaza Strip, and the terror organization HAMAS (whose headquarters are in Gaza City)
- There is an etymological and historical connection between the PHILISTINES and PALESTINE
- Although the Diaspora (i.e.- dispersion of the Jews) began with the destruction of the temple in 70 AD, a Jewish remnant continued to revolt against Roman rule for the next 65 years culminating in the Bar-Kokhba revolt (132-135 AD)
- Simon Bar-Kokhba, the commander of the revolt, was acclaimed to be the Messiah by his followers
- In spite of early victories, the revolt was crushed by the Roman emperor Hadrian in 135 AD



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