Becoming Christlike – Learning How from Old Testament Kings and Prophets

Session 29 - Hamas The Amalekites You and Me in 2023

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It is a time of warfare in the world today. It is astounding to think about the time we live in. The Word of God sheds so much light on what is happening. We need a Biblical world view.

In this session we will discuss some current events. In the next session we will look at what the Word says about it and what we can and should be doing. It is difficult to keep up with all that is going on.

There is massive world-wide deception going on regarding Hamas and Israel. It makes the Word even more believable. The Book of Revelation speaks of the whole world being deceived so it is not so surprising that we see it happening now.

In I Samuel 15 we covered Saul's sin of not eliminating the Amalekites and Saul's subsequent demonic possession and the rage that resulted. This is what has prompted Michael to cover today's material and what he will cover in the next session.

I Samuel 15:1-3

<u>1</u> And Samuel said to Saul, "The Lord sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the Lord. <u>2</u> Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. <u>3</u> Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."

This seems very extreme on its face. Wipe out ALL? ...even men, women, child, infant, ox sheep, camel and donkey? What if there is one person among them who would believe and worship the true God?

It reminds us of Abraham in the book of Genesis when he is pleading the case for Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 18:23-33

23 Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" 26 And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

27 Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." 29 Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the

sake of forty I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." 31 He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." 33 And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

God walks away after declaring he will not destroy if if ten righteous are found. Either Abraham gives up or Abraham gets the idea that God must know there are not even ten righteous in the city or God would get them out.

So we see the love, kindness, compassion and mercy of God not to destroy it if even ten righteous people were there.

Why does such an evil place exist? Why is Hamas doing such evil acts against Israel. If one is taught from a young child to hate certain people and taught to believe this is justified he will grow up thinking this is right and just, and the evil will play out.

We saw how evil the Amalekites were. They were genetically evil then raised to hate and to carry out despicable acts.

So God wanted to get rid of all the evil people. Why? So that the good people can live.

What is happening today gives us a window into Sodom and Gomorrah and into I Samuel 15 and God's desire to get rid of the evil so good people can live.

Hamas did as the Amalekites had done. The went after the weakest – women and children, pregnant moms, innocent people. They raped, they dismembered, they did just gruesome unspeakable acts.

Current Events in the News in the Last Week

We will cite various news stories and headline topics to clearly see the working of the devil going on today.

Hamas Slaughters Gazans if They Try to Evacuate – Israel warned the people of Gaza to flee south because they were going to attack. Hamas slaughtered Gazans if they tried to evacuate. They were threatening their own people not to leasve so they could make propaganda, "Look Israel is killing innocent civilians!"

Hamas – Hospitals Hamas wanted to operate near hospitals so that they could be protected and so that if a hospital was struck and innocent people were killed they could use it as propaganda.

The Goal of Hamas – The outright goal of Hamas and the Palestinians in general is to eliminate all of Israel. They want perpetual war with Israel.

Response of the World and the Deception Taking Place

Despite all this being common knowledge, people are being deceived.

Propoganda – Hamas is creating its own civilian deaths to stir the world against Israel. They can use the images as propaganda and convince the world.

Its Not Just Hamas- Active Persecution Goes on Elsewhere

Nigeria – 5,000 Christians per year are murdered by Nigerian Islamic extremists.

As American Christians it is hard for us to believe there are people this evil in the world.

We must applaud Isael for how they are handling it. Netanyahu cited Deuteronomy in a message to his troops.

Deuteronomy 25:17-18

17 "Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt, 18 how he attacked you on the way when you were faint and weary, and cut off your tail, those who were lagging behind you, and he did not fear God.

Amalek had singled out the weak, the young, the old, women. Netanyahu has said they are righteous in their motives and goals of getting rid of this murderous people. This is a war between sons of light and sons of darkness. There is clear evil and clear good.

We are not equating Hamas with the Amalekites but there are parallels. Netanyahu went on to quote Psalm 18:40 and asked God to help them.

Psalm 18:40

- 40 You made my enemies turn their backs to me, e and those who hated me I destroyed.
- 47 the God who gave me vengeanceand subdued peoples under me,
- 48 who rescued me from my enemies; yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from the man of violence.

The Israeli Defense Minister said Hamas is taking blow after blow. They are not backing down regarding world opinion. He appealed to the whole world; what kind of father would stop searching for his children? He thinks of every child taken hostage as if it was his own child.

How is the world responding? The NY Times says Russia, China, & Iran all back Hamas. Nations who claim to support human rights yet they are backing the murderous techniques of Hamas.

Erdowan in Turkey has called upon Muslims (1/4 of the world's population) to unite vs Isreal, this one small country. (Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom.)

Major media photographers were embedded with Hamas when they invaded Israel in order to photograph the atrocities and make a buck.

A participant sent in a Hebrew word study on Amalek – people who lick blood is the meaning of the name. Like Hamas, back in Genesis they killed the weakest, the innocent, the unarmed.

https://www.chaimbentorah.com/2023/11/hebrew-word-study-people-who-lick-blood-amalek/

"It is my opinion that the same demons motivating the Amalekites are the same ones motivating Hamas today. The word Amalekite means people who lick blood. They really are not much different today than the Amalekites were 3,500 years ago."

In the United States there are Pro Palestinian Demonstrations going on in many major cities. It is insanity and the ultimate in hypocrisy. They are claiming that the jews are committing genocide. New Media Outlets are claiming that the jews are illegally inhabiting the land and it needs to be given back to the Palestinians. This is a massive deception regarding the land and Israel. We know from the Word how long this land has belonged to Israel, 1000s of years. The Palestinians are not victims.

Some say this is the biggest lie of our time, yet people are "buying it." We can and should speak up when people are repeating the propaganda. This was their land for 1000's of years. There is a huge deception going on, changing the history.

Instead of portraying the Palestinians as victims and the Israeli's as perpetrators, tell the truth!

One can easily research the history of Isreal, even on Wikipedia. What do deceivers do?

Nicole James' (a frelance journalist based in Australia) wrote in a recent article: "George Orwell is incorrectly hailed as a novelist. He is indeed brilliant, but it would be more accurate to describe him as a modern-day Nostradamus or seer because he said: "Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past." (From his novel, 1984)

Here are 6 tactics with regard to history from the Marxist playbook. (This is what we are seeing right now: people trying to rewrite history.)

- 1. History can be destroyed
- 2. History can be forgotten
- 3. History can be defaced
- 4. History can be cherry-picked
- 5. History can be made up
- 6. History can be embellished or blurred

It is difficult to keep one's mind on the things of God, the Word, truth, what God wants us to do, when we are surrounded on a daily basis with evil events and circumstances.

In the next session I will share what I have found in going to the Word as instruction to myself that I want to share with you.

Headlines of things going on in the USA Today

Universities set up classes to teach witchcraft, magic, and the occult. Yes, universities that were originally Christian:

Exeter in England offers a master's degree in witchcraft, magic, and the occult.

Rice University teaches Gnosticism, esoterocism and mysticism giving a certificate from its religion department that focuses on magic and witchcraft.

Witchcraft has become mainstream here in the US in the form of Wicken. This illustrates how far we have fallen.

"Satan's goal is just to keep the crown of God's creation, humanity, from kowing their creator. Both atheism and magic accomplish that goal. So Satan is happy with either choice."

One Senator is demanding a probe into the Dept. of Homeland Security because they have been diverting resources to take care of aliens. They are suppressing the investigation of child exploitation and fentanyl smuggling into the US. So...we are going to turn a blind eye to molestation and the abuse of children, the rape of women and the smuggling of drugs but we are going to make sure the border patrol are making sandwiches for the illegal aliens crashing the border. More insanity of course.

I am trying to show you the Devil, his goals, the way he operates, what he is doing worldwide and here in the US which used to be a bastion for freedom and a promoter of Christianity. We used to send missionaries around the world. Now other countries send missionaries here.

One of the communist tactics is to create a decadent popular culture so that people can no longer think rationally, logically, coherently or critically. They no longer have sound minds. then they are ripe for deception.

Pop culture and social chaos is what Marxists have attempted to inculcate in the US for the last 60 years and they have been successful:

Pornography

Drug abuse

Prostitution

We could talk about climate change and critical race theory and gender Identity.

Imprimis – September Issue – Christopher Rufo "Inside the Transgender Empire"

The transgender movement is pressing its agenda everywhere. Teachers, classrooms, propaganda in the media. Promoting the mutilation of young children under the euphemistic banner of "gender affirming care".

Language is always bastardized and reworked to use words to mislead. They are actually mutilating young people who will have lifelong problems physically, mentally and emotionally and then calling it "gender affirming <u>care</u>".

It is an example of Romans 1 where people are worshipping and serving the creature rather than the creator. "God said I am a male, I say I am a female, so take a hike God I am going to be a female."

This provokes two questions? Where did it come from and why has it been so successful? It goes back to the 80's when a group of academics came up with queer theory and transgender studies. They wanted to promote the idea that gender is a social construct rather than something put on you by the creator.

There are great insights in this Imprimis Article which can be found here:

https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/inside-the-transgender-empire/

Elon Musk on the Joe Rogan Podcast recently stated that George Soros is intentionally eroding the fabric of civilization. He hates humanity. He has funded prosecuters who refuse to prosecute. If the laws aren't enforced there is anarchy and when there is anarchy there is chaos. When there is chaos there is easy implementation of tyranny and you can take away everyone's rights and freedoms and then Christianity gets scrutinized and labeled as extremist and a terrorist threat.

He figured out that you don't need to change laws. If nobody chooses to enforce the laws or if the laws are differentially enforced it is like changing the law. All you need to do is get people in place who will not enforce the law. Criminals will be emboldened. Society falls apart.

Think how devious, deceptive, evil and devilish that is to come up with that and then to spend billions to implement it.

Michael Flynn recently explained that the US Congress is largely compromised. They can't vote how they would prefer. They have participated in these junkets overseas, they have been seen in compromising situations, like molesting children...now their careers are over and they are under the thumb of lobbyists and globalists to vote as they are told or be publicly exposed. Globalism necessitates the destruction of the United States.

Religious liberty is under attack. The pentagon has unlawfully threatened the careers of 24 navy seals for refusing to violate their faith. They want to get Christians out of the military.

A new book has recently come out:

Controligarchs: Exposing the Billionaire Class, their Secret Deals, and the Globalist Plot to Dominate Your Life Hardcover – by Seamus Bruner November 14, 2023

Lists names of billionaire elites who want to control everyone. We see this in the Book of Revelation chapter 18. Are these people the ones who will do this in the end times? Or will there be a reprieve and others will do this later on? We have no way of knowing. They currently want to weaponize AI, digitalize currency, fund the rise of the radical left, and profit from the population control agenda.

In the next session I will cover our response to these facts and events.

None of this should be a surprise to us. We know that the devil is real.

John 10:10

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

He is the god of this age, and this entire course is set-up by him. We know when we watch the news that much of what is happening is not just flesh and blood people, but they are demonically inspired.

Ephesians 6:10-12

 $\underline{10}$ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. $\underline{11}$ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. $\underline{12}$ For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the

cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

How gracious of God to inform us.

2 Corinthians 2:11-13

11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

We are seeing this played out before us. All of this is playing out before us. Don't be distracted from what is important. That is what I am going to cover in our next session. Which will be a lot about self control.

2 Corinthians 11

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Look how things are portrayed in the world and the media.

They portray good as evil and evil as good: Oh the poor Gazans! O the poor children!

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Gender affirming care...Oh we are so compassionate in taking care of these poor kids who are trapped in the wrong body. We need to override God and affirm their true gender!

This is why we need to be in the Word and exercise our ability to discern truth from error.

2 Corinthains 4:3.4

<u>3</u> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <u>4</u> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

That is always the aim of the devil. He is the god of this age, the prince of the power of the air ruler over this present darkness. He has BLINDED the minds of unbelievers. They cannot see the truth even when it is right in front of them. He keeps them form seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.