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## Beshalach

## Amalek

Genesis 14:7 We find the Amalakites among the lands that were conquered by Kedorlaomer and later liberated by Abram the Hebrew.

Genesis 36:12 Here we are told that Esau's son, Eliphaz, had a concubine named Timna, who bore him Amalek. Eliphaz was the son of Adah, a Hittite (Gen 36:2). The Hittites were the people of Ephron, who sold Abraham the cave of Machpelah (Gen 23).

Deuteronomy 25:17-19 Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you cam out of Egypt. When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and cut off all who were lagging behind; <u>they have no fear of God</u>. When the Lord your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land he is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven. Do not forget!

Judges 3 Here the Amalekites are allies of Eglon, king of Moab, who occupies the City of Palms (Jericho) for 18 years. Ehud, a left-handed Benjaminite, is a deliverer sent from God to kill Eglon.

I Samuel 15:1-34 The "Holy War" against the Amalekites. Note that the Kenites are warned to separate from the Amalekites so they do not become involved in the upcoming battle. (The Kenites are descendants of Jethro).

Esther 3:1-2 After these events, King Xerxes honored Haman son of Hammedatha, the agagite, elevating him and giving him a seat of honor higher than that of all the other nobles. All the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had commanded this concerning him. But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor.

## Justice

The Hebrew word which is translated as "justice" is related to the word that is translated "righteous." In the KJV, the word, "injustice," appears only once – Job 16:17 – and this word is related to violence, cruelty and falsehood. No place in the Bible where "social" and "justice" are linked is listed in <u>Strong's Exhaustive Concordance</u>.

Genesis 6:9 This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous (KJV = just) man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.

Leviticus 19:35-36 Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. Use honest (KJV = just) scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt. (See also Deut 25:13-16)

Deuteronomy 16:18-20 Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes in every town the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall judge the people fairly. Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 32: 3-4 (From the second song of Moses) I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

2 Samuel 8:15 David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.

2 Samuel 12:1-25 Nathan rebukes David.

Hosea 14:9 Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the Lord are right (KJV = just); the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

Amos 5:11-12 You trample the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

Habakkuk 2:4 See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright – but the righteous will live by his faith.

Job 16:16-17 My face is red with weeping, deep shadows ring my eyes; yet my hands have been free of violence (injustice) and my prayer is pure. (This is the only place in the Tanach where injustice is mentioned!)