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..You [Moses] represent the people before Elohim, and bring the causes to Elohim. You shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and shall show them the way in which they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able men which fear Elohim: men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. Exodus 17:19-21

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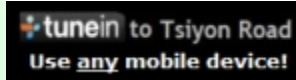
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Hyksos - Amalekites - Amu

Tsiyon Note: In our latest Midrash, Israel encounters the Amalekites for the first time. Below we reprint an article from CreationWiki which articulates a popular theory regarding the identity of the Amalekites, and related information. We have not fully researched all aspects of this article, leaving this to interested readers.

The **Hyksos** (Amalekites) seem to have **invaded** Egypt shortly after the Exodus which occurred at the end of the 13th dynasty. The **Hyksos** (Amalekites) may even have crossed paths with the departing Israelites shortly after Moses and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea at Rephidim (Exodus 17:8-16).

Egypt was destabilised when Moses (Amenemhet IV) went into exile as there was nobody to continue the 12th dynasty. When Amenemhet III died, his daughter Sobeknefru had to become pharaoh. She only lived for 4 years (possibly 8 years) and when she died, the 12th dynasty ended.

Egypt suffered massive losses 40 years later under Neferhotep as a result of the Exodus (1446BC). This brought about the end of the 13th dynasty. Egypt became vulnerable to invasion as a result of plagues and the loss of it's leader, it's army, it's slaves and it's chariots.

The **Hyksos** (Amalekites) took over and ruled Lower Egypt for the next 400 yrs (the second intermediate period). The Hyksos were 'foreigners' to Egypt and are thought to have originated in Arabia. The word 'Hyc' meant 'Shepherd' and 'sos' meant 'king', thus the word 'Hyksos' meant 'Shepherd King'. They were nomadic herdsmen. They had a reputation of being very cruel and destructive. The Egyptians called them 'Amu'. The Hebrews called them the 'Amalekites'. Some Ancient Arabic manuscripts record *an invasion of Egypt by the 'Amalekites'*. They were able to take over Lower Egypt with very little resistance.

The Hyksos Ruled over Lower Egypt from their fortress at Avaris situated on Egypt's border. They maintained strong garrisons throughout the country and subjugated the regional Nomarchs. Here the Shepherd Kings received tribute from the regional governors and their (Nomes). The princes of the nomes were treated in a distainful manner as described in the Sallier Papyrus I. Apopi II (Agog II / Agag) use to send humiliating demands to Seqenenre in Thebes. Seqenenre was arrested and brought to Avaris. Seqenenre's son Kahmose lead a rebellion in which the Hyksos were eventually defeated with the help of King Saul from Israel. The **Hyksos** / Amalekites were forced to leave Egypt. Ahmose I, brother of Kahmose, son of Seqenenre became the first pharaoh of the New Kingdom / 18th dynasty. It was Saul who captured Apopi II (Agag) alive and all but annihilated the **Hyksos** / Amalekites after they left Egypt. Apopi II/ Agag was taken to Samuel who put him to death.

The ancient historian Manetho attributes 4 dynasties to the **Hyksos** (dynasties 14-17). Dynasties 15, at least, was synonymous with Hyksos rule of Lower Egypt.

The 16th & 17th dynasties were contemporary with the 15th dynasty (Lower Egypt); but in different parts of the country (Upper Egypt).

The Hyksos were eventually defeated in an uprising lead by the family of Ahmose I from Upper Egypt. Ahmose I lost his father Seqenenre and his brother Kahmose fighting the Hyksos. The Hyksos were forced to leave Egypt and Ahmose I (Nebpehtyre) became the first pharaoh of the 18th dynasty (which was the beginning of New Kingdom of Egypt as it is known). Ahmose I became the pharaoh at a very young age and was coregent with his mother Queen Aahotep in the early part of his reign.

As the Hyksos were leaving Egypt and looking for a new home, they appear to have had another encounter with the Israelites when Saul and David were ruling.

The rule of the Hyksos constitutes most of Egypt's second intermediate period (when foreigners ruled between the end of the Middle Kingdom (12-13th dynasty) and the beginning of the New Kingdom (18th dynasty)).

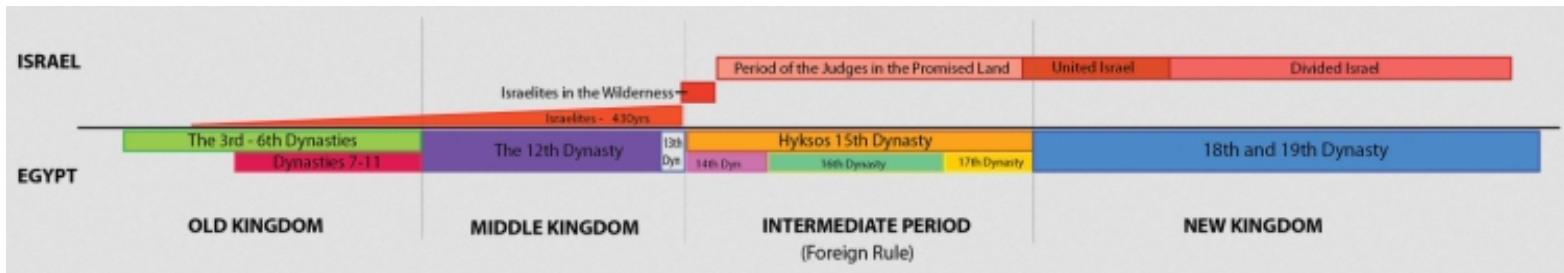
The Hyksos ruled in Lower Egypt for a period of around 400 years starting soon after the 13th dynasty when the Exodus of the Jews occurred. This period is contemporary with the Israelites 40 years in the wilderness and the time of the Judges in Israel. It fits with the Hyksos being the Amalekites of the Bible in every respect.

The Amalekites / Hyksos were rulers that had Egyptian slaves. 1Samuel 30:13

The Amalekites / Hyksos came up from Egypt and attacked the Israelites with the Midianites and Philistines during the period of the Judges. 1Samuel 15:2 Judges 6:1-10 Judges 10:1-18

The Israelites had encounters with the Hyksos / Amalekites at the beginning and end of the second intermediate period. Exodus 17:8-16 1Samuel 15:1-34 1Samuel 27:1-12 1Samuel 30:1-31

Timeline



A schematic diagram illustrating the relationship between the Egyptian Kingdoms and dynasties and the various phases of Israel as the Israelites grew to be a nation while they were in Egypt and then traveled to the promised land where they were ruled initially by Judges and later by Kings. The nation of Israel became divided into North (Israel) and South (Judah) after Solomon. There was no first intermediate period.

The Hyksos were the Amalekites of the Bible

Not long after the Israelites left Egypt, they had an encounter with the **Hyksos** (Amalekites). Exodus 17:8-16

This happened in the second month after the Israelites crossed the Red Sea (the Exodus), when they were camping at Rephidim after passing through the Desert of Sin. This was before they arrived at Mount Sinai.

The **Hyksos** (Amalekites) attacked them but Joshua and his men prevailed as Moses, who was standing on a hill, held his arms up for the men to see. Exodus 17:8-16 The Amalekites fled and eventually ended up going to Egypt. Moses prophesied that they would always be at war with Israel until their final destruction. Exodus 17:14-16 Numbers 24:20

The **Hyksos** (Amalekites) took over and ruled Lower Egypt for the next 400 yrs (the Second Intermediate Period). The **Hyksos** (Amalekites) were 'foreigners' to Egypt known as the '**Amu**'. The 'Hyksos' were nomadic shepherds originating from Arabia. They were able to take over Lower Egypt with very little resistance.

The Bible records that the Amalekites (**Hyksos**) would often attack Israel during the time of the Judges along with other nations such as Midian. Judges 6:1-10 Judges 10:1-18 Judges 12:15

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The 17th dynasty was contemporary with the 15th dynasty; but in a different part of the country (Upper Egypt). Seqenenre and Kahmose were the last two pharaohs of the 17th dynasty which was based in Thebes (Upper Egypt).

Seqenenre, the father of Ahmose I lead an uprising starting in Upper Egypt forcing the **Hyksos** to leave Egypt where they encountered Saul of Israel. Seqenenre and Kahmose both died fighting the **Hyksos** / Amalekites leaving Ahmose I to start the 18th dynasty once the **Hyksos** were finally expelled from Egypt.

As the **Hyksos** were leaving Egypt and looking for a new home, they appear to have had another encounter with the Israelites when Saul and David were ruling.

Saul attacked the Amalekites / **Hyksos** as instructed by Samuel the last Judge of Israel. He defeated them all the way from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt, not sparing any. Saul captured the Hyksos (Amalekite) king alive (his name was Agag - The last **Hyksos** king Agog II / Apopi II) and he kept their cattle as plunder. Agag was brought to Samuel who put him to death. Samuel was not happy with Saul for not following his instructions fully. 1Samuel 15:1-34

Later, at a time when David was fleeing from Saul, when he was living in Philistine territory, he raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites. From ancient times these peoples had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt. Whenever David attacked an area, he did not leave a man or woman alive, but took sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes. 1Samuel 27:1-12

Once David's camp was raided by some Amalekites (Hyksos) and his wives, sons and daughters were taken captive. David and his band of 400 men pursued the Amalekites and recovered all that was stolen and completely destroyed the Amalekites taking their herds as plunder. 1Samuel 30:1-31

In another battle with the Philistines, Saul was critically injured but it was an Amalekite (**Hyksos**) that found him and finish him off. 1Samuel 31:1-13

The Amalekite who killed Saul took proof to David and was slain for his efforts. 2Samuel 1:1-16

David dedicated the plunder to the LORD; God of the Israelites. 2Samuel 8:8-13

In the time of Hezekiah, the Simeonites annihilated some Amalekites on Mount Seir 1Chronicles 4:43

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From Eliyahu

Government at every level of human society is in crisis, and in conflict. The wealthy elite are constantly favored while the poor and the dispossessed, not to mention the working men and women who are the backbone of the economy of every nation, are ignored, undermined and even ruined by the very governments they depend upon to guarantee equity and freedom. Aware citizens everywhere are alarmed at the trend toward state-perpetrated violation of human rights, outright despotism and extortion that is rapidly gaining ground throughout the world, even in formerly freedom-loving countries. Sadly, human government today is little more than a tool of the rich and powerful to emasculate and control the masses - and it appears to be getting worse with each new election or government appointment.

Church government is in no better condition. In the past few years shameful abuses by the clergy have come to the fore, and it has been exposed that church governments have been protecting the perpetrators and perverting justice for years. Church government, for the most part, is not working, as the voice of the Church has been either silenced or perverted, to the point that religion is now considered irrelevant by a growing majority of the population.

Despite these problems, we all know that righteous government, as elusive as it appears to be, is an absolute must for any society to live a measure of peace, freedom and good order. Is such government even attainable?

Our latest Midrash broadcast, in Exodus 17 and 18, affirms that such righteous government is attainable, and has, in fact, been given to the people of Elohim. Be aware though, like every other truth of Scripture, the truth about government from Elohim has been maligned, attacked, and distorted. In this study we hope to break through that smoke screen of the enemy, to learn vital truth lessons about how righteous government actually works.

Blessings and Shalom!

Eliyahu ben David

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