

End-Times Prophecy: Where Does America Fit in the Last Days?

Erick Stakelbeck, host of "The Watchman Newscast," recently drew a striking comparison between Hamas and Amalek, an ancient biblical enemy of Israel.

In his discussion, he posed a powerful question: Is Hamas the modern-day incarnation or reincarnation of Amalek? This idea is deeply rooted in both history and Scripture, highlighting the recurring nature of spiritual warfare against God's chosen people.

Biblical Connection

The Amalekites, first introduced in Exodus 17, were relentless adversaries of Israel. They attacked the Israelites in the wilderness, targeting the weak and defenseless. This act of cowardice prompted God's declaration in Exodus 17:16: "The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation." Later, in Deuteronomy 25:17-19, Israel was commanded to "blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven."

Stakelbeck, referencing an article from "The Times of Israel," emphasized the enduring nature of this enmity: "There's an Amalek in every generation. In this generation, it's manifested—it's represented by Hamas." If Amalek is the personification of evil set against Israel, then Hamas, with its brutal terrorist tactics and genocidal intentions, fits this description with chilling accuracy.

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A Modern Manifestation of Ancient Hatred

Stakelbeck did not mince words when describing Hamas's atrocities.

"Hamas may be the most demonic entity on the planet right now," he declares. The gruesome murder of the Bibas family was not only committed but celebrated in Gaza. This depravity mirrors the biblical Amalekites, who had no regard for the sanctity of life and attacked the vulnerable without remorse.

The Bible reveals that Amalek's goal was not just military conquest but the annihilation of Israel. Hamas operates in the same spirit: "Their sole purpose is to destroy Israel... It's an ancient evil that has survived from generation to generation." The Hamas charter explicitly calls for the obliteration of Israel, making the comparison between them and Amalek not just symbolic but alarmingly real.

The Spirit of Amalek: A Principality of Darkness

The spirit of Amalek is more than just a historical enemy—it is a persistent, malevolent force that seeks to destroy God's people in every generation. This principality operates beyond physical warfare; it is a spiritual entity that stirs hatred, deception and violence against Israel.

Ephesians 6:12 declares: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The battle against Amalek, therefore, is not merely a military struggle but a spiritual one. This force has resurfaced time and again, manifesting in different entities—including Hamas today.

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Hamas' actions align with the same destructive spirit that drove Amalek's attacks on Israel. Their explicit goal to annihilate the Jewish people, their unrepentant brutality and their celebration of terror reveal the continuation of this dark force. Amalek was condemned to total destruction in the Bible because its very existence was a direct challenge to God's plan for His people. Similarly, Hamas, in embodying this spirit, positions itself in direct opposition to God's promises to Israel.

Stakelbeck is unequivocal about what must be done: "Hamas has to go and go for good." The biblical mandate against Amalek was total eradication—because as long as Amalek remained, Israel's survival was at risk. Today, Israel faces the same existential threat from Hamas, a group that has proven negotiation, appeasement and ceasefires only buy time for further violence.

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Praying for the Next Generation: The Global Impact

of the Collegiate Day of Prayer

So many people walk through life feeling unworthy—burdened by failures, regrets and the belief that they are not good enough for God. Some may even fear that He is looking down on them with disappointment or judgment. But that is not the heart of God.

Rabbi Kirt Schneider recently shared a verse that reveals the true nature of God's love: "Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame. He is mindful that we are but dust," (Ps. 103:13-14).

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This verse is a powerful reminder of God's tenderness toward us. Rabbi Schneider calls it one that should "melt our hearts." He goes on to say, "I don't know how you could not be touched by this."

The Bible is clear that God is not waiting for us to fail so He can condemn us. Rather, He understands our weaknesses. "He knows how weak we are. He knows how incompetent and impotent we are without His grace and He's mindful of that. He remembers that. So when He looks at us, rather than judging us, He has compassion for us."

This truth is echoed throughout Scripture. In John 3:17, Jesus Himself said, "For God did not send His Son into the world to

condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” Rabbi Schneider affirms this, saying, “The Father has not sent the Son in the world to judge the world but to save the world.”

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No matter where you are today—whether struggling with sin, doubt or hardship—God sees you, loves you and desires to lift you up. The Bible urges us to turn to Him: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” (Rom. 10:13). Rabbi Schneider encourages us to do just that.

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Revival, Breakthrough and the Coming Awakening

His aim? To set the record straight based on 48 years of studying Scripture and thousands of hours of biblical research.

At the center of the discussion is Isaiah 17:1-3, which states: “Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.”

Despite its long history, Stone notes that Damascus has “never been totally wiped out the way the prophet predicted.” Instead, the city has been conquered, rebuilt and remained a key trade hub for thousands of years. But according to him, the full prophetic fulfillment has yet to come.

Three Major Prophetic Events to Watch

While focusing on Damascus, Stone also highlights three major end-times events that he believes will reshape the Middle East:

1. **The rise of Persia (modern-day Iran)** as it strengthens alliances with other nations to eventually attack Israel.
2. **The complete destruction of Damascus**, fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy.
3. **A coalition of 10 kings**, emerging from the remnants of the old Roman Empire and uniting under the Antichrist.

“These are the game changers,” Stone emphasizes.

Why Damascus Matters

Damascus isn’t just another Middle Eastern city—it’s one of the oldest continuously inhabited places on Earth. Stone explains, “Damascus is about 4,000 years old... and has been an oasis from the beginning.” Because of its strategic location and natural resources, it has “been captured by the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Chaldeans, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans”—but never wiped off the map.

Today, Damascus sits at the heart of a war-torn Syria, fractured by militias, foreign influence and internal strife.

“The Assad regime, which has ruled for 50 years, has been overthrown by militias,” Stone says, referencing Syria’s fractured state. Yet, despite the violence, the city remains.

Could the final prophecy be nearing its fulfillment?

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A Future of Peace—or More Chaos?

Despite the grim outlook, Stone suggests that prophecy doesn't end with destruction. He turns to Isaiah 19, which describes an era where Israel, Egypt, and Assyria will be in harmony:

"In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land."

It's a compelling vision—one where ancient enemies find unity instead of war. Stone wonders what could be possible if peace finally took root in the region.

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6 Miraculous Ways God Is Transforming Lives Today

President Donald Trump's bold plan to relocate Gaza's refugees sparked immediate backlash from key Middle Eastern players, with Egypt and Jordan rejecting it outright. However, Jordan

has since softened its stance, expressing willingness to cooperate—at least partially. Egypt, on the other hand, has taken a far more aggressive approach, digging in its heels and crafting its own alternative plan, one that could spell disaster for Israel.

Trump's proposal, unveiled weeks ago, suggested that countries like Egypt, Jordan and even Indonesia absorb Gaza's displaced population. Given the widespread destruction in Gaza, the logic is simple: where else can these people go? Rebuilding will take years, and even if successful, there is no guarantee that history won't repeat itself with another terrorist regime rising to power. Trump's plan, in contrast to the status quo, seeks to fundamentally change the region's trajectory by moving the population elsewhere.

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Egypt, however, wants no part of it. Not only has Cairo refused to accept refugees, but it has also fortified its border with Gaza and amassed troops near Israel—a concerning move with unclear intent. Rather than engaging with the U.S. proposal, Egypt has instead pushed its own vision: an ambitious (and questionable) plan to rebuild Gaza without displacing its people. According to Egyptian state media, their strategy involves setting up temporary shelters within Gaza while international construction firms repair the territory's infrastructure.

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The problem? The plan completely ignores Israel. Egypt has reportedly consulted European diplomats, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE—yet Israel, the most directly impacted nation, appears to have been left out of the conversation. The plan also proposes the creation of a Palestinian governing body unaligned with either Hamas or the Palestinian Authority, a near-impossible task given the political reality of the region. And perhaps most absurdly, Cairo suggests building a security force composed of former Palestinian Authority police—an entity with a track record of failure in combating terrorism in Judea and Samaria.

Egypt's rejection of Trump's plan is about more than just Gaza. It's a direct counter to America's influence in the region, a statement that Cairo will not be dictated to—even by a potential future U.S. president.

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