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DESTROYING AMALEK

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EXERCISE IN FUTILITY

The Medrash gives a parable for the story of Haman's plot:

A bird once flew by the seashore. It started to draw water out of the sea with its beak and fling it onto the ground, thinking that she could dry up the sea. G-d exclaimed, "Such a feat is impossible!" And that is what happened with Haman.

Haman thought that he could dry up the Jewish People's connection to G-d through secularization and assimilation. Haman further thought that he could draw them completely away from Torah and G-dliness.

G-d replied, "I cannot exchange my people for any other nation!" No matter how far they might stray, the Jewish People remain G-d's children, and a father always comes to his child's rescue.

Similarly, this essential bond with G-d ensures our liberation from exile and the coming of Moshiach.

