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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים כ"ז)

כִּי הַחֵרֵם תַּחֲרִימֵם

We have to kill the seven nations that lived in Eretz Yisroel, because they were the main source of *Avodah Zarah*. We don't have to kill them if they agree to leave or keep *Sheva Mitzvos*.

Hashem gave us this *mitzvah* so we don't learn from them to serve *Avodah Zarah*.

Even though the seven nations do not exist anymore, it is still considered a *mitzvah* — the Rambam explains why.

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים כ"ז)

לֹא תַחֲיֶה כָּל נִשְׁמָה

We can't leave any of those 7 nations alive.

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei: (דברים כ"ח)

תִּמְחָה אֶת זֵכֶר (זְכוֹר) עַמֶּלֶק

The Yidden needed to do three things when they came into Eretz Yisroel: Get a king, build the *Beis Hamikdash*, and destroy Amalek.

This is a *Milchemes Mitzvah*.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Sotah perek Ches



 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei: (דברים כה:יז)

זְכוֹר אֶת אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה לָךְ עַמְלֶק

We need to remember what Amalek did to the Yidden. This way we won't stop hating Amalek very much over time. By speaking about the terrible things that Amalek did to the Yidden, we will always hate them very much. (We do this *mitzvah* every day by saying what Amalek did to us, in the *Sheish Zechiros* at the end of *davening*.)



 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Ki Seitzei: (דברים כה:יט)

לֹא תִשְׁכַּח

We can't forget Amalek. (The *Mitzvas Asei* is the *mitzvah* before — to speak about Amalek, and this *Lo Saasei* is not to forget in our hearts.)

Rambam: Hilchos Melachim

PEREK DALED

In this *perek* we learn about what rights a Jewish king has. He is allowed to make taxes, hire whoever he wants to work for him, and choose officers. In *halacha Yud*, the Rambam reminds us that the king has to make these decisions *Lesheim Shomayim*, to do the job Hashem wants him to do!

PEREK HEY

We learn about a *Milchemes Mitzvah* — a war that's a *mitzvah*, like the war against Amalek, or a war to take back parts of Eretz Yisroel.

We learn how special Eretz Yisroel is. There is a lot of *kedusha* there, and we are not allowed to leave Eretz Yisroel unless we have a very good reason, like learning Torah or getting married. The Rambam tells us that the *Chachomim* used to kiss the ground of Eretz Yisroel because they loved it so much!

PEREK VOV

We learn how to fight wars for the Jewish people. Before we fight, we always have to first ask the people if they want to make *shalom* and keep the *Sheva Mitzvos Bnei Noach*. If we surround their cities, we should leave a way out so they can escape, and that way we can take over the city without fighting them.

Even in a time of war, we shouldn't ruin things for no reason (*Bal Tashchis*). A war for the Yidden is a holy thing — we fight even on Shabbos!