

# **THE EREV RAV TODAY**

## ***BEWARE OF THE LEADERS OF THE GENERATION WHO PRETEND TO DO THINGS BECAUSE THEY LOVE THEIR FELLOW JEW***

### **FIVE TYPES OF LEADERS OF THE EREV RAV**

This is what the Holy Zohar (1, 25-26) says about the types of Erev Rav: There are five types among the Erev Rav "mixed multitude", Nefilim, Gibborim, Anakim, Refaim, and Amalekites.

The Amalekites are those who are left from the time of the Flood, from those of whom it is written, "and he blotted out all living substance"; those who have been left from this class in this fourth exile of Israel make themselves leaders by force, and are scourges to Israel; of them it is written, "for the earth was full of violence because of them". These are the Amalekites.

Of the Nefilim (lit. fallen ones) it is said: "and the sons of G-d saw the daughters of man that they were fair" (Ibid.). These form the second category of the Nefilim, already mentioned above, in this way when G-d thought of making man, He said: "Let us make man in our image, etc." i.e. He intended to make him head over the celestial beings, who were to be his deputies, like Joseph over the governors of Egypt (Gen. XLI, 41). The angels thereupon began to malign him and say, "What is man that You should remember him, seeing that he will assuredly sin before You." Said G-d to them, "If you were on earth like him, you would sin worse." And so it was, for "when the sons of G-d saw the daughters of man", they fell in love with them, and G-d cast them down from heaven. These were Uzza and Azael; from them the "mixed multitude" derive their souls, and therefore they also are called nefilim, because they fall into fornication with fair women. For this, G-d casts them out from the future world, in which they have no portion, and gives them their reward in this world, as it is written, "He repays his enemies to their faces" (Deut. 7,10)

### **THE GIBBORIM BUILD SYNAGOGUES FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT BUT CLAIM THEY DO IT ONLY FOR G-D'S SAKE**

The Gibborim (mighty ones) are those of whom it is written: "They are the mighty ones...men of name" (Genesis 6, 4). They come from the side of those who said: "Come, let us build a city and make a name for ourselves" (Genesis 11,4). These men build synagogues and Yeshivot and place in them Torah Scrolls with rich ornaments, but they do it not for the sake of G-d, but only to make themselves a name, and as a result of this the powers of evil rule over Israel (who must be humble like the dust of the earth), according to the verse "And the waters prevailed greatly upon the earth" (Genesis 7:19).