

Exodus 17:8-16

⁸Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. ⁹So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." ¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

¹⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." ¹⁵And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, **The LORD is my banner**, ¹⁶saying, "A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

*All Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.
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Getting to Know God

Lesson #2

Jehovah Nissi — The Lord My Banner



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The Lord My Banner

“Work for the Lord. The pay isn’t much, but the retirement plan is out of this world.”

What is a Banner?

- A banner is a flag or another object used as a symbol.
 - See Psalm 60:4
- Banners not only show meaning but they give encouragement.

The Amalekites

- The scriptures tell of the ultimate destruction of the Amalekites (Exodus 17:14, 16; Deuteronomy 25:19; 1 Samuel 15:2ff).
 - Take note of what the Lord says about Esau in Malachi 1:2-4.
- You may remember the Amalekites defeated the disobedient Israelites in Numbers 14:43, 45.
 - The spies reported the Amalekites in Numbers 13:29.

The Battle at Rephidim

- When the Amalekites attacked the Israelites, Moses told Joshua to choose men and fight; Moses would view the battle from the top of the hill (Exodus 17:8).
- Moses, Aaron and Ur stood at the top of the hill and watched the battle below (Exodus 17:10).
- As long as Moses’ hands were lifted high the Israelites won, when his hands fell the Israelites lost (Exodus 17:11).
- As the battle prolonged, Moses got tired and needed assistance (Exodus 17:12).
- Due to the assistance given to Moses, Joshua lead the Israelites into an overwhelming victory (Exodus 17:13).

“Guidance means I can count on God. Commitment means God can count on me.”

The Lord My Banner

- Moses was told to write the victory as a memorial in a book and recite it to Joshua concerning the Amalekites (Exodus 17:14).
- As a result of the victory, an altar is built and called “Jehovah-Nissi,” the Lord my banner (Exodus 17:15).

What Does it Mean to Have Jehovah Nissi?

- You have encouragement.
 - Just as the Israelites were encouraged by the raising of Moses hands, we are encouraged by the raising up of our Lord (1 Corinthians 15:17-20).
- You must keep fighting.
 - The Amalekites attacked the Israelites after the people of God were weary from lack of water (Exodus 17:1).
 - They had traveled a great distance from the land of Egypt.
 - “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Realize the victory is in the power of God
 - Moses knew the Lord was involved in the battle (Exodus 17:14-16).
- The Lord is my banner
 - Christ will be the banner for the nations to seek (Isaiah 11:10).
 - “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:14, 15)