

# The spirit of the Amalekites- PRAYER CONQUERS

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**Main Scripture: Exodus 17: 7 - 14; 2 Samuel 1 - 16**

**Supporting Scripture: Genesis 36:6 - 12; Deuteronomy 25: 17-18; Galatians 5: 17; Ephesians 6: 18**

Notes:

God's redeemed people had left Egypt and now they are journeying to the promised land. They moved from the wilderness of Sin and camped at Rephidim and they began to complain against Moses and murmured and Moses cried out to the Lord and the Lord instructed Moses to go before the camp with his rod that he used when the Red sea was parted. The word Rephidim means refreshments and when they arrived there they experienced thirst and so it became a place of unbelief and a place of battle. Moses named it Massa and Meriba because the children of Israel argued with Moses.

What a statement!- Is the Lord here with us or not

God Journeyed with them as a pillar of cloud by day and a fire by night but now at Rephidim we see the spirit of unbelief which leads to murmuring and complaining. They murmured against God's servant and so murmured against God. We must recognize that Moses changed the name of the place because what the people had done when they said is the Lord here with us or not.

Israel has been proven that what is in their heart is a spirit of unbelief. They asked the question is the Lord here with us or not.

Earlier in the book of Exodus when they came out of Egypt the Lord did not lead them a particular way and Moses gave us the reason that the Lord did not want them to be in battle lest they would retreat and go back so the Lord led them another way. Now we see Israel in battle and this too is the hand of the Lord.

Who were the Amalekites? (Genesis 36: 6-12)

Here we have information regarding how the Amalekites came out. We know the promise is with Jacob and Esau is a type of the flesh (an opposer to the promise) Amalek is the grandson of Esau.

Amalek means a people that take away all or the destroyer and they represent a type of the flesh. In Deuteronomy 25: 17 you will see how cruel they were. 2-3 million civilians were coming out of Egypt and killed them when they were weary.

Esau is no stranger to the promise that Isaac received and now we have the grandson of Esau, an opposer to the promise being vicious and had no fear for the Lord. They looked for the weak and tired and attacked them.

Judah is where the savior is coming from and Amalek decided that Israel should be no more.

A staff represents one's authority and what the scripture is telling is that Moses handed over his will and authority to the Lord- this is Moses' strategy in a time of war. Moses is not depending on the strength of the men to gain victory and so too in our Christian life as we look on our daily battles.

Galatians 5: 17

Israel has a covenant with God and now there is an opposition - one who wants to cancel God's will so too in our lives we are redeemed from the realm of darkness but there is a constant battle where the flesh wants to overcome the spirit and the Spirit is in a battle to blot out the very memory of the desires that

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the flesh represents. The good intentions that the spirit wants to fulfill are under attack under the flesh. There is a spiritual heritage in Israel and the people of Amalek, a people with no fear of God and were not afraid to shed blood. The intention for Moses is to persevere in prayer lifting the staff while the intention of the Amalekites is to totally destroy Israel

Psalm 83: 4, 7

The spirit comes to quench the fire of the spirit that is leading us. It wants us to relax until we are taken out but we are in a battle and Moses is showing us by example the strategy to be victorious. As Long as Moses held up the staff Israel had the advantage - why because he is in a position of prayer and the people would be strengthened in prayer. its prevailing prayer! in the believer's life when we prevail in prayer we are sensitive in the spirit and gain an advantage in how we strategize against the enemy. As Long as Moses lifted God's staff (not his staff) they were successful and so Paul tells us in Ephesians 6: 18 to pray always. The power of one - having a single mind - Moses is the leader and the people are in battle and He is interceding on behalf of a people who just said is the Lord here with us or not and God has created this setting in a battle to answer the question of the people. Hur and Aaron found a stone, they are in agreement with Moses. The strength of the army of the Lord has everything to do with how united we are. Aaron and Hur are not there to re strategize Moses already had the strategy and when it seems it's not going the way they wanted they enable Moses by supporting his hands. Prayer takes a lot out of an individual but the support of those around you in the midst of your battle will allow the army of the Lord to win. The big picture is about God's people, it's not about Moses or Joshua or Aaron but it's about the People so too Church is not about an individual but the people.

I was in a tent meeting in Jamaica in Montego Bay with thousands of people and one night I was playing the instrument and my Pastor was preaching and after pouring out his soul and then at the altar call there was a movie of the power of God folks were being delivered as he was travailing in that alter call and when his strength was failing him and his hands were up and the anointing were moving across the tent and you would have to experience it and while his hands would drop because he was weak and the tent began to died down and I watched as Pastor Barrett rushed over and lift up Bishops hands and another did the same and I saw a move of God that the whole tent was under a supernatural power of God and then I remembered this specific story. Hur and Aaron supported Moses because this had everything to do with the survival of the Children of the name. And so too is the enemy out to take you out and we are battling an enemy that has no fear of God. The enemy knows what's on your life and knows you are the people of the name and his intention is to sabotage the plan of God. Amalek were sorcerers and they are against the divine one. That's why we cant play around with the enemy.

If we don't settle the account with the Amalekites, that spirit that wants to quench the fire of the Spirit, if we don't take it out it will take us out and that's why the spirit must battle and overcome the flesh. If we give room to the Amalekites it's all it needs to take us out. What's in our life that represents the Amalekite of our time? What are we battling that is trying to quench the fire of the spirit in us to prevent us from fulfilling God's purpose in our life. If we don't kill it it will kill us.

If a prayer doesn't become our focus then the Amalekites will prevail but if we prevail there will be victory.