

AMALEK - THE ENEMY OF REST

Exodus 17:1-3, 6-8

1 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah (strife), because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

- ❖ Amalek (from root amal) - to toil, wearisome effort, irksomeness, sorrow.
- ❖ Rephidim - resting places.

Exodus 17:9-16

9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

13 And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: (Lord our Banner)

16 For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

- ❖ Ephesians 6:10-13
For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

THE PROMISE LAND - A TYPE OF GRACE

Deuteronomy 12:9-10

9 For ye are not as yet come **to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.**

10 But when ye go over Jordan, **and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;**

Hebrews 4:1, 3, 9-11, 15-16

1 Let us therefore fear, lest, **a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.**

3 **For we which have believed do enter into rest,** as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: **although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.**

9 **There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.**

10 **For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

❖ Romans 11:6

If by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

❖ Matthew 11:28-30

28 **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

29 **Take my yoke upon you,** and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and **be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.**

Galatians 4:22, 33

22 For it is written, **that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.**

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? **Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.**