

## Exodus 17

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**17** 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. (Sin = a bush; Rephidim = a resting place)

<sup>2</sup> 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? (Here we go again – complaining)

<sup>3</sup> 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? (They didn't even try to find water, or dig any wells. There had to be some in this huge group that knew how to dig wells)

<sup>4</sup> And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. (They are ready to kill the man that God used to set them free)

<sup>5</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.

<sup>6</sup> 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. (God is still trying to show Israel that HE is taking care of them. Will that stop their complaining? No)

(The rock he smote is thought to be the rock that they carried with them. This was the rock that Jacob slept on when he had the vision of angels coming down from heaven. Today, it is used for coronations of royalty in the UK)

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

<sup>8</sup>Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. (They were probably fighting over the water that God provided for Israel. Water was very precious in the desert. Amalek was the grandson of Esau – brother to Jacob. These are his descendants)

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

<sup>10</sup>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.

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

<sup>12</sup>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. (It takes the whole family, working together, under God to defeat the enemy)

<sup>13</sup>And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

<sup>14</sup>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. (put out = blot out; Moses wrote the Pentateuch. This event was documented in those Books)

<sup>15</sup>And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: (Jehovahnissi = Yahoveh <God>, Banner – God's banner)

<sup>16</sup>For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. (Esau's descendants became Russia and the other communist Slavic peoples) (The conflict between the 12 tribes and Esau will never end, until this age is over)