

Text: **Exodus 17:8-16**

## **THE BATTLE WITH THE AMALEKITES**

1. Who were the Amalekites?

- a) They came from the line of Esau
- b) Grandson of Esau was called Amalek (Genesis 36:16)

2. The Amalekites

- a) Nomads
- b) Marauders

3. They attacked Israel without provocation

## **INTRODUCTION TO JOSHUA**

- 1. Assigned to lead an army to defend Israel (Exodus 17:8)
- 2. He was entrusted to form an army

## **MOSES' ROLE**

- 1. He will pray for Israel
- 2. He will make use of the rod which had now become a symbolic instrument
- 3. Two supporters with Moses
  - a) Aaron
  - b) Hur
- 4. Holding up of hands in prayer (Exodus 17:11)
  - a) Holding up hands
  - Israel prevailed
  - b) Letting down hand
  - Amalek prevailed
  - c) Tired hands upheld by Aaron and Hur (Exodus 17:12)

5. Joshua defeats Amalek (Exodus 17:13)

### **PRONOUNCEMENT OF JUDGMENT AGAINST AMALEK**

1. A divine judgment (Exodus 17:14)

a) The name of Amalek would be blotted out

b) This tribe would be punished

2. This judgment would be written down in a book

### **ALTAR RAISED**

1. Altar called "The-LORD-is-my Banner" (Exodus 17:15)

2. The Lord would wage war against the Amalekites from generation to generation

3. This was a divine oath from the Lord (Exodus 17:16)