

## More Murmurings and War

In chapter sixteen we covered the murmurings of Israel when they ran out of food. Instead of asking respectfully and in faith, they accused Moses (God) of leading them out into the wilderness just to kill them off. They also longed for the food they had back in Egypt. This was only *one month* after the Passover and it was not the first time they murmured against Moses and Aaron (which is truly murmuring against God Almighty, YHVH). Although they had seen miracle after miracle, and even walked through the Red (Reed) Sea on dry land, they still lacked the faith in and respect for our Heavenly Father to provide for them. This shows us that ‘seeing’ truly is NOT ‘believing’. True faith comes only from the heart, when we receive the truth. But those who enjoy sinning will continue to accuse God (and other people) for all the problems in their life. They’ll never look inside to see how their own sins are creating their own problems, nor try to clean their thoughts and actions to align with God’s Word so they can be blessed by God.

This chapter also showed us how faithful and able God is to provide for us. He sent Israel quail to eat and ‘bread from heaven’ (manna), which appeared with the morning dew. All they had to do was go out and gather that which they needed for the day and they would be well provided for. As God said, they would ‘eat to their full’. Indeed, His Word fills our spiritual thirst and hunger when we open our Bible to study and absorb the spiritual food (truth) we need each and every day. YHVH also commanded Moses to take an ‘Omer’ of manna and put it in the Ark of the Covenant as a testimony to all generations of God’s ability and faithfulness to provide for His children. The fact that the manna stored for so many years without going bad is a miracle and a type for the way God’s Word will clean, nourish and preserve our soul IF we partake of it.

This next chapter will cover another time Israel murmured against Moses (which again, is truly murmuring against God Himself), which (by now) is becoming a very bad habit for Israel. We’ll also see Israel experience their first war where they actually have to fight, albeit God will still be helping them immensely. So, without any further a due...

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*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.*

Israel then moved onto Rephidim, which essentially means reclining (or resting) places. Note that their movements were always at the commandment of YHVH. Moses nor Aaron directed Israel to move without the direction of God. We’re given more details as to their encampments from Elim to Rephidim in the book of Numbers...

*9 And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim: and in Elim were twelve fountains of water, and threescore and ten palm trees; and they pitched there.*

*10 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.*

*11 And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the wilderness of Sin.  
12 And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.  
13 And they departed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.  
14 And they removed from Alush, and encamped at Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink.  
15 And they departed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderness of Sinai.*  
Num 33:9-15

So, here at Rephidim, there wasn't any water (again). Now keep in mind, they've already been at a place that had no drinkable water. It was called Marah and the incident was recorded back in Exodus 15:23-25. The waters were just too bitter to drink and God instructed Moses to throw a tree in the waters which made them sweet. (Remember, God knows how to use His creation to either bless or curse His children). And since that time God has been providing Manna for them; *no matter where they move to, the Manna is there every morning*. This, along with all the miracles He did in Egypt and the parting of the Red Sea... their faith in YHVH being God Almighty really should have begun to solidify by now but...

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*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?*

Once again, instead of asking respectfully and in faith, Israel has a horrible, attitude that shows they just don't believe the God of their forefathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel) has their best interest in mind and is able to provide for them. Instead of *asking* for water they chide with Moses. The word 'chide' is #7378, a primitive root that means: *to toss*, i.e. *grapple*; mostly figuratively, to *wrangle*, i.e. *hold a controversy*; (by implication) to *defend*. In other words, they went to Moses and 'chewed his ass' because they didn't have any water. Moses (understandably) asked them why they were griping at him and he also pointed out that they were truly tempting YHVH. What does that mean? The word 'tempt' here is #5254 and it means: *to test*; by implication, to *attempt*. Again, this shows they had NO FAITH in God (YHVH) to be able to provide for them. Moreover, it shows they just liked to complain because they certainly didn't have any initiative to try to dig for water. They could have asked Moses to ask God where to find water and been willing to try to do something to fix their situation. But no, they just 'pissed and moaned' to Moses. Why? Well, it's a lot easier to complain about things than to actually do something to change it. You see, in order to make a difference in the world, we must first look inside our own heart and mind and get our own 'beam' out (Matt 7:1-5). Since most people don't want to do that, they just complain and act like all life's problems are someone else's fault. It was that way with Israel in Moses' day and it still is that way today. Truly, *there is no new thing under the sun* (Eccl 1:9). The wisdom of the Proverbs also says a lot...

*18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.  
19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.  
20 The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.*

*21 The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom.*  
Prov 10:18-21

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*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?*

This is almost unbelievable: *again*, the children of Israel accused Moses of bringing them out of Egypt just to kill them off. How many times would God have to prove that He is real and that He is able to provide for them before they would finally believe? As we learned in the last chapter, their actions just go to show that ‘seeing is not believing’. And, as Paul points out, we should learn from their hard heartedness, for not a single one of the adults from this faithless generation would enter the Promise Land. Likewise, no one who lacks faith in Jesus Christ will make the first resurrection at the return of the *true* Jesus Christ (Rev 20:4-6). *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* (2 Tim 2:15). [Do Not Be Deceived - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/235>].

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*4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.*

Poor Moses. He didn’t want this job to begin with. And now the rebellious Israelites are ready to stone Him. Anytime we begin to have a pity party for ourselves, especially when we are *obediently* serving God (like Moses did a heck of a good job at), we should remember what the Scriptures promise...

*10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*

*12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.* [and Moses was a prophet – Deut 34:10)

Matt 5:10-12

*12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:*

*13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

*14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.*

*15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.*

*16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.*

1 Peter 4:12-16

*17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

*18 For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.***

Rom 8:17-18

This is why patience is such an important characteristic to develop...

*But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, **keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.***

Luke 8:15

*3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;*

*4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:*

*5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

Rom 5:3-5

*In your patience possess ye your souls.*

Luke 21:19

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*5 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.*

Of course, our Heavenly Father has a plan. He always does. And notice that Moses is instructed to 'go on before the people' and to take the elders of Israel with him before doing this next miracle. Why? This next miracle is going to be amazing but, because of the large amount of people, not everyone would be able to see it. So, God is including the leaders of the people so they can see the miracles and testify to the rest of the (rebellious) congregation that indeed God did provide. In other words, God is beginning to delegate. He knows one man cannot handle governing this many people all at once. And, as we shall see, God has plans to communicate closely with Moses and Israel with need other leaders to be there for them in the meantime.

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*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.*

God told Moses to ‘go on before the people’ and now we know why. Moses was to go on before the people to Mount Sinai (Horeb) and take with him the elders of Israel so they could witness how God would provide for them via *another* miracle (as if Israel hadn’t seen enough already?). There was a specific location Moses was to go to and stand on with ‘the rock’ in Horeb, which is Mount Sinai (#2722). Some say the ‘rock’ noted here is the same rock that Jacob slept upon when he had the dream from God (Gen 28) and that’s certainly a very good possibility. This rock has been coined ‘Jacob’s Pillar’, ‘The Stone of Scone’ and the ‘Stone of Destiny’. *It is still with Israel today*. Many Israelite royalty are *still* crowned upon it. Queen Elizabeth was crowned upon it and it was even recently transported from Scotland to England for the crowning of King Charles. So, while this verse does not specify that this ‘rock’ is the same as Jacob rested his head upon, it very likely was. After all, Moses carried out the bones of Joseph from Egypt so he, no doubt, would have also taken *all* Israel’s precious artifacts with him, of which Jacob’s ‘pillar’ was certainly one.

But this stone in itself is nothing special. It’s just a rock. It’s what it *symbolizes* that makes it special. In Gen 28:10-22 we learn how Jacob (a.k.a. Israel) was traveling to where his mother grew up to find a wife. And in the dessert (Deut 32:10) Jacob took this stone (rock) for a pillow at night (which would have been kind of hard but better than sleeping flat, right?). That night he had a dream where he saw a ladder connecting earth to heaven and angels ascending and descending on it. And at the top of the ladder, YHVH stood and spoke to Jacob; confirming He was the God of his fathers and that He would be with Jacob to give him and his sons the land promised to Abraham and Isaac. In other words, YHVH was confirming His covenant would be with Jacob and not Esau. Remember, Jacob had gotten the blessings from his father by un-honest means, even though Esau had sold him the birthright and it was due him. So, Jacob was not sure if the God of His fathers was angry at him or not. This dream confirmed God was not mad at Him and that He would be with Jacob and his descendants and perform all the promise He gave Abraham and Isaac. And in this 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis, YHVH also reiterated that Israel was destined to have worldwide dominion and that the Messiah would come through their lineage, which is how the whole world would be blessed (Gen 28:13-15). Indeed, the Christian Era has spread Christianity all around the world and it will be through the 144,000 sealed Israelites (Rev 7) that the Gospel is heralded around the world shortly before the return of the true Jesus Christ, when they are testifying against Satan when he’s pretending to be the Messiah. [How Can Satan Deceive the Whole World? Find out via this study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/380>].

So, Jacob’s stone was a very precious artifact to the Israelites because ***it represents the Messiah, Jesus Christ who is our Rock*** (Deut 32:4, 15, 18, 30, 31, Mth 7:24-25, 16:18). Paul expounds...

*1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;*  
*2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*  
*3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;*  
*4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ**.*

*5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.  
6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.*

1 Cor 10:1-6

Israel was receiving physical food and water literally from the Rock, Jesus Christ. But Exodus says it was the LORD, YHVH that feed them and gave them water, as well as protection... yet Paul says it was Christ? That's correct because God (YHVH) and Jesus Christ *are the same person*. Contrary to the erroneous 'Trinity doctrine' that's prevalently taught in Churches around America today, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not three separate entities: they are one in the same! We only serve ONE God, not three. Never forget that we were made in the 'image' and 'likeness' (resemblance) of God and the angels (Gen 1:26-27). We have a body, soul and spirit just like they do. Yes, God has a body (Jesus Christ) a soul (the Father) and a Spirit (the Holy Spirit). That's all the Trinity is folks. It's just speaking about the three parts to our Heavenly Father: His Body, Soul and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is simply God incarnated. That's documented clearly in the book of John, chapter 1 in verses 1 and 14. How could God be His own Father? He is omnipresent: He knows how to be in more than one places. So, His Holy Spirit impregnated Mary *without any sexual relations*. He literally placed His own Soul and Spirit within her and Jesus was conceived. Heb 1:3 tells us that Jesus was *the express image of his person*. The word 'express' is #5481 and it means an *exact copy*. Hebrews further clarifies...

*14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*

*15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

*16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.*

*17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.*

*18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.*

Heb 2:14-18

God coming to the earth incarnated as Jesus was to fulfill many prophesies, one of such was in Deut 18 where He promised to send the people a prophet who would explain His laws in a way that wasn't as 'scary' as He did on Mount Sanai (which we'll learn about in Ex 19-20). And **God came into the flesh through the Israelite race, through the tribe of Judah and through David's seed** (Gen 12:3, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14, Isa 11:1, 10, Lk 3, Gen 49:10, 2 Sam 7:10). But notice that Hebrews 2 also tells us that God came to the earth into the flesh to both overcome Satan (who is death) *and* so He could suffer for us. Not only did He pay for our sins, but also, He's experienced life in the flesh; therefore, He knows what it's like and is better able to help us through it too. What God (Jesus) did for us on the cross is the ultimate demonstration of love...

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*  
John 15:13

*14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.  
15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.  
16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.  
17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.  
18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.*  
John 10:14-18

Our Heavenly Father is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient. He knows everything and has all power but He is so humble, loving and compassionate that He willingly gave His life for whoever is willing to repent of their sins and follow Him. There is no greater love than what our Heavenly Father gives us and that's a lesson these Israelites are having a hard time learning.

So, God told Moses to go on ahead of Israel to Mount Sanai and to take the elders of Israel with him. There, God would stand before Moses, upon the rock, while Moses was instructed to smite the rock and water would come out of it. Obviously, our Heavenly Father was the one who made the water gush out of the ground. This takes amazing strength, ability and understanding. Remember, they are in a dessert. To have water just gush out of a rock when you hit it just doesn't happen. But, when the Creator of all things is standing before you, He's able to make the earth open up and water run out. After all, He knows where all the underground water sources are since He made the entire earth. Because Moses followed His instructions perfectly Israel had a good water source *in the middle of the dessert*.

Now, we cannot leave this verse without considering the striking type within it. The rock being struck and water gushing forth symbolizes how THE ROCK (who is Jesus Christ, 1 Cor 10:4) was stricken for our iniquities. As Isaiah prophesied...

*3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.  
4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.  
5 But **he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.***  
Isa 53:3-5

*10 Yet it pleased the **LORD** to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when **thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin** [Ps 51:17], he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*

*11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*

Isa 53:10-11

The fulfillment of this prophesy was brought out in the New Testament in the Gospels but Peter explains it rather well, too...

*19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.*

*20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.*

*21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

*22 **Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:***

*23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:*

*24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes ye were healed.***

*25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.*

1 Peter 2:19-25

It was because Jesus was smitten, mocked and crucified that we can have eternal life...

*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Rom 10:13

And what happened after Jesus Christ (THE Rock) was 'smitten' upon that cross? The water gushed forth...

*37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.***

*38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** [Isa 12:3, 55:1, 58:11]*

*39(But **this spake he of the Spirit**, which they that believe on him should receive: **for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.**)*

John 7:37-39

*1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,*

*2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*

*3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; **but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

6 When they therefore were come together; they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:1-8

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

Acts 2:1-8

The Holy Spirit was given to mankind *after* Jesus Christ paid the sacrifice for our sins. This is what the rock being smitten at Horeb symbolized and why it was such an offence for Moses to later on strike the rock again (not once but twice and God only told him to *speak* to the rock – Num 20). Symbolically, it was like trying to crucify Christ two and then three times when He only needed to be crucified once (Heb 10:10). Hebrews explains...

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

*31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*  
Heb 10:26-31

Jesus Christ isn't going to die more than once for you. *He only needed to be crucified once; that was enough to cover our sins for all times* (Heb 10:10). But those who truly reject Him by sinning *willfully*, after they have repented and accepted Jesus... Christ won't die for them again. It was a one-time offer and they can't re-crucify Christ to pay for their sins again. They who are drawn away from Christ *after* they received Him once are facing a dismal future. This goes to show that 'once saved, always saved' is yet another erroneous Church doctrine taught by so many 'Christian' Churches today. [Study more on this subject with the special study: **Saved** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/208>]. As Paul explains in Romans 6-8, we all will sin even after accepting Jesus Christ but it's not *willfully*. We *put of sin as a lifestyle* and strive *hard* to obey Him. If you slip back into sin, repent and *try harder* to put it off. But those who totally renounce Jesus Christ and then actively work against Him cannot be brought back into the 'fold' in this flesh life. Perhaps in the Millennium they will change their ways enough for God to spare them from spiritual death but *not in the flesh life*. The Millennium will truly be a great time of teaching and discipline and will help many who once rebelled against God to come back to our Heavenly Father but they will only be saved if their works bring forth good fruit (Rev 20:12-13). Truly, *God is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9, Ezek 18, 33) and that's why there will be the 1000 years of teaching discipline in the Millennium *without any* Satanic influence (Eze 44, Rev 20).

So, because of the significance of Moses striking the rock twice (in Num 20), he was not allowed to go into the Promise Land in this physical realm (Deut 3:23-26, Num 27:12-14, Ps 106:32-33) but he was allowed to see it (Deut 34:1-4). Again, this is because of what his actions symbolized: anyone who refuses Jesus cannot find eternal life. That doesn't mean Moses won't have eternal life. Quite the contrary, he was on the mount of transfiguration with Elijah and Jesus (Mth 17:3), showing that he is on the good side of the gulf, with his forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Lk 16:19-31). Moses' actions were thus a type for us to learn from, as is all of the Old Testament (1 Cor 10:11).

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*7 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?*

It was a very common tradition back in those days to name a place after events that took place there. This was a tradition that would last a long time. Abraham started in Genesis 22:14. Isaac continued it in Gen 26:20-22. Jacob/Israel continued it as well in Gen 28:19, 32:2, 30, and 35:8, 15. David did so as well in 2 Sam 5:21 and 2 Sam 6:9. And Samuel did too in 1 Sam 5:21. This is not an exhaustive list but it gives us an idea of how common it was for the Israelites to name a place (sometimes re-naming) after an event happened there that they wanted to 'memorialize'.

The word “Massah” is #5432 and comes from #4531, which means: *a testing, of men (judicial) or of God (querulous)*. “Meribah” is #4809 and comes from #4808, which means: *to quarrel*. Both of these names imply they were not only ‘testing’ but also fighting with Moses, which is essentially fighting with God, which is not wise (as Acts 5:1-11 confirms). It shows lack of faith and a rebellious heart. As Samuel pointed out to king Saul in 1 Sam 15:23: *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king*. Saul lost his position as king on account of being stubborn and rebellious. And what does this equate to? Saul rejected the word of the Lord. That’s the Word of God – Jesus Christ Himself. And Israel repeatedly rejected God’s Word in the wilderness. That’s why that rebellious generation would eventually be condemned to dying off in the wilderness and the younger generation (who they accused God of also trying to kill) would be the ones to inherit the Promise Land. Once again, this confirms that rebelliousness has no place in the Kingdom of God. This is why those who call themselves Christians but do not do what Jesus says will not be allowed into His Kingdom, which means they won’t make the first resurrection nor be allowed to govern with Jesus Christ (Rev 20:4-6, Mth 7:21-27, Lk 6:46-49). Their eternal life will depend on their works and not their faith (Rev 20:12-13). This is yet another good type for us to learn from.

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

After God (YHWH) provided an abundant source of water for Israel in the dessert, then they are attacked by the children of Amalek, otherwise known as the Amalekites. These were descendants of the grandson of Esau, Jacob’s brother (Gen 36:12). Though it’s not specifically written, the obvious reason they attacked Israel was to get the water. They were in a desert and water was very valuable (still is to this day). The Bible records a quarrel Abraham had over water in Genesis 21:25. So, it’s not surprising Israel was attacked after an abundant water supply appeared in the dessert. Water is more valuable than anything in the flesh because it the foundation for life itself. Though the book of Exodus does not give many details on this account, we are given more details elsewhere in the Bible...

*1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;  
2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.  
3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.  
4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.  
5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?  
6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?  
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;  
8 **Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.***

Ps 114

This Psalms is a second witness that the rock Moses smote was turned into a fountain of waters. It wasn’t just a well, it *flowed* with water. This is what caught the Amalekites attention.

The next place that speaks of this account is in Deuteronomy, when Moes was confirming existing statutes and also giving the children of Israel additional statutes they were to keep. He gave them the following command...

*17 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;  
18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God.  
19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.*  
Deut 25:17-19

These verses explain why God codified *generational* warfare with Amalek into His Law. Israel was to continue to fight the Amalekites (throughout all generations) until they were totally annihilated. In other words, they were to treat them the same way God commanded Israel to treat those nations living in the Promise Land (Deut 7). God didn't make this command to Esau's descendants because they were family to Israel. He even gave Esau (Edom) an inheritance to the East of the Promise Land and would not allow Israel to fight them when they were on their way to inherit the Promise Land (Deut 2:4-7, Joshua 24:4). But, because what the Amalekites (the children of Amalek, Esau's grandson) did was so horrible, God told Moses to write it down in a book for the children of Israel to remember forever that they were to continue to fight and kill off these people (*not* any of the rest of Esau; only the Amalekites). Num 24:20 also prophesies that the Amalekites would perish forever. And this account in Deuteronomy shows us why God commanded such a thing to people who were essentially distant family to Israel: Amalek attacked the weakest parts of Israel's camp where the feeble, faint and weary were. In other words, they didn't want to fight the military men; they attacked the women, children and elderly to try to get access to the water. This was highly offensive to our Heavenly Father. It shows they had no compassion for humans *at all* and that's why YHVH ordered their extermination; **they were acting just as the hybrid giants of the Promise Land did – they were *barbaric*.**

#### *Exodus 17*

*9 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.*

Joshua was the commanding military officer for Israel and a very loyal servant to Moses and our Heavenly Father. He was the one Moses took up with him to the Mountain on Sinai to get instructions from God; albeit Joshua didn't go all the way up, he still was there to support Moses and make sure he got up and down ok (after all, Moses was over 80 years old by this point in time and the man was climbing mountains! – Ex 32:17). Exodus 24:13 calls Joshua Moses' 'minister', which means he attended to Moses (#8334). We would say that Joshua was Moses' 'right hand man'. And now we see that He was also the commanding military officer. It will be Joshua, therefore, who God chooses to lead Israel into the Promise Land (Deut 3:23-28, 31, 34:9,

Joshua 1). Here again is another excellent type: Joshua is a type of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Joshua was the one God chose to lead Israel into the physical Promise Land and Jesus Christ is the one God chose to lead Israel into the spiritual Promise Land (along with whomsoever will, Rev 7). Joshua was extremely loyal to our Heavenly Father and led Israel in all their battles, from the time they came out of bondage to the time they entered the Promise Land. He kept God's Word in his heart and mind and obey God with all his heart, strength, mind and soul (Joshua 1:8, Mk 12:30). The difference, of course, is that Joshua sinned, just like we all do but Jesus never did (Heb 4:15, 1 Pt 2:22, 1 John 3:5, 2 Cor 5:21). But, aside from that, he is a still a stunning type for our Savior Jesus Christ. Moreover, Joshua bore the same name as Jesus! Check it out...

“Joshua” in the Hebrew is **#3091** – it's spelled: Yehowshuwa' and pronounced: (yeh-ho-shoo'-ah); or Yehowshu' a (yeh-ho-shoo'-ah).; **Jehovah-saved**; *Jehoshua* (i.e. Joshua), the Jewish leader: -Jehoshua, Jehoshuah, Joshua.

Now, there is no “J” in the Hebrew alphabet. So, Joshua and Jehovah are both English translations. As noted above, Joshua is actually spelled as Yehowshuwa' in the Hebrew and it means Jehovah saved, or *YHVH's Salvation*, which is exactly what Jesus Christ is. Moreover, the name Joshua comes from God's Sacred Name #3068 which means: (the) *self-Existent or Eternal* (Get **God's Sacred Name** study via this link: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>).

Now “Jesus” in the Greek is #2424 – It's spelled: Iesous (ee-ay-sooce') but **it is of Hebrew origin [OT:#3091]**; Jesus (i.e. Jehoshua), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites.

Did you catch that? Jesus' name comes from #3091 in the Hebrew, which IS Joshua. So, Joshua's name and life in this flesh are both stunning types for our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. It is this man that Moses, therefore, told to lead Israel in the fight with Amalek. Keep in mind that this is Israel's *first* battle where they actually have to do something. Always before God was literally fighting their battles before them (Ex 14). That's because He was freeing them from bondage. But once they were free (and on their way to the Promise Land) *they were expected to fight*. That doesn't mean God wouldn't help them; it just means *they had to fight*. Also keep in mind these men used to be slaves. That's all they ever knew. They didn't have any experience fighting in wars. So, the fact that they would be able to fight (and win) shows a Divine protection and guidance from God Himself (YHVH). Additionally, God would give them an additional sign that He was there helping them fight, which is why Moses said He would be on the top of the hill.

Not surprisingly, this is yet another type for us to learn from. For, although God does protect us and spiritually fight for us in many ways (and physically as well), He still expects us to do our part. He's given us gifts (talents, Mth 25) for a reason: it helps in the spiritual war. Ephesians 6 details the spiritual armor and the spiritual war and many other Scriptures explain what we are to do as well. ***It's our duty to stand up for our Heavenly Father and our Savior Jesus Christ.*** As Jesus put it: if we deny Him, He'll deny us (Mth 10:33). This means **we must spiritually fight for His Name, His Word, His Honor and the truth...** and we're essentially fighting to help

bring the hearts and minds of His children back to Him from Satan, who stole God's children from Him. [Study more on this in: The Bible or the Bayonet - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/168>].

So, just as Israel had a responsibility to fight, so do we. We have the duty to fight for our country to protect it physically (as well as a right to self-defense, including protecting ourselves, our families and communities from those who seek to do us harm). But most importantly we are to fight *spiritually* for that's the essence of all warfare. And that's also what the 'tribulation of the end days' will be all about [**Evil Devices** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/68>]. So, anyone who thinks God is not a God of war, simply has not read the Bible, or, they have not read it very well. Remember what Moses said a few chapters back?

***The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.***

Ex 15:3

Moreover, David declared that God taught him to war and helped him in all his battles. Read Psalms 18 and you'll see this very clearly for in verse 34 David declares that ***He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.***

We also learn of Jesus' Second Advent...

*11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

*12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

*13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

*14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

*15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

*16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Rev 19:11-16

Thought Jesus came the first time as a tiny babe, ***He's returning as a man of war!*** And, He will not loose this battle. He's coming back to take dominion upon all the earth. He'll be gathering up all the wicked and turning this world over to those of His servants who remain loyal to Him... to those who know how to stand up to evil and fight for our God and His Son, Jesus (Ps 37:34, Rev 20:4-6). We must always remember that *all* the reasons God (YHVH) fights are righteous...

***The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.***

Ps 103:6

*16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.*

*17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

*18 For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.*

*19 Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.*

*20 Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.*

Ps 9:16-20

God's wages war to protect His children. He never wars to be greedy of gain. He's not greedy or covetous like man is. He owns everything and protects those who fear (revere) Him...

*17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.*

*18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.*

*19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.*

*20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.*

Ps 145:17-20

#### *Exodus 17*

*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.*

Joshua bravely led the 'green' Israelite troops into their first battle while Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of a hill. The Companion Bible has a note pointing out that Moses is the prophet (Deut 31:10), Aaron the priest (Ex 34:10) and Hur is likely of the royal tribe of Judah (1 Chron 2:3,4,5,18,19). Josephus (a famous Jewish historian) wrote that Hur was Miriam's husband and grandfather of Bezaleel (Ex 31:2, 35:30, 38:22). So, three 'witnesses' went to the top of the hill...

#### *Exodus 17*

*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.*

When Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed but when he let his hands down then Amalek prevailed. Being at the top of the mountain means that the Israelite army could see their leaders (Moses, Aaron and Hur) visually giving them support, of which *the hands being up* signified that God was with Israel. This is most certainly another type for only when God lifts us up with His Word and Holy Spirit can we prevail in the spiritual war. Moreover, Aaron and Hur were up there to help keep Moses' hands up (obviously, no one can keep their physical hands up for hours!).

What this means spiritually is that the priesthood (Aaron) and the line of Judah (Hur) supported the prophet (Moses) by putting His hands upon their shoulders while He sat on the rock. Now, we know that our God (YHVH) is likened to being our Rock (1 Cor 10:4, Deut 32:4, 15, 18, 30, 31, Mth 16:18, Lk 6:48) because He is steady and does not change (Heb 13:8, James 1:17, Mal 3:6). His ways always lead us to eternal life (Isa 43:3, 11, Hosea 13:4, Lk 2:11, John 17:3, 12:50, Gal 6:8, 1 Tim 1:16). So, what this shows us is that the priesthood and the king line support the prophets which are built (sit) upon the rock. Jesus succinctly put it another way...

*37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

*38 This is the first and great commandment.*

*39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

*40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

Matt 22:37-40

Paul adds more to this thought...

*19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*

*20 And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;***

*21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:*

*22 In whom ye also are builded together **for an habitation of God through the Spirit.***

Eph 2:19-3:1

Moreover, our Lord Jesus Christ is of the lineage of Judah *and* Levi through His mother Mary. The genealogy in Luke 3 shows us Mary's father was of Judah and the fact that her cousin, Elizabeth (Lk 1), was married to a Levite shows Mary's mother was of the tribe of Judah. Moreover, we know that Jesus was also a prophet (Deut 18:15-19, John 4:44, 6:15, 7:40, Acts 7:37). So, Jesus was all three in one. Three in Biblical Numerics signifies *Resurrection, Divine Completeness and Perfection* [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/960>].

Furthermore, this also shows us that God will always help us in the spiritual war, so long as we keep our eyes upon His Word (Jesus Christ) and that includes both the Old Testament and the New Testament; we need them both.

*3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.***

*4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:*

Isa 26:3-4

*Exodus 17*

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

The word 'discomfited' is #2522; it's a primitive root that means: *to prostrate; by implication, to overthrow, decay*. So, the Israelites prevailed in their warfare. God promises to prevail against His enemies to...

*41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.*

*42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.*

*43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.*

Deut 32:41-43

*13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.*

*14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.*

*15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.*

*16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.*

Isa 66:13-16

*11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

*12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

*13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

*14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

*15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

*16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Rev 19:11-16

*And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

2 Thess 2:8

Exodus 17

*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.*

“**Memorial**” is #2146 and it means: *a memento (or memorable thing, day or writing)*. It comes from the primitive root #2142, which means: *to mark (so as to be recognized), i.e. to remember; by implication, to mention; also (as denominative from OT:2145) to be male*. For those who think they didn’t know how to write back in those days, this is one of many places disproving that erroneous doctrine. The Companion Bible has a note saying that there have been tablets found at Lachish and Tel-el-Amarna that show there was a writing of a high order (fully developed) way before the time of Moses.

Now we also learned earlier from Deut 25:18-29 and Num 24:20 that God promised to ‘put out’ (which means to blot out) the children of Amalek from under heaven. This means total destruction of all their descendants and God would use His chosen people, Israel, to do so. It was also part of the reason He got so angry at Saul. The instructions were...

*1 Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD.*

*2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.*

*3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.*

1 Sam 15:1-3

God never forgot how Amalek treated Israel: sneaking up and attacking the end of their camp where all the weak people were (the women, children and elderly). He commanded Saul to destroy everything. And although Saul did kill off all the people, he allowed their king to live as well as the animals for their own uses... and then lied about it to Samuel (as if God wouldn’t know the truth). This event caused God to reject Saul as being king. Saul didn’t respect God enough to follow His commandment regarding a people (Amalek) who God commissioned Israel to annihilate. This tells us that *our Heavenly Father cares a lot about how His servants obey Him and who they make friends with*. As James chapter 4 warns, we cannot be friends with the world and with our Heavenly Father. The two are rival enemies (because the world is led by Satan, God’s arch enemy). We simply must fight against God’s enemies IF we want to truly be on His side. Christians should be very careful who they support. Many Pastors lead their congregations to believe they Christians should support the “Jews” because they are supposedly God’s chosen people. However, the Jews religion teaches them to hate Jesus Christ. And anyone (regardless of what race they are) who hates Jesus Christ is automatically an enemy of yours IF you truly follow Jesus Christ. Similarly, anyone who truly loves and obeys Jesus Christ (regardless of race) is not your enemy... so we should stop fighting with each other! (James 4:1). As Jesus put it...

*38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us.*

39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

40 For **he that is not against us is on our part.**

41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

Mark 9:38-41

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matt 7:16-23

Moreover, we should also be aware that, just as He did to the Amalekites, so likewise will God do *spiritually* to all incorrigible rebels. We are warned...

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.*

Ex 32:33

*He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will **not** blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

Rev 3:5

*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: **which is the second death.***

Rev 21:8

Exodus 17

15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi:

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

Building altars and naming them was another tradition that Abraham and his descendants did (aside from naming or renaming places). The reason is the same: to remember (memorialize) an event for all generations to come. Jehovah-nissi is #3071 in the Hebrew (Yehovah Nicciy) and

means: *Jehovah (is) my banner*; Jehovah-Nissi, a symbolical name of an altar in the Desert. It comes from two words: one is #3068, God's sacred name. But the other is #5251 and means: *a flag; also a sail; by implication, a flagstaff; generally a signal; figuratively, a token*.

So, Moses built this altar to YHVH as a token and memorial to remember how Amalek pre-meditated and unprovokedly attacked Israel. It also memorializes how God helped Israel to overcome in the battle and sent Amalek running. It also reminds us that God promised to blot them out. **This serves as a warning to all un-repentant rebels for likewise will He totally blot out all those who still refuse Jesus Christ at the end of the Millennium.** To 'blot out' means *to stroke or rub*; by implication, *to erase*; also to *smooth* (as if with oil), i.e. *grease or make fat*; also to touch, i.e. *reach to* (#4229). So, even the name and memory of the incorrigible rebels (like Satan) will be totally erased at the end of the Millennium so that God can fulfill His promise to His children...

*3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

*4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.*

*5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

Rev 21:3-5

This chapter gave us two examples of what we *shouldn't* do and what will happen to us if we do follow in their examples. Israel murmured at God Himself because they didn't believe He cared enough to provide for them. Instead of asking respectfully, and in faith, they chided with Moses. Nevertheless, YHVH showed them again how He is able to provide for them by giving them an abundant source of water in the desert (another miracle). This shows us that spiritually, He is able to provide for us an abundant amount of truth and understanding, which is what quenches our spiritual thirst, giving us the ability to *correct our way of thinking* to align it with God's Word (which is the basis of eternal life, John 17:3).

After this, the children of Amalek (Esau's grandson) attacked Israel. In the desert, water is an extremely valuable commodity and Israel suddenly had an abundant source of it that the Amalekites wanted. Israel prevailed in war because Moses (the prophet) held up his hands and was supported by the priest (Aaron) and the royal line of Judah (Hur). This shows us how we can only prevail in spiritual war when our mind and heart is set solid on our Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Cor 10:4). Like there were three men up on that hill giving Israel encouragement and a sign, likewise do we have three witnesses that give us the spiritual strength to prevail in war. The prophets in the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Holy Spirit of God lift up our heart and mind and give us the strength and encouragement we need so successfully war against Satan and his seductive means to deceiving.

Therefore, it's paramount that we continue to look to the Word of God and seek guidance from the Holy Spirit to help us prepare for our current day battles (daily) but also for the time soon coming, when Satan himself is cast out of heaven with his fallen angels (Rev 12) for he is coming to deceive the entire world [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/380>]. Because Satan is so good at deceiving, [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/237>] we must spiritually prepare for it...

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

Eph 6:12-13

*Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, **prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.*** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/74>]

Amos 4:12

AMEN.