

## Message Eight

# The Glorious Triumph of Jehovah as a Man of War and the Continual War with Amalek

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### Scripture Reading: Exo. 15:1-18; 17:8-16

- Exo 15:1 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to Jehovah and spoke, saying, I will sing to Jehovah, for He has triumphed gloriously; / The horse and its rider He has cast into the sea.
- Exo 15:2 Jah is my strength and song, / And He has become my salvation; / This is my God, and I will praise Him; / My father's God, and I will exalt Him.
- Exo 15:3 Jehovah is a man of war; / Jehovah is His name.
- Exo 15:4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has thrown into the sea; / And his choice officers have drowned in the Red Sea.
- Exo 15:5 The deep waters cover them; / They went down into the depths like a stone.
- Exo 15:6 Your right hand, O Jehovah, is glorious in power; / Your right hand, O Jehovah, dashed the enemy in pieces.
- Exo 15:7 And in the greatness of Your excellence / You overthrew those who rose up against You. / You sent forth Your burning wrath; / It consumed them like stubble.
- Exo 15:8 And with the blast of Your nostrils the waters were heaped up; / The flowing currents stood up like a heap; / The deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.
- Exo 15:9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; / My desire will be satisfied upon them; / I will draw my sword; my hand will destroy them.
- Exo 15:10 You blew with Your wind; the sea covered them; / They sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- Exo 15:11 Who is like You, O Jehovah, among the gods? / Who is like You, splendid in holiness, / Awesome in praises, doing wonders?
- Exo 15:12 You stretched out Your right hand; / The earth swallowed them.
- Exo 15:13 In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; / You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.
- Exo 15:14 The peoples heard; they trembled; / Pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.
- Exo 15:15 Then the chiefs of Edom are dismayed; / The mighty men of Moab-- trembling has seized them; / All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- Exo 15:16 Terror and dread have fallen upon them; / By the greatness of Your arm they have become as still as stone, / Until Your people passed over, O Jehovah, / Until the people whom You purchased passed over.
- Exo 15:17 You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, / The place, O Jehovah, which You have made for Your dwelling, / The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.
- Exo 15:18 Jehovah shall reign forever and ever.
- Exo 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
- Exo 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.
- Exo 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.
- Exo 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.
- Exo 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
- Exo 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
- Exo 17:14 And Jehovah said to Moses, Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it to Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.
- Exo 17:15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi;
- Exo 17:16 For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

## **I. Exodus 15:1-18 is a song of praise concerning the glorious triumph of Jehovah as a man of war for His salvation and His victory leading to God's habitation and His kingdom:**

Exo 15:1-18 be omitted.

### **A. In verses 1 through 12 the children of Israel praised God for His salvation and His victory—v. 1b:**

Exo 15:1-12 be omitted.

Exo 15:1b ... I will sing to Jehovah, for He has triumphed gloriously; / The horse and its rider He has cast into the sea.

1. Salvation is related to God's people, and victory, to God's enemy.
2. At the same time that God defeated the enemy, He also saved His people—cf. Heb. 2:14-15.

Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

Heb 2:15 And might release those who because of the fear of death through all their life were held in slavery.

**B. Exodus 15:13 speaks of God's habitation, even though the temple as God's dwelling place was not built until centuries later:**

Exo 15:13 In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; / You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.

1. God's habitation was first the tabernacle and then the temple, both of which typify the church; the tabernacle was constructed within a year after the exodus from Egypt, and it remained until the temple was built—13:4; 40:17.

Exo 13:4 On this day in the month of Abib you are going out.

Exo 40:17 And in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was raised up.

2. The mention of God's habitation in Exodus 15:13 indicates that baptism leads to the church life—Acts 2:38-47.

Exo 15:13 In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; / You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.

Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, Repent and each one of you be baptized upon the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:39 For to you is the promise and to your children, and to all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and exhorted them, saying, Be saved from this crooked generation.

Acts 2:41 Those then who received his word were baptized, and there were added on that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:43 And fear was upon every soul; and many wonders and signs took place through the apostles.

Acts 2:44 And all those who believed were together and had all things common;

Acts 2:45 And they sold their properties and possessions and divided them to all, as anyone had need.

Acts 2:46 And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they partook of their food with exultation and simplicity of heart,

Acts 2:47 Praising God and having grace with all the people. And the Lord added together day by day those who were being saved.

**C. In poetic form Exodus 15:14-15 is a prophecy that the children of Israel would defeat God's enemies and take possession of the good land:**

Exo 15:14 The peoples heard; they trembled; / Pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

Exo 15:15 Then the chiefs of Edom are dismayed; / The mighty men of Moab-- trembling has seized them; / All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

1. The peoples in verse 14 signify the unbelievers, the heathen:

Exo 15:14 The peoples heard; they trembled; / Pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

- a. The Philistines, who lived between Egypt and the good land, signify the people of the religious world—v. 14; 1 Sam. 6:1-18.

Exo 15:14 The peoples heard; they trembled; / Pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

1 Sam 6:1 Now the Ark of Jehovah was in the country of the Philistines seven months.

1 Sam 6:2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, What shall we do with the Ark of Jehovah? Make known to us how we should send it forth to its place.

1 Sam 6:3 And they said, If you send away the Ark of the God of Israel, do not send it away empty, but be sure to return Him a trespass offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be made known to you why His hand has not turned away from you.

1 Sam 6:4 And they said, What is the trespass offering that we should return to Him? And they said, Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was upon you all and upon your lords.

1 Sam 6:5 Therefore you shall make images of your tumors and images of your mice that devastate the land, and you shall give glory to the God of Israel; perhaps He will lighten His hand on you and your gods and your land.

1 Sam 6:6 Why then should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had dealt severely with them, did they not let the people go, and they went?

1 Sam 6:7 So now take and prepare a new cart and two milch cows on which the yoke has never come, and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home, away from them.

1 Sam 6:8 And take the Ark of Jehovah and put it on the cart; and in a box by the side of it, place the articles of gold which you are returning to Him as a trespass offering; and send it away that it may go.

1 Sam 6:9 Then watch: If it goes up toward its own border at Beth-shemesh, it is He who has done us this great harm. But if it does not, we will know that it was not His hand that struck us; it happened to us by chance.

1 Sam 6:10 And the men did so and took two milch cows and tied them to the cart and shut up their calves at home.

1 Sam 6:11 And they put the Ark of Jehovah on the cart with the box and the gold mice and the images of their tumors.

1 Sam 6:12 And the cows went straight in the way toward Beth-shemesh; they went on one road, lowing as they went; and they did not turn to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh.

1 Sam 6:13 Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the Ark, they rejoiced to see it.

1 Sam 6:14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemeshite and stood still there. And there was a great stone there. And they split up the wood of the cart and offered up the cows as a burnt offering to Jehovah.

1 Sam 6:15 Then the Levites took down the Ark of Jehovah and the box that was with it, in which were the articles of gold; and they placed them on the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered up burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices that day to Jehovah.

1 Sam 6:16 And when the five lords of the Philistines saw this, they returned to Ekron that day.

1 Sam 6:17 And these are the gold tumors that the Philistines returned to Jehovah as a trespass offering: for Ashdod, one; for Gaza, one; for Ashkelon, one; for Gath, one; for Ekron, one;

1 Sam 6:18 And the gold mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines that belonged to the five lords, both of fortified cities and country villages, as far as the great stone on which they rested the Ark of Jehovah, which is there to this day, in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemeshite.

b. **The Edomites, the descendants of Esau, signify those who are natural, those who are not chosen, redeemed, regenerated, and transformed—Exo. 15:15a; Rom. 9:10-13.**

Exo 15:15a Then the chiefs of Edom are dismayed; ...

Rom 9:10 And not only so, but Rebecca also, having conceived by one, Isaac our father,

Rom 9:11 Though the children had not yet been born nor had done anything good or bad (that the purpose of God according to selection might remain, not of works but of Him who calls),

Rom 9:12 It was said to her, "The greater shall serve the less";

Rom 9:13 As it is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

c. **The Moabites, the descendants of Lot, signify the fleshly ones, for their source was an act of incest—Exo. 15:15b; Gen. 19:30-38.**

Exo 15:15b ... The mighty men of Moab-- trembling has seized them; ...

Gen 19:30 Then Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountains, and his two daughters with him, for he was afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he and his two daughters dwelt in a cave.

Gen 19:31 And the firstborn said to the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man on the earth to come in to us after the manner of all the earth.

Gen 19:32 Come, let us make our father drink wine; and let us lie with him, that we may preserve alive seed from our father.

Gen 19:33 And they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in and lay with her father, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen 19:34 And the next day the firstborn said to the younger, I have now lain with my father last night. Let us make him drink wine tonight also; and you go in, and lie with him, that we may preserve alive seed from our father.

Gen 19:35 And they made their father drink wine that night also. And the younger one arose and lay with him, and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose.

Gen 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.

- Gen 19:37 And the firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day.
- Gen 19:38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the children of Ammon to this day.
- d. The Canaanites are related to the evil powers in the heavenlies—Exo. 15:15c; Eph. 6:12.
- Exo 15:15c ... All the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
2. The intention of all the enemies was to keep God’s people from reaching His goal—the building of His dwelling place for the fulfillment of His purpose; however, in the eyes of God His goal has already been achieved, and that is why Moses used the perfect tense when speaking of God’s habitation—Exo. 15:13, 17.
- Exo 15:13 In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; / You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation.
- Exo 15:17 You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, / The place, O Jehovah, which You have made for Your dwelling, / The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.
- D. Verse 18 refers to the kingdom—“Jehovah shall reign forever and ever”:
1. God’s habitation, God’s house, brings in God’s kingdom, God’s reign.
2. Today the church is first God’s house and then His kingdom—1 Tim. 3:15; Rom. 14:17.
- 1 Tim 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
- Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
3. The church brings in God’s kingdom to the earth—Eph. 2:19; Matt. 16:18-19:
- Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
- Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- Matt 16:19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in the heavens.
- a. Exodus 15:1-18 indicates that the goal of God’s salvation is the building of His dwelling place for the establishing of His kingdom.
- Exo 15:1-18 be omitted.
- b. For this we, like Moses and the children of Israel, should praise the Lord—cf. Rev. 15:2-4.
- Rev 15:2 And I saw as it were a glassy sea mingled with fire and those who come away victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name standing on the glassy sea, having harps of God.
- Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses, the slave of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God the Almighty! Righteous and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!
- Rev 15:4 Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for all the nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous judgments have been manifested.

## II. In Exodus 17:8-16 there is a picture showing the continual war with Amalek:

- Exo 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
- Exo 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.
- Exo 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.
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A. Amalek fought against the children of Israel as they were journeying to attain to God's goal:  
 1. Amalek signifies the flesh, the leading enemy in frustrating us from going on with the Lord:

- a. The name Amalek means "warlike," indicating that the flesh is warlike, destructive, and disturbing.
- b. The flesh works in a hidden way to undermine God's people and even to kill them—Esth. 3:1-15; 7:6, 9-10; Gal. 4:29.

Esth 3:1 After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and he advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.  
 Esth 3:2 And all the king's servants who were in the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman, for so had the king commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage.  
 Esth 3:3 Then the king's servants who were in the king's gate said to Mordecai, Why do you transgress the king's command?  
 Esth 3:4 And when they had spoken to him day after day and he did not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew.  
 Esth 3:5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or pay homage to him, Haman was filled with rage.  
 Esth 3:6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him who the people of Mordecai were; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were throughout the kingdom of Ahasuerus.  
 Esth 3:7 In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day and from month to month, until it fell on the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.  
 Esth 3:8 And Haman said to King Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples throughout all the provinces of your kingdom; and their laws differ from those of all the people, nor do they keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain.  
 Esth 3:9 If it please the king, let it be decreed in writing that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's affairs, that they may bring it into the king's treasuries.  
 Esth 3:10 Then the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.  
 Esth 3:11 And the king said to Haman, The silver has been given to you, as well as the people, to do with them as it seems good to you.  
 Esth 3:12 Then the king's scribes were summoned in the first month, on the thirteenth day of the month; and it was decreed in writing, according to all that Haman commanded, to the king's satraps and to the governors who were over each province and to the princes of every people, to each province in its own script and to each people in their own tongue; in the name of King Ahasuerus was it written, and it was sealed with the king's signet ring.  
 Esth 3:13 And letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces to destroy, to slay, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, children and women, in one day, that is, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to plunder their spoil.  
 Esth 3:14 A copy of the written decree to be issued as law in all the provinces was published to all the peoples so that they would be ready for that day.  
 Esth 3:15 The couriers went out, driven in haste by the king's command; and the decree was issued in Susa the capital. And the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was in confusion.  
 Esth 7:6 And Esther said, An adversary and an enemy, this wicked Haman. Then Haman became terrified before the king and the queen.  
 Esth 7:9 Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were before the king, said, And also there is the gallows standing in Haman's house, fifty cubits high, which Haman has made for Mordecai, who spoke good on behalf of the king. And the king said, Hang him on it.

- Esth 7:10      So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's anger subsided.
- Gal 4:29      But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now.
- c.      The fact that God has a continual war with Amalek reveals that God hates the flesh and desires to exterminate it—Exo. 17:16; Gal. 5:17.
- Exo 17:16      For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.
- Gal 5:17      For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.
2.      The flesh denotes the totality of the fallen old man, our entire fallen being—Gen. 6:3; Rom. 7:18a; Gal. 2:16:
- Gen 6:3      And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years.
- Rom 7:18a      For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; ...
- Gal 2:16      And knowing that a man is not justified out of works of law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of faith in Christ and not out of the works of law, because out of the works of law no flesh will be justified.
- a.      The flesh is the living out and the expression of the old man—Rom. 6:6.
- Rom 6:6      Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;
- b.      The flesh cannot be changed or improved; thus, we need to be mindful of the fact that the flesh is always with us—13:14; Gal. 5:16.
- Rom 13:14      But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts.
- Gal 5:16      But I say, Walk by the Spirit and you shall by no means fulfill the lust of the flesh.
3.      The flesh is the camp of God's enemy and the largest base for his work—vv. 19-21:
- Gal 5:19      And the works of the flesh are manifest, which are such things as fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- Gal 5:20      Idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, divisions, sects,
- Gal 5:21      Envyings, bouts of drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- a.      The flesh is the first among our enemies, taking the lead over sin, the world, and Satan to fight against us— Rom. 8:3.
- Rom 8:3      For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,
- b.      God hates the flesh in the same manner that He hates Satan, and He wants to destroy the flesh in the same manner that He wants to destroy Satan—Exo. 17:16; Deut. 25:17-19; 1 Sam. 15:2-3.
- Exo 17:16      For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.
- Deut 25:17      Remember what Amalek did to you on the way when you came out of Egypt,
- Deut 25:18      That he met you on the way and struck you at the rear, struck all those who were worn out at your rear, when you were faint and weary; and he did not fear God.
- Deut 25:19      Therefore when Jehovah your God gives you rest from all your enemies surrounding you, in the land which Jehovah your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you shall not forget.
- 1 Sam 15:2      Thus says Jehovah of hosts, I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they set themselves against them in the way as they came up out of Egypt.
- 1 Sam 15:3      Go now and strike the Amalekites; and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, oxen and sheep, camel and donkey.
4.      With Amalek there is a hand against the throne of the Lord—Exo. 17:16; 1 Sam. 15:22-23:
- Exo 17:16      For he said, For there is a hand against the throne of Jah! Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.
- 1 Sam 15:22      And Samuel said, / Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices / As much as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? / Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, / And to heed, than the fat of rams.

- 1 Sam 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, / And insubordination is like idolatry and teraphim. / Because you have rejected the word of Jehovah, / He has also rejected you from being king.
- a. The flesh is in rebellion against God and against His throne.
  - b. Amalek tried to overthrow God's throne, just as Satan once tried to do.
  - c. Our flesh is an enemy of God's authority and is in rebellion against God's governmental administration.
5. Saul lost his kingship because of his failure to deal thoroughly with Amalek—vv. 2-3, 9, 14-15, 22-23:
- 1 Sam 15:2 Thus says Jehovah of hosts, I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they set themselves against them in the way as they came up out of Egypt.
- 1 Sam 15:3 Go now and strike the Amalekites; and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, oxen and sheep, camel and donkey.
- 1 Sam 15:9 But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and worthless, this they utterly destroyed.
- 1 Sam 15:14 And Samuel said, What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears and the lowing of oxen that I hear?
- 1 Sam 15:15 And Saul said, They have been brought from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen to sacrifice to Jehovah your God, and the rest we have utterly destroyed.
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- a. Sparing the good flesh and offering it to God is hateful to Him because such a practice involves demons and idols of vanity—vv. 22-23.
 

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  - b. Saul lost his kingship because he did not utterly destroy Amalek, and we also will lose our kingship if we do not utterly destroy our flesh—vv. 26, 28; Rev. 5:10; 1 Pet. 2:9.
 

1 Sam 15:26 But Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of Jehovah, and Jehovah has rejected you from being king over Israel.

1 Sam 15:28 And Samuel said to him, Jehovah has torn the kingdom of Israel away from you today and has given it to an associate of yours, who is better than you.

Rev 5:10 And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.

1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
6. When Amalek is dealt with, the kingdom of God immediately comes in—Exo. 18:1-26:
- Exo 18:1 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, how Jehovah had brought Israel out of Egypt.
- Exo 18:2 And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Moses' wife Zipporah, after he had sent her away,
- Exo 18:3 And her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom, for Moses said, I have been a sojourner in a foreign land;
- Exo 18:4 And the name of the other was Eliezer, for he said, The God of my father was my help and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.
- Exo 18:5 So Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped, at the mount of God.
- Exo 18:6 And he sent word to Moses: I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her.

- Exo 18:7 So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him; and each asked the other's welfare, and they came into the tent.
- Exo 18:8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that Jehovah had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them on the way, and how Jehovah delivered them.
- Exo 18:9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the good which Jehovah had done to Israel, in that He had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians.
- Exo 18:10 And Jethro said, Blessed be Jehovah, who has delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of Pharaoh, who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians.
- Exo 18:11 Now I know that Jehovah is greater than all gods, for it was demonstrated in this matter, when they dealt proudly against the people.
- Exo 18:12 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat food with Moses' father-in-law before God.
- Exo 18:13 And on the following day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from the morning to the evening.
- Exo 18:14 And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit by yourself, and all the people stand around you from morning to evening?
- Exo 18:15 Then Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God.
- Exo 18:16 When they have a dispute, the matter comes to me; and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make known the statutes of God and His laws.
- Exo 18:17 And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you are doing is not good.
- Exo 18:18 You will surely wear yourself out, both you and this people who are with you, for the thing is too heavy for you; you cannot do it by yourself.
- Exo 18:19 Listen now to my voice: I will give you counsel, and God be with you. You stand for the people before God, and you bring the matters to God.
- Exo 18:20 And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and make known to them the way in which they should walk and the work that they should do.
- Exo 18:21 You also should look for able men among all the people who fear God, men of truth, who hate unjust gain; and place them over them, as leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.
- Exo 18:22 And let them judge the people at all times; and let them bring every great matter to you, but every small matter let them judge themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.
- Exo 18:23 If you do this thing, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people also will go to their place in peace.
- Exo 18:24 So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.
- Exo 18:25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people: leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.
- Exo 18:26 And they judged the people at all times; the hard cases they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.
- a. The kingdom of God denotes the authority of God by which all things are subject to God—Mark 1:15; John 3:3, 5; Rev. 11:15; 12:10; Dan. 2:44.
- Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.
- John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
- Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
- Dan 2:44 And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever.
- b. Because the flesh is versus the kingship, the flesh must be thoroughly dealt with before the kingdom of God can come in—1 Cor. 6:9-10; Eph. 5:5.
- 1 Cor 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be led astray; neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers nor effeminate nor homosexuals

1 Cor 6:10 Nor thieves nor the covetous, not drunkards, not revilers, not the rapacious will inherit the kingdom of God.  
 Eph 5:5 For this you realize, knowing that every fornicator or unclean person or greedy person (who is an idolator) has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

7. If we follow the Lord's word to utterly destroy the flesh, we will have the kingship and will be in God's kingdom— Gal. 5:19-21; 2 Pet. 1:5-11.

Gal 5:19 And the works of the flesh are manifest, which are such things as fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,  
 Gal 5:20 Idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, divisions, sects,  
 Gal 5:21 Envyings, bouts of drunkenness, carousings, and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, even as I have said before, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.  
 2 Pet 1:5 And for this very reason also, adding all diligence, supply bountifully in your faith virtue; and in virtue, knowledge;  
 2 Pet 1:6 And in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness;  
 2 Pet 1:7 And in godliness, brotherly love; and in brotherly love, love.  
 2 Pet 1:8 For these things, existing in you and abounding, constitute you neither idle nor unfruitful unto the full knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 2 Pet 1:9 For he in whom these things are not present is blind, being shortsighted, having forgotten the cleansing of his past sins.  
 2 Pet 1:10 Therefore, brothers, be the more diligent to make your calling and selection firm, for doing these things you shall by no means ever stumble.  
 2 Pet 1:11 For in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly and bountifully supplied to you.

B. The picture in Exodus 17:9-13 shows us how to fight against Amalek:

Exo 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.  
 Exo 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.  
 Exo 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.  
 Exo 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.  
 Exo 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

1. We fight against Amalek by the interceding Christ and the fighting Spirit—Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25; Gal. 5:17:

Rom 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.  
 Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.  
 Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

a. Moses lifting up his hand on the mountaintop typifies the ascended Christ interceding in the heavens—Exo. 17:9, 11.

Exo 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.  
 Exo 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.

b. Joshua fighting against Amalek typifies the indwelling Spirit fighting against the flesh—vv. 9, 13.

Exo 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.  
 Exo 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

2. In the battle against Amalek we need to cooperate with the Lord by praying and by putting the flesh to death—Luke 18:1; 1 Thes. 5:17; Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:24:

Luke 18:1 And He told them a parable to the end that they ought always to pray and not lose heart,  
 1 Thes 5:17 Unceasingly pray,  
 Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.  
 Gal 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.

- a. When we pray, we are one with the interceding Christ— Rom. 8:34.  
Rom 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.
  - b. When we put the flesh to death, we are one with the fighting Spirit—Gal. 5:17.  
Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.
- C. Eventually, in order for us to live within the veil, in the Holy of Holies, there is the need of a stronger experience of the cross in dealing with the flesh—Heb. 10:19-20:  
Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,  
Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,
- 1. Although the sanctuary of God is in the heavens, it is divided into two sections—the outer Holy Place and the inner Holy of Holies—by the veil, which signifies our flesh.
  - 2. In God's economy the sanctuary of God has a negative thing—our flesh:
    - a. In relation to Christ, the veil in the sanctuary of God was split at the time of Christ's crucifixion—Matt. 27:51.  
Matt 27:51 And behold, the veil of the temple was split in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken and the rocks were split,
    - b. In relation to the believers, the veil remains so that God may use it to perfect His seeking ones and so that they may be one with God by dwelling in Him as the Holy of Holies—2 Cor. 12:7; Rev. 21:22.  
2 Cor 12:7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.  
Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
    - c. No matter how mature and spiritual we may become, as long as our body has not yet been transfigured, we still have the flesh, which is the veil:
      - 1) In our experience the veil, the flesh, must be riven, and then we need to pass the riven veil to live in the Holy of Holies—Heb. 10:19-20.  
Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,  
Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,
      - 2) We need to learn the lesson of the cross daily, passing through the veil by a stronger experience of the cross in dealing with the flesh so that we may live within the veil—in the Holy of Holies, in the consummated Triune God—Gal. 5:24.  
Gal 5:24 But they who are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and its lusts.