

Sermon Handout

“Corporate Victory”

Exodus 17:8-16

- I.** Key figures emerging in the Exodus history
 - A.** Amalek (Amalekites, a tribe of Edomites – Gen 36:8)
Conquest & destruction predicted by Balaam Numb 24
 - B.** Joshua, of the tribe of Ephraim, son of Nun
 - C.** Hur, descendent of Judah through Hezron

- II.** Israel attacked by Amalek v. 8
Dt 25:17-18 – ambushed Israel from behind
Defense of Israel placed in Joshua’s hands v. 9a
Leads and rallies the men of Israel

- III.** Moses intercedes with God for victory vv. 9b-13
 - A.** The rod of God (v. 16 – “My hand touched God’s throne”)
The rod has consistently symbolized God’s power in Exodus
 - B.** When the rod is lifted up, Israel prevails v. 11a
 - C.** When the rod descends, Amalek prevails v. 11b
 - D.** Aaron & Hur assist Moses in his intercession v. 12
 - E.** The Amalekites are defeated by the power of God v. 13

- IV.** Moses memorializes the event vv. 14-16
 - A.** The Lord says, “write a book to instruct Joshua” v. 14
 - B.** Moses builds an altar v. 15
Cf. Gen 8:20; 12:7-8; 26:25; 33:20; 35:7; Josh 8:30
Names the altar “God’s sign post”
 - C.** Moses declares God’s perpetual purposes v. 16
My hand to God’s throne resulted in victory
God himself is at war with Amalek forever Dt 25:19
See Numb 14; Judges 3; 6; 7; I Sam 15; I Sam 28
Amalek finally defeated by David
I Sam 27:8-12; 30:1-17; II Sam 1:1; I Chr 4:43
Haman the Agagite I Sam 15:9; Esther 3:1