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## ***Amalek Defeated (Part 1)***

**Why this narrative is miracle!**

“And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.” So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses’ hands became 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 the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.” And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner;”  
Exodus 17:9-15 NKJV

Who is Amalek? Why is this narrative important that Moses built an altar for?  
Amalek is a nomadic tribe and nation that was the enemy of the Israelites.

The term "Amalek" can refer to:

- *The descendants of Amalek:* The grandson of Esau, who was the son of Eliphaz and Timna.
- The people who lived in the Amalekites' territories in Canaan.
- *North African descendants of Ham, the son of Noah:* Amalek is the term used to describe those who need to be wiped from the face of the Earth.

In Exodus, the Amalekites were said to have attacked the Israelite tribe as they escaped from Egypt. Even though Israel defeated the Amalekites, a divine curse was placed upon the descendants of Amalek. The Bible presents the Amalekites as living in the Negev area, now in modern Israel.

While the Amalekite nation no longer exists, the memory of a devious enemy lives on in all forms of antisemitism carried out against Jewish people. Because of what the Amalekites have done to Israel, God promised to destroy this spirit.

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Both Exodus 17:8-16 and Deuteronomy 25:17-19 discuss the genocide of Amalek. Exodus depicts an initial defeat of this wandering tribe, and explains that YHWH, the national God of Israel, “will utterly blot out the memory (Hebrew זָכַר) of Amalek from under heaven!” (2) (Exodus 17:14).

*To be continued.*