

## **EPISODE NO. 71**

### **Exo. 17:8-16**

#### **The First Battle**

8 Then the people of Amalek came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. 9 So Moses told Joshua: “Choose some men for us; go out and fight with Amalek! Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the one true God’s walking-cane in my hand.”

10 So Joshua did as Moses told him — he and his army fought against the people of Amalek. Then Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 Whenever Moses held up his hands, Israel was winning, but when Moses lowered his hands, Amalek was winning. 12 However, Moses’ hands became very tired. So, Aaron and Hur took a big stone and put it under Moses. Moses sat upon it. And, Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses. Aaron was on one side, and Hur was on the other side. So, Moses’ hands were steady until the sun went down. 13 And, Joshua cut down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Write this in the book as something to remember. And, recite it to Joshua: ‘I will completely blot out people’s memory of Amalek on earth!’ ”

15 Moses built an altar and named it “Yahweh-Nissi.” 16 He said, “An oath was made toward the throne of the Always-Present One. The Always-Present One will be at war with Amalek for many generations!”