

## Provision for the Impossible

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### Pro ~ vision

Foresight; timely care; particularly, active foresight, or foresight accompanied with the procurement of what is necessary for future use, or with suitable preparation. Measures taken beforehand, either for security, defense or attack, or for the supply of wants. The act of providing or making previous preparation.

## The Principle of the Second Born

However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

**1 Corinthians 15:46-47**

### **The Biblical Pattern**

- Cain / Abel
- Ishmael / Isaac
- Esau / Jacob (Israel)
- Leah (Reuben) / Rachel (Joseph)
- Mannasah / Ephraim
- Saul / David
- Old Covenant (Law)/ New Covenant (Grace)
- Adam / Jesus

- First Birth of Water / Second Birth of Spirit

## Amalek

And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz

**Amalek**: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.

**Genesis 36:12**

**Amalek** was first among the nations, But shall be last until he perishes.

**Numbers 24:20**

## The Long History of Ambush

Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God. Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget.

**Deuteronomy 25:17-19**

Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt.

**1 Samuel 15:2**

The LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

**Exodus 17:16**

# Possessors of Southern Canaan - The First Opposition

## The Battle in Rephidim

Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 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. 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. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 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. And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. 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. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

**Exodus 17:8-16**

## The Unseen Preparations of Jehovah

The Marvels of Prevenient Grace

. . . Your heavenly Father knows that ye have need of all these things.

Matthew 6:32

## The Foretelling Egyptian Priest

One of those sacred scribes, who are very sagacious in foretelling future events truly, told the king, that about this time there would a child be born to the Israelites, who, if he were reared, would bring the Egyptian dominion low, and would raise the Israelites; that he would excel all men

in virtue, and obtain a glory that would be remembered through all ages. Which thing was so feared by the king, that, according to this man's opinion, he commanded that they should cast every male child, which was born to the Israelites, into the river, and destroy it.

**Flavius Josephus**

(Antiquities of the Jews, Book 2, Chapter 9, Para 2)

**The Noble Hebrew Father**

A man whose name was Amram, one of the nobler sort of the Hebrews, was afraid for his whole nation, lest it should fail, by the want of young men to be brought up hereafter, and was very uneasy at it, his wife being then with child, and he knew not what to do. Hereupon he betook himself to prayer to God . . . Accordingly God had mercy on him, and was moved by his supplication. He stood by him in his sleep, and exhorted him not to despair of his future favors . . . for that child, out of dread of whose nativity the Egyptians have doomed the Israelite children to destruction, shall be this child of thine, and shall be concealed from those who watch to destroy him: and when he is brought up in a surprising way, he shall deliver the Hebrew nation from the distress they are under from the Egyptians. His memory shall be famous while the world lasts; and this not only among the Hebrews, but foreigners also.

**Flavius Josephus**

(Antiquities of the Jews, Book 2, Chapter 9, Para 3)

**The Unique Formation of the Hebrew General**

And he (Moses) was, by the confession of all . . . as well for his greatness of mind as for his contempt of difficulties, the best of all the Hebrews, for Abraham was his ancestor of the seventh generation . . . Now Moses's understanding became superior to his age, nay, far beyond that standard; and when he was taught, he discovered greater quickness of apprehension than was usual at his age, and his actions at that time promised greater, when he should come to the age of a man. God did also give him that tallness, when he was but three years old, as was wonderful. And as for his beauty, there was nobody . . . when they saw Moses . . . not greatly surprised at the beauty of his countenance; nay, it happened frequently, that those that met him as he was carried along the road, were obliged to turn again upon seeing the child; that they left what they were about, and

stood still a great while to look on him; for the beauty of the child was so remarkable and natural to him on many accounts, that it detained the spectators, and made them stay longer to look upon him.

**Flavius Josephus**

(Antiquities of the Jews, Book 2, Chapter 9, Para 6)

**The Uncanny Preservation of His Life**

Thermuthis therefore perceiving him to be so remarkable a child, adopted him for her son, having no child of her own. And when one time had carried Moses to her father, she showed him to him, and said . . . "I have brought up a child who is of a divine form, and of a generous mind; and as I have received him from the bounty of the river, in , I thought proper to adopt him my son, and the heir of thy kingdom." And she had said this, she put the infant into her father's hands: so he took him, and hugged him to his breast; and on his daughter's account, in a pleasant way, put his diadem upon his head; but Moses threw it down to the ground, and, in a puerile mood, he wreathed it round, and trod upon his feet.

**Flavius Josephus**

(Antiquities of the Jews, Book 2, Chapter 9, Para 7)

## Preparations for War in the Desert

**Moses the Mighty Military Conqueror**

The king (of Egypt) commanded his daughter to produce (Moses), that he might be the general of their army. Upon which, when she had made him swear he would do him no harm, she delivered him to the king, and supposed his assistance would be of great advantage to them . . . So Moses, at the persuasion both of Thermuthis and the king himself, cheerfully undertook the business . . . where he gave a wonderful demonstration of his sagacity . . . Moses invented a wonderful stratagem to preserve the army safe, and without hurt . . . he came upon the Ethiopians before they expected him; and, joining battle with them, he beat them, and deprived them of the hopes they had of success against the Egyptians, and went on in overthrowing their cities, and indeed made a great slaughter of these Ethiopians.

## **Flavius Josephus**

(Antiquities of the Jews, Book 2, Chapter 10, Para 1-2)

Josephus says, that when Moses was nourished in the palace, he was appointed general of the army against the Ethiopians, and conquered them.

### **Irenaeus**

(Fragments, ap. edit. Grab. p. 472)

And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

### **Acts 7:21-22**

## **The Impossible Straits**

Now when the Egyptians had overtaken the Hebrews, they prepared to fight them, and by their multitude they drove them into a narrow place; for the number that pursued after them was six hundred chariots, with fifty thousand horsemen, and two hundred thousand foot-men, all armed. They also seized on the passages by which they imagined the Hebrews might fly, shutting them up between inaccessible precipices and the sea . . . The Hebrews . . . if they should have thought of fighting . . . had no weapons; they expected a universal destruction, unless they delivered themselves up to the Egyptians. So they laid the blame on Moses, and forgot all the signs that had been wrought by God for the recovery of their freedom; and this so far, that their incredulity prompted them to throw stones at the prophet, while he encouraged them and promised them deliverance . . . But Moses, though the multitude looked fiercely at him, did not, however, give over the care of them, but despised all dangers, out of his trust in God . . . he said, “. . . it is no better than madness, at this time to despair of the providence of God.”

## **Flavius Josephus**

(Antiquities of the Jews, Book 2, Chapter 15, Para 3-4)

## **The Prayer of Moses in the Impossible Straits**

Thou art not ignorant, O Lord, that it is beyond human strength and human contrivance to avoid the difficulties we are now under; but it must be thy work altogether to procure deliverance to this army, which has left Egypt at thy appointment. We despair of any other assistance or contrivance, and have recourse only to that hope we have in thee; and if there be any method that can promise us an escape by thy providence, we look up to thee for it. And let it come quickly, and manifest thy power to us; and do thou raise up this people unto good courage and hope of deliverance, who are deeply sunk into a disconsolate state of mind. We are in a helpless place, but still it is a place that thou possesses; still the sea is thine, the mountains also that enclose us are thine; so that these mountains will open themselves if thou commands them, and the sea also, if thou commands it, will become dry land. Nay, we might escape by a flight through the air, if thou should determine we should have that way of salvation.

**Flavius Josephus**

(Antiquities of the Jews, Book 2, Chapter 16, Para 1)

## Unarmed, Unready, and Unsteady

The First Steps Forward out of Egypt

On the next day Moses gathered together the weapons of the Egyptians, which were brought to the camp of the Hebrews by the current of the sea . . . and he conjectured that this also happened by Divine Providence, that so they might not be destitute of weapons.

**Flavius Josephus**

(Antiquities, Book 2, Chapter 16, Paragraph 6)

## The Edge of the Sword?

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

**Exodus 17:13**

## A Closer Look at the First Great Battle

## Embarking upon Southern Canaan

**Scripture** - Exodus 17:8

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

[**Flavius Josephus** - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 1]

The name of the Hebrews began already to be every where renowned, and rumors about them ran abroad. This made the inhabitants of those countries to be in no small fear. Accordingly they sent ambassadors to one another, and exhorted one another to defend themselves, and to endeavor to destroy these men. Those that induced the rest to do so, were such as inhabited Gobelitis and Petra. They were called *Amalekites*, and were the most warlike of the nations that lived thereabout; and whose kings exhorted one another, and their neighbors, to go to this war against the Hebrews; telling them that . . . those who endeavor to crush a power in its first rise, are wiser than those that endeavor to put a stop to its progress when it is become formidable.

[**Flavius Josephus** - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 2]

These proceedings of the [Amalekites] . . . occasioned perplexity and trouble to Moses, who expected no such warlike preparations. And when these nations were ready to fight . . . the multitude of the Hebrews . . . were in a mighty disorder, and in want of all necessaries, and yet were to make war with men who were thoroughly well prepared for it. Then therefore it was that Moses began to encourage them, and to exhort them to have a good heart, and rely on God's assistance . . .

## The War Cry of the Great General

[Adapted from the writings of **Flavius Josephus** - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 2]

*We are an army built by God and for God. You mustn't measure our numbers based on what you see with your eyes, but rather, you must determine the Hebrew war-machine to be of vast numberless ranks, lacking nothing, armed to the teeth with the finest weaponry and ware, fully financed, without need for anything, possessing all that which would supply you, as God's soldiers, that undaunted courage to march confidently into battle. You must reckon that you, God's army, are an unstoppable force hand-crafted by the Lord of Hosts Himself. And you*



*must have eyes to see the enemy ranks before you as they actually are. They are not strong and mighty as they would first appear. But rather, They are an army withering with cowardice. They are a small unimpressive troop. They are unarmed, weak, and in want of all convenience that would properly prepare them for battle. Do not perceive them to be a ready force, but rather an ignorant and disordered troupe that has set out on an ill-conceived battle attempting to blaspheme the armies of the Living God. So, dear Soldiers of the War-Machine of God Almighty - be strong and of good courage, for the Lord is the Conqueror and He will not lose.*

**[Scripture - Exodus 17:9]**

*And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek.*

**[Flavius Josephus - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 3]**

Moses . . . then called together the princes of their tribes, and their chief men, both separately and conjointly. The young men he charged to obey their elders, and the elders to hearken to their leader. So the people were elevated in their minds, and ready to try their fortune in battle, and hoped to be thereby at length delivered from all their miseries: nay, they desired that Moses would immediately lead them against their enemies without the least delay, that no backwardness might be a hindrance to their present resolution. So Moses sorted all that were fit for war into different troops, and set Joshua, the son of Nun, of the tribe of Ephraim, over them.

## The Description of the Second-Generation General

**[Flavius Josephus - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 3]**

So Moses . . . set Joshua, the son of Nun, of the tribe of Ephraim, over them,

1. one that was of great courage
2. patient to undergo labors
3. of great abilities to understand
4. of great abilities to speak what was proper
5. very serious in the worship of God

6. indeed made like another Moses, a teacher of piety towards God.

## The Great Conqueror of the Ethiopians Tutors Israel's New General

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

### **Galatians 3:24-25**

[**Flavius Josephus** - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 3]

He also appointed a small party of the armed men to be near the water, and to take care of the children, and the women, and of the entire camp. So that whole night they prepared themselves for the battle; they took their weapons, if any of them had such as were well made, and attended to their commanders as ready to rush forth to the battle as soon as Moses should give the word of command. **Moses also kept awake, teaching Joshua** after what manner he should order his camp. But when the day began, Moses called for Joshua again, and exhorted him to approve himself in deeds such a one as a his reputation made men expect from him; and to gain glory by the present expedition, in the opinion of those under him, for his exploits in this battle. He also gave a particular exhortation to the principal men of the Hebrews, and encouraged the whole army as it stood armed before him.

[**Scripture** - Exodus 17:9]

*[Moses said] . . . tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.*

[**Flavius Josephus** - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 3]

And when he had thus animated the army, both by his words and works, and prepared every thing, he retired to a mountain, and committed the army to God and to Joshua.

[**Scripture** - 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.*

[**Flavius Josephus** - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 4]

So the armies joined battle; and it came to a close fight, hand to hand, both sides showing great alacrity, and encouraging one another.

[**Scripture** - Exodus 17:11-12]

*And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 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.*

[**Flavius Josephus** - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 4]

And indeed while Moses stretched out his hand towards heaven the Hebrews were too hard for the Amalekites: but Moses not being able to sustain his hands thus stretched out, (for as often as he let down his hands, so often were his own people worsted,) he bade his brother Aaron, and Hur their sister Miriam's husband, to stand on each side of him, and take hold of his hands, and not permit his weariness to prevent it, but to assist him in the extension of his hands. When this was done, the Hebrews conquered the Amalekites by main force; and indeed they had all perished, unless the approach of the night had obliged the Hebrews to desist from killing any more.

[**Scripture** - Exodus 17:13]

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

[**Flavius Josephus** - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 4-5]

So our forefathers obtained a most signal and most seasonable victory; for they not only overcame those that fought against them, but terrified also the neighboring nations, and got great and splendid advantages, which they obtained of their enemies by their hard pains in this battle: for when they had taken the enemy's camp, they got ready booty for the public, and for their own private families, whereas till then they had not any sort of

plenty, of even necessary food . . . they not only made slaves of the bodies of their enemies, but subdued their minds also, and after this battle, became terrible to all that dwelt round about them . . . On the next day, Moses stripped the dead bodies of their enemies, and gathered together the armor of those that were fled, and gave rewards to such as had signalized themselves in the action; and highly commended Joshua, their general, who was attested to by all the army, on account of the great actions he had done. Nor was any one of the Hebrews slain; but the slain of the enemy's army were too many to be enumerated.

**[Scripture - Exodus 17:14-16]**

*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. And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*

**[Flavius Josephus - Antiquities, Book 3, Chapter 2, Para 5]**

So Moses offered sacrifices of thanksgiving to God, and built an altar, which he named *The Lord the Conqueror*. He also foretold that the Amalekites should utterly be destroyed; and that hereafter none of them should remain, because they fought against the Hebrews, and this when they were in the wilderness, and in their distress also. Moreover, he refreshed the army with feasting. And thus did they fight this first battle with those that ventured to oppose them, after they were gone out of Egypt.

## Prevenient Grace

*Divine Work Already Accomplished*

- **The Entirety History of Israel is a Work of Prevenient Grace, the Pro-Vision of God, The Providence of Jehovah**
- **The Seed of the Woman will Crush the Serpent's Head**
- **The Perfect Canon - The Rod**

I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die. And if you say in your heart, “How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?” - when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

#### **Deuteronomy 18:18-22**

- **The One of Greater Glory**

For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honor than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

#### **Hebrews 3:3-4**

## The Christian Doctrine Found in the Battle at Rephidim

### Moses

- The Man the Canon Authority
- The Original Cornerstone of Scripture
- The Old Covenant
- The Law
- That which cannot enter, but longs to
- Can only see that which the second-born, the eighth generation, is able to taste
- A Pattern for a Future Prophet (a 2nd Moses) overseeing the Destruction of the Flesh in Rephidim
- The First General (The Law)
- The First Deliverer (The Blood of the Lamb)
- The First Tabernacle (Built of Human Hands)

- A Shadow of One to Come

## Aaron

- Of Levi
- The Head of the Line of Priests (Teachers of the Law)
- The First High Priest
- The Father of a Human Priesthood
- The Minister of the First Tabernacle
- A Shadow of One to Come

## Hur

- Of Judah
- The Head of the Line of Tabernacle/Temple Builders
- The Grandfather of Bezaleel (The Chief Artisan of the Temple, The Ark, The Altar, etc)
- A Shadow of One to Come

## The Stone Underlayment

- The Word of God
- The Rock of Christ
- The Root
- The Origin of
- The Supply
- The Undergirding
- The Prevenient Grace (Provision)

## The Rod (The Canon)

- Jesus, The Canon Made Flesh
- The Divine Authority of God
- The Perfect Measurement (The Tested and Approved)
- The Offspring (The Branch)
- The New Covenant
- That which is Higher
- That which is Better

- That which must be Lifted high
- A Shadow of One to Come

## Joshua

- Of Ephraim (The Second Born)
- The Eighth Generation from Abraham (The New Beginning)
- The Man of Salvation
- The One Built to go hand-to-hand with the Flesh
- The Victor
- The Second General
- The One tutored by the Law and Prepared to Walk in the Power of Grace
- The One who, doesn't just see the Promise, but actually enters into it and brings Israel with him
- A Shadow of One to Come

## Your Personal Rephidim

You are Pre-Built for Battle

### **You may feel weak and unable to fight but . . .**

- The Impenetrable Armor is Already Supplied waiting to be Put On
- The Unstoppable Sword is Already Supplied and is waiting to be wielded
- The Bread and the Water of Israel is Provided in limitless supply to any of God's soldiers that simply ask
- The Greatest Conqueror of all History stands at the Head of the Almighty War-Machine
- And this Great and Mighty Conqueror, Jesus, has already declared the Battle won
- He conveniently broke the Back of this enemy host, and publicly shamed and defrocked the Enemy's General
- He has conveniently removed from the enemy camp all weaponry, armor, and supply - they are without strength, without confidence, and utterly vulnerable
- The Enemy is already routed . . . Grace began working on your behalf long before you ever cried out for it

- Jesus (Yeshua), is the One who proved Himself illustrious in Battle, He is the Great Deliverer that trounced the Amalekites in the depths of our own inner Rephidim 2,000 years ago on the Cross. He is the Lord the Conqueror.
- Battle of Rephidim happened thousands of years ago, it is a battle over and done
- The Battle with Sin happened two thousand years ago on the Cross, it is a battle over and done

## Reckon the Battle Won and March Out to meet the Defeated Foe

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin . . . For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof . . . For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

**Romans 6:6,10-12,14**

## The Battle of Rephidim Edition

Knowing this, that [your personal Amalek] is [utterly prostrated and conquered by Yeshua's victory], that the [blockade in your journey to the Promised Land] might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not [be subservient to this Enemy] . . . For in that [Yeshua did this conquering work, He only needed do it once - His victory is sufficient for all time]. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be [no longer hindered by this Amalekite host], but [fully possessing the victory and the spoils] through [Yeshua] our [Mighty General and Conqueror]. Let not [Amalek or any of his offspring] therefore reign in your [personal land], that ye should obey [them] in [their corrupt and deceitful ways] . . . For [Amalek or any of his offspring] shall not have dominion over you: for [provision has been made for the arms of the law to uphold and commemorate the Beautiful Rod, and so you fight this battle not in the strength of human effort, but in the strength of Grace.]



## Romans 6:6,10-12,14

### The Secret to Victory in Rephidim

. . . I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; even the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now is revealed to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is . . . **Christ in you, the hope of glory**, Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present **every man perfect in Christ Jesus**: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

**Colossians 1:25-29**

**The Secret:** *Get inside the Great General, and then the Great General can get inside you*

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world . . . For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.

**1 John 4:4; 5:4**

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

**Romans 8:37**

### The War Cry of the Great General

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## Your Battle with the Flesh May Appear Impossible

but remember . . .

With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

**Matthew 19:26**