



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

REPHIDIM, MOSES, HUR AND AARON EXODUS CHAPTER 17

I EXPECT WE ALL LOVE THE BOOK OF Exodus, which describes in some detail the path which the Jewish people/Hebrews took in their final flight from Egypt to the 'Promised Land' a journey which should have taken weeks or just months took them 40 years! And then only their children or grandchildren made it across the Jordan to the land of promise!

The Book of Exodus contains almost innumerable lessons for us and all Christians who have ever lived up till this point. As 1 Corinthians clearly tells about ALL the Old Testament lessons:

1 Corinthians 10:11

Now all these things happened **unto them for examples**: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

In other words we learn from both the successes and failures of people in the Bible. They are written for our admonition. Please read the whole chapter in this version ([link](#)) it is very inspiring! 1 Corinthians 10 AMPC - For I do not want you to be ignorant, - Bible Gateway

So, the other day The Lord spoke to my mind concerning the story of Moses Hur and Aaron, and I looked it up. I will share my thoughts about that in a minute, I came across the other main point of the chapter that is 'Rephidim'.

This chapter is neatly divided into two similar length sections.

Let's have a read and see what we can learn from the 'example' of both Moses, dear brother Hur, Aaron and the Rephidim Rock!

Exodus 17

Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

17 All the congregation of the Israelites moved on from the Wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and encamped at **Rephidim**; but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Therefore, the people contended with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you find fault with me? Why do you tempt the Lord and try His patience?

3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?

4 So Moses cried to the Lord, What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.

Comment: The most remembered sin or iniquity of the Children of Israel, Children of Jacob, and the Jews is this: **they always complained and murmured about so many things**. This murmuring was a result of their unbelief! There are several verses in the Bible that also highlight this. Psalm 78 highlights this very well. (See below)

The Children of Israel were fresh out of 'hard bondage in Egypt', in which

location; they had at least food, water, cucumbers and other healthy snacks there! Following Moses into the desert with (only) a promise of a better life from God, was a test that they really weren't able pass. They were so upset, that they were ready to kill Moses.

5 And the Lord said to Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you smote the river [Nile], and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at [Mount] Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 He called the place Massah [proof] and Meribah [contention] because of the **fault-finding of the Israelites and because they tempted and tried the patience of the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?**

So there at Rephidim where they encamped, Moses through the commandment of God, smote the rock and the waters gushed out. This situation repeated itself once more terribly, later in the story of Israel's wanderings.



Many people believe this is the exact rock of Rephidim. Please research yourself.

The Lord came through for even the murmuring people, in order to prove Himself a faithful and Holy God.

8 Then came Amalek [descendants of Esau] and fought with Israel at Rephidim.

9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose us out 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.

10 So Joshua did as Moses said and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the hilltop.

11 When Moses held up his hand,

two elders, fighting both the spiritual enemies of the Lord. The Amalekites were really sworn enemies of the Children of Israel, just as the original brothers Jacob and Esau really became separate peoples, as we see in the Book of Genesis.

Sometimes it takes a huge effort to defeat the devil, it can be exhausting, if we want to win or embark for example on importunate prayer, it costs effort, both physical and spiritual. **There is no great movement of God in the Bible or church history that was not preceded by a great deal of prayer, and by many people(s) together.**

I like this message, because I can learn that prayer and effort is vital, and at times the lead person, like a righteous pastor or missionary, is

was known for praying for us while we lived underground, so to speak, in China and I have heard from her adult daughter that the daughter continues the practice. Here is a short note from one of the daughter's emails to me: (Her mother and father have both passed on to Glory now.)

"Dear Jerry, I want to share a moment of reflection with you as I was reading your letter. My mum would pray for you during our family prayer meetings, asking God to be with you in your mission work. Her prayers made an impression on me and God has also given me a heart to do the same. I am happy to hear that the work is continuing to flourish."

13 And Joshua mowed down and disabled Amalek and his



Israel prevailed; and when he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy and grew weary. So [the other men] took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side and one on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Moses' rod had great power or symbolised great power, the power of God.

Here we see Pastor Moses, with his

going to need people like Hur and Aaron, or many of them to hold up his hands, pray for his health and spiritual unction and anointing and fruit that remains. In fact there are so many things a righteous pastor, preacher or missionary needs.

I have at times visited a wonderful primarily Caribbean church in London, one of my favourite spots on earth actually. I know these people and the church prayed for us many times earnestly when we lived in China. These people knew how to prayer with desperation. The pastor's wife (at the time)

people with the sword.

Here we see the fruit of all that effort!

14 And the Lord said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in the book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens.

15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord is my Banner;

16 And he said, Because [theirs] is a hand against the throne of the Lord, the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

We see even more of God's desire to fight Amalek in 1 Samuel chapter 15 (all), and King Saul's failure to 'utterly destroy' them. These people and their animals were filled with devils and demons, and they also resisted God's Plan for His people in many previous generations.

I pray these few lessons are a blessing and that we will put them into practice.

Some interesting links below.

With love and until next week,

God willing,

Jerry for the WCF Team

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

3. Psalm 78:57

But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.

1 Corinthians 10:9-11

King James Version

9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

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1. Psalm 78:9

The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

2. Psalm 78:41

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