

## EXODUS BIBLE STUDY AND GUIDE

### LESSON 30 EXODUS 17:1-16

This chapter is broken into two parts. Israel is confronted by two challenges. In the first part, vv1-7, how will they respond when confronted by a lack of water and their thirst, again. In vv 8-16, Israel is confronted by a new military enemy.

1. In v1, what is the situation? What does Rephidim mean?
  
2. In vv2-3, what is similar in the complaint compared to Ex 15:23-24 and what is different? (This would not be the last time this occurred.)
  - What is their complaint a strike against?
  - How does Moses characterize the children of Israel's complaint?
  
3. What is Moses' complaint in v4?
  
4. Vv5-6 give the Jehovah's response to Moses' cry. What are the steps Moses is to take to answer the need?
  
5. What are the names that Moses gives to that place and how do they contrast to the name in v1?
  - What is repeated in how Moses viewed the behavior of the children of Israel and what is added that both highlights their behavior here and perhaps in what is to follow?
  
6. Who is Amalek and what do they do?

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- Notwithstanding what has just occurred, how does the name of the place perhaps highlight Amalek's action? Also see Deut 25:17-19.
7. In v9, we have the introduction of a familiar but new character to the narrative. Who is he and what is his role?
- What is it that Israel is to do and what will Moses will do?
8. Vv10-12 describe the interrelationship between Moses, Aaron, Hur, Joshua, the children of Israel, and Amalek. Describe the general situation in vv9,10.
- What is constant and what is influencing the result in v11?
  - What happens that carries the day in v12?
  - What is the end result in v13?
9. Vv14-16 give a commentary on how Jehovah views Amalek's action. What is it that Moses was to do in v13 (compound) and followed up doing in v15?
- Why to each in v14 and v16?

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### **CONTEMPLATION**

10. Deut 6:16 gives a commentary on Ex 17:1-7. What is it? How does the Lord Jesus give further insight in Mt 4:7 and Lk 4:12?

11. How does Ex 17:8-16 speak to God's view of those who attack His people?