

17:8-13

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. These folks, according to Genesis 36:12, are the descendants of Esau (the grandson of Esau; the great grandson of Isaac). We have, then, the descendants of Jacob and Esau having a battle.

Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with ^othe rod of God in my hand.” Here is another picture of Christ. Psalm 110:1-2 speaks of the LORD’s **rod** going forth “from Zion.” Here then is Christ being first the rock (17:1-7) and next the rod. This isn’t the first time Christ changes types in the middle of a story. In Genesis 22 we have Jesus being pictured first by Isaac and then being pictured by the “ram in the thicket.”

Christ being this **rod** means that we learn much about lifting Christ (John 12:32, a secondary scope of this verse perhaps).¹ Christ exalted, then, means the old life is defeated. This is, after all, a generations-old feud for which none of those living in that valley were responsible (going back to Genesis 25).

10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, the brother of Moses and Hur Josephus says this was Miriam’s husband.

17:14-16

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this *for* a memorial in the book If Moses had a habit of writing things after they occurred as he did here, then he wrote the remainder of Exodus close to a year after the Exodus (40:17).

and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, This is the first mention of this character, but this action was carried out by Moses in Deuteronomy 25:17-19 where much information is gained about the folks here in this story.

that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.” This was to be done, at least, by Saul, but he failed (1 Samuel 15). Then David had a chance (1 Samuel 29), but in 1 Chronicles 4 and in the time of Hezekiah they are still alive. Probably, though, the antagonist of the book of Esther is a descendant of the man Saul allowed to live of the **Amalekites. 15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; Or The LORD My Rod**

16 for he said, “Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.” They will be, apparently, wiped out little by little.

^oEx. 4:20

¹John 12:41, after all, speaks of Christ being seen in His glory. The glorification of Christ, therefore, is in view when Christ speaks of His crucifixion in John 12:32-33.