

# Exodus 17:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**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**—Joshua's obedience without question models military discipline and faith. The separation of roles—Joshua in valley fighting, Moses on mountain interceding—establishes the warfare pattern: believers fight earthly battles while Christ intercedes in heavenly places (Heb 7:25). The presence of Aaron (priest) and Hur (otherwise unknown, possibly Miriam's husband) provides support for Moses' intercession. The 'top of the hill' (רֹאשׁ הַגְּבֻעָה, *rosh hagiv'ah*) gives oversight of battle while positioning Moses' lifted hands toward heaven. This prefigures Christ's ascension: He withdrew from earthly conflict to intercede on high.

## Historical Context

This battle pattern—military engagement below, intercession above—became model for Israel's future warfare. Victory depended on both earthly action and divine intervention through prayer.

## Related Passages

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does Moses' intercession on the mountain picture Christ's heavenly intercession for believers?
2. What does separation of roles (Joshua fights, Moses prays) teach about body of Christ functioning together?

## Interlinear Text

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להקם מ ומשה לן אמר פאש ר יהושע ו עשה  
did So Joshua H834 had said H0 and Moses to him and fought  
H6213 H3091 H559 H4872 H3898

הגבשה ר אש על ור אבר ו הור ומשה בעתם ל  
with Amalek and Moses Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill  
H6002 H4872 H175 H2354 H5927 H7218 H1389

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 24:14** (Parallel theme): And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

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