

# Exodus 17:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

**And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek**—This is Joshua's first appearance, immediately in military role. His name יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Yehoshua, 'YHWH is salvation') prefigures Jesus (Greek form of Joshua) who conquers enemies. The command to 'choose men' establishes military organization—faith includes strategy, not presumption. Moses' declaration 'to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand' introduces the intercessory dimension: Joshua fights while Moses prays. This dual action pictures Christ's work: He conquered death (Joshua's battle) while interceding for His people (Moses' prayer). Victory requires both militant action and prevailing prayer (Eph 6:12-18).

## Historical Context

This battle at Rephidim was Israel's first military engagement since leaving Egypt. The victory established Joshua as military leader who would later conquer Canaan.

## Related Passages

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Joshua's name ('YHWH is salvation') prefigure Jesus' work of conquering enemies?
2. What does the dual action of Joshua fighting and Moses praying teach about spiritual warfare?

## Interlinear Text

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אָנָשִׁים לְנֵזֶם אֶל מִשְׁהָה יְיָ אֶתְרָא

**said** And Moses H413 **unto Joshua** Choose us out H0 H376

H559 H4872 H3091 H977

עַל נַצְבָּא אֶנְכִּי מִן רַב בְּעִתָּלְךָ מִצְאָא

**and go out** **fight** **with Amalek** **to tomorrow** **I will stand** H5921

H3318 H3898 H6002 H4279 H595 H5324

בְּיַדְךָ יְמִינָה אֶלְעָלָה יְמִינָה רַאשָׁה

**on the top** **of the hill** **with the rod** **of God** **in mine hand** H3027

H7218 H1389 H4294 H430 H3027

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 24:13** (References God): And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

**Exodus 4:20** (References God): And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

**Deuteronomy 32:44** (References Moses): And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.

**Exodus 4:2** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

