

## Test 4: Water and Battle at Rephidim (Exo. 17)

Intro.

**Connection of Time Dots** (Exo. 12-19, Num. 33)

Left Egypt	Red Sea #1	Marah #2	Elim	Wilderness of Sin #3	Dophkah	Alush	Rephidim #4
Mon. 1 day 15	Too much water	Too little water		No food	?	?	No water
	Mar./Apr.			Apr./May			

**Contending with Moses and the Lord** (17:1-4)**Crying to the Lord and commands from the Lord** (17:4-7)

[Deut. 8:15, Neh. 9:15, Psa. 78:15, Psa. 105:4]

**Conflict with Amalek** (17:8-16) -enemy of God's people (Deut. 25: 18, 19)

\*Amalek strategy

\*God's strategy

## Life Response

1. "Indeed, their rock is not like our Rock (Deut. 32:31)." Their water is not like our rivers of living waters (Jn. 7:38, Isa. 12:2, 3). Their depth of water is not like water as "abundant as the seas (Psa. 78:15 NIV)." "Is there any God besides Me, or is there any other Rock? I know of none (Isa. 44:8)." See the words of David in 2 Sam. 22:2, 3: "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge."
2. The cries of fear, forgetfulness, expectations, and unbelief were met by Moses' cry of helplessness to God. That is true prayer that God answers!
3. The hemming in or cornering process is God's way that we might trust Him more and not past or worldly solutions. He desires us to be intimate with Him not familiar. Intimacy involves a true knowing of Him while familiarity is the illusion of knowing which has no substance or faith underpinnings.
4. The enemy strategy is knowable: (a) attacks the stragglers or straggling areas; (b) attacks from the rear; (c) attacks when faint and weary; (d) attacks at the waterhole; and (e) attacks after success.
5. The divine strategy of prayer is as follows: (a) it is a labor; (b) need prayer support of likeminded (2 or 3); (c) persistence; (d) must be informed (Eph. 6:21, 22); (e) sword of the Spirit needed; (f) earth governs heaven (Mt. 18:15-20), and (f) small steps of faith.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is my Banner.