



What is that in your hand: a stick or a staff?

- He who is "I Am" – Yahweh
- He who "Provides" - Yahweh Jireh
- He who is "Peace" - Yahweh Shalom
- He who is "My Banner" – Yahweh Nissi

He who is ... reveals the Himself in the needs of those who are faithful, especially in the crisis of life.

His revelation is both vital for building faith and progressive until "standing around the throne of God... they serve the Lamb and see His face..." (Rev 22:4 NIV).

Exodus Conflict

- Human kingdoms
- Man –made deities
- Competing nations
- Preserve themselves
- Dominate others
- Special nation
- God
- Living under a promise
 - Free nation
 - Free land
 - Free people

Egyptians

- Earlier Pharaoh – Kind to Israelites
- Later Pharaoh – MEGA –
 - “Make Egypt Great Again”
- Brutally enslave Israelites to build Egyptian infrastructure
- Murder Israelite baby boys thru midwives,
- “*Egyptian national murder plan*” – Israel’s Boys

Rephedim Crisis

- Brackish water to Sweet (drinkable) water
- No meat to Quail
- No food to 40 year supply of Manna
- No water to water emerges from the Rock

Amalekites

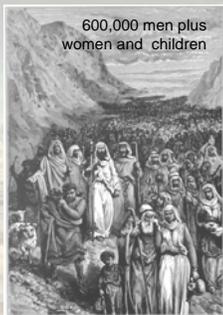
- Descendants of Esau
- Did not fear God
- Rejected God's promises
- Viscous marauders
- Feared Israel was after their land (replay of Esau's jealousy)
- Settled in Sinai and southern Canaan
- Wanted to destroy God's people

WE WHO ARE...

Marriage
Tomorrow
Fear
Drugs
Legal
Uncertainty
Finances
Besetting Sin
Identity
Grief
Siblings
In-laws
Children
Education
Family
Health/Sickness
Employment
Relationship

Amalekite Attack

- The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. (Ex 17:8 NIV)
- Rear Flank Attack
- Slow, Sick, Aged, Children



God's Faith Development Plan

- Living under a promise
 - Free Nation
 - Free Land
 - Free People
 - Live Free in **Faith**
 - Freely **Worship**
 - Freely **Obey**
 - **Be An Blessing to the World**
 - Experience
 - Birth of A Savior

Moses' Strategic Response

Exodus 17:9-10 (NIV).

Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands." So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.

Moses' Defense Strategy

- Joshua, choose the men in the battle
- Assemble an army
- Fought all day long



Moses' Defense Strategy

- On the hill Moses , *lifted* the staff of God
- Aaron and, Hur on the hill *lifted* Moses' hands



Exodus 17:11-13
 As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. 12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. 13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

What is Your Defense Strategy?

Person of God

It is not important **what** crisis you go through
 It is important **who** you go to when the crisis arrives

- Moses had the staff of God
- We have Christ Jesus

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Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)
 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and minds in Christ Jesus.

What is Your Defense Strategy?

Power of God

- Moses had a history of God working **miracles** with the staff
- We have the Word of God that contains His promises.
- We have a history of miracles in our own lives.

Exodus 15:6 (NIV)
 Your right hand , O Lord , was majestic in power...Shattered the enemy

Romans 8:31,35 (NIV)
 If God is for us, who can be against us? ...What shall separate us from the love of Christ?

What is Your Defense Strategy?

People of God

- Moses had Aaron and Hur
- We have the people of God
 - The Church, the Leadership Team and Elders,
 - Various groups of loving people who will bear you up.

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Write this on a scroll

Exodus 17:14

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."

Yahweh is My Banner

Exodus 17:15-16 (NIV)

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Jehovah Nissi
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What is on your banner?
What is in your hand as stick or a staff?

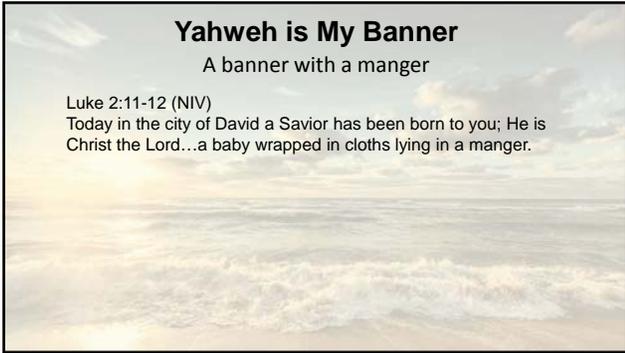


Yahweh is My Banner
Christ Follower
Forever Friend
Christian



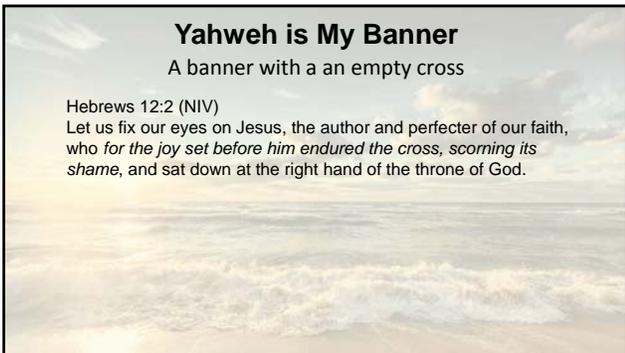
Yahweh is My Banner
A banner with a manger

Luke 2:11-12 (NIV)
Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord...a baby wrapped in cloths lying in a manger.



Yahweh is My Banner
A banner with a an empty cross

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)
Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, *scorning its shame*, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Yahweh is My Banner
King of Kings and Lord of Lords

