

# Exodus 17

## Water from the Rock

### Psalm 95:7-11

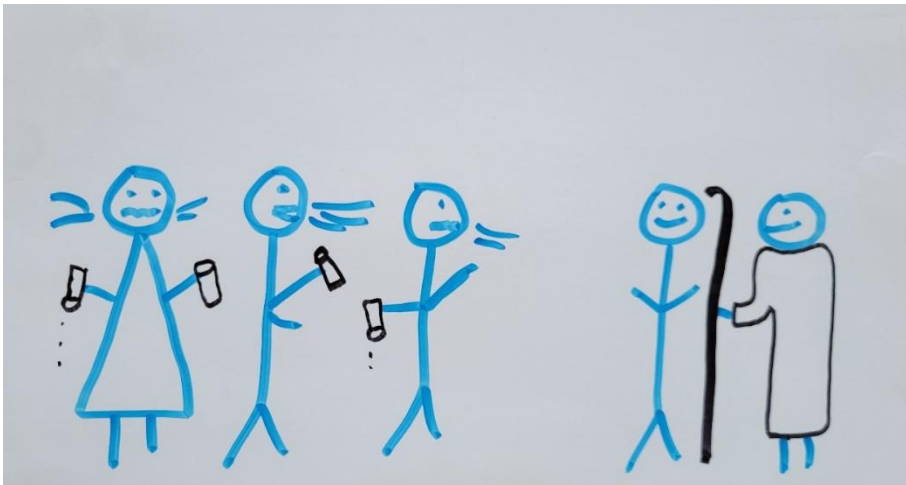
<sup>7</sup> ... Today, if you will hear His voice: <sup>8</sup> “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. <sup>10</sup> For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.’ <sup>11</sup> So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’” (Ps 78:20)

### Hebrews 3:7-15

verses 7-11 quote Psalm 95:7-11

<sup>12</sup>Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup>but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, <sup>15</sup>while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, **Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.**”

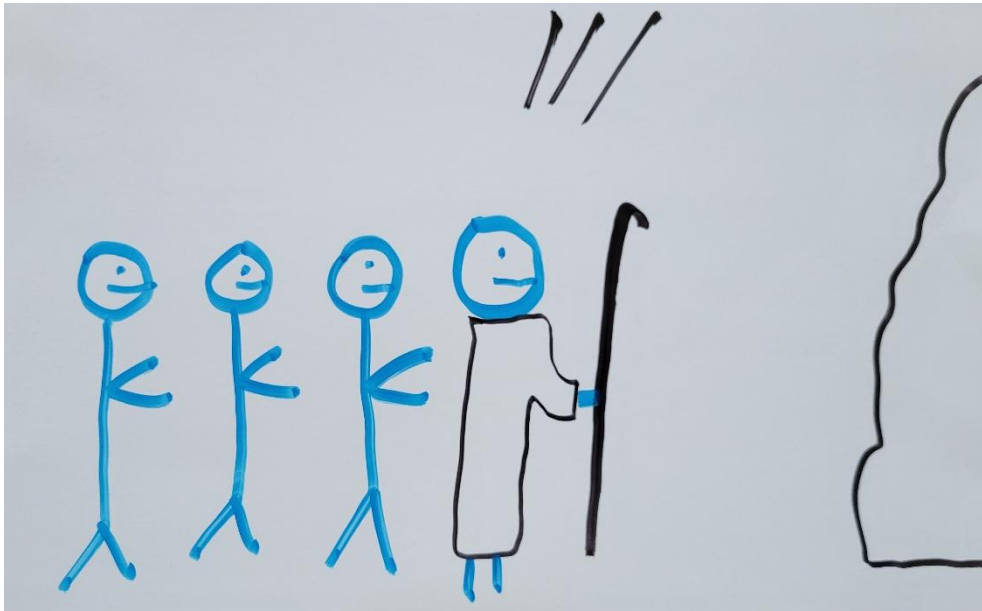
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### Micah 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Hear now what the Lord says: “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, O you mountains, the Lord’s complaint (רִיב), And you strong foundations of the earth; For the Lord has a complaint against His people, And He will contend (יִתְנַכֵּחַ) with Israel.



And  
Moses said to  
them, “Why  
do you  
contend with  
me? Why do  
you tempt

(תַּנְסוּןִי)  
the Lord?”

<sup>3</sup>And the  
people thirsted  
there for  
water, and the  
people  
complained

(וַיִּלְלֵן)

against Moses, and said, “Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”



<sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!”

<sup>5</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go.

<sup>6</sup>“Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

**Psalm 105:41** He opened the rock, and water gushed out; It ran in the dry places *like* a river.

**Psalm 114:7-8** Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob, <sup>8</sup> Who turned the rock *into* a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of waters.

**Isaiah 48:21** And they did not thirst When He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 9**

<sup>1</sup>Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.... <sup>9</sup>nor let us tempt (ἐκπειράζωμεν) Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

<sup>7</sup>So he called the name of the place

**Massah and Meribah** (מַסָּה וּמְרִיבָה), because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted (נִסְתָּם) the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

**Deuteronomy 6:16** “You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted (תִּנְסֹוּ) Him in Massah. (Dt 9:22, 33:8)

*Do not be confused. There is a another account of Moses bringing water out of a rock in the 40<sup>th</sup> year after the exile recorded in Numbers 20. At the end of this second account it is said, “These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the LORD and where he showed himself holy among them” (v.13). This second Meribah is in Kadesh. Rather than speak to the rock as God had told him, Moses disobeyed and struck the rock twice in anger. For this reason God kept Moses out of the Promised Land.*

## Amalekites Defeated

<p><sup>8</sup>Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.</p>	<p><b>Genesis 36:12</b> Esau’s son Eliphaz also had a concubine named Timna, who bore him Amalek.  <b>Deuteronomy 25:17-19</b> Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. <sup>18</sup> When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and cut off all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God. <sup>19</sup> When the LORD your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land he is giving you to possess as an inheritance, <u>you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.</u> Do not forget!  <b>Numbers 24:20</b> <i>Balaam’s Final Oracles</i>  <sup>20</sup> Then Balaam saw Amalek and uttered his oracle: “Amalek was first among the nations, but he will come to ruin at last.”</p>
<p><sup>9</sup>And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.” <sup>10</sup>So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.</p>	<p><b>Numbers 13:8, 16</b> ... from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Nun; ...<b>Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.</b></p> <p><b>Exodus 31:2-5</b> “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of <b>Hur</b>, of the tribe of Judah, <sup>3</sup> and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts— <sup>4</sup> to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, <sup>5</sup> to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship.  <b>Tradition:</b> Hur is husband of Miriam.</p>
<p><sup>11</sup>And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup>But Moses’ hands <i>became</i> heavy; so they took a stone and put <i>it</i> under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. <sup>13</sup>So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.</p>	<p><b>Psalms 141:2</b> May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. (Ps 24:4, 134:2, etc)  <b>1 Timothy 2:8</b> I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.  <b>Luke 24:50</b> And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.</p>

<sup>14</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this *for* a memorial in the book (בְּסֵפֶר) and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.”

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The-Lord-Is-My-Banner; (יְהוָה נֹסֵי)

<sup>16</sup>for he said, “Because the Lord has sworn: (כִּי־יָד עַל־כַּס יְהוָה) the Lord *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

*Or “Because a hand has been against the throne of Yah(weh)...”*  
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