



Key Scripture:

Mark 13:28 NLT

"Now learn a lesson from the fig tree.

When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.

Yahweh-Nissi

Exodus 17:8-16 NKJV

8 Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 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." 10 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. 11 And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it 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.

13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

14 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." 15 And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner;

16 for he said, "Because the Lord has sworn:

the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Why should I raise the Lord's Flag?

- ✓ **Battlefield Rephidim:** *The flesh fights the battle in the dry valley.*
- ✓ **Amalek – your enemy:** *Attacks the exhausted, weary and vulnerable.*
- ✓ **Altar/Banner/Flag-** *Remember what the LORD has done.*

Exodus 17:14-15 TLB

14 Then the Lord instructed Moses, "Write this into a permanent record, to be **remembered forever, and announce to Joshua** that I will utterly blot out every trace of Amalek." 15 **Moses built an altar there and called it "Jehovah-nissi" (meaning "Jehovah is my flag").**

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Summer Essentials

Raise The Flag

Raise up the Flag of the Lord...

1. Raise your **readiness** to fight God's way.

Exodus 17:9 NASB

So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us, and **go out, fight against Amalek.** Tomorrow **I will station myself on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.**"

2. Raise and **hold** up one another.

Exodus 17:12-13 NLT

12 **Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset.**

13 As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.

Matthew 26:41 TLB

Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you.

For **the spirit indeed is willing, but how weak the body is!**

3. Raise your **faith** in Jesus your banner.

John 3:14 NLT

And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so **the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life.**

Isaiah 11:10 NLT

10 In that day the heir to David's throne will be **a banner of salvation to all the world.** The nations will rally to Him, and the land where He lives will be a glorious place.

4. Raise a **shout** and raise a victory banner!

Exodus 17:15 TLB

Moses built an altar there and called it "Jehovah-nissi" (meaning "Jehovah is my flag"). "Raise the banner of the Lord!" Moses said.

Psalms 20:5 NLT

May we **shout for joy when we hear of your victory** and **raise a victory banner in the name of our God.** May the Lord answer all your prayers.

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