

## The Battle with Amalek- A Kingdom at Stake Part Two

We're going to continue today with our series of messages on Amalek, which will teach us about the ongoing battle between the flesh and the spirit.

1). To begin let's make sure that we understand what God says about His Word—

### **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

This Scripture tells us that Scripture itself is profitable for:

- Understanding Doctrine...which would/should act as
- Reproof to you... and then in turn, Scripture would
- Correct you...so that you walk your walk correctly, which
- Instructs you in righteousness, or right living.
- And of course, this is with a view to our being adequate and equipped for every good work, which God has foreordained for us to do. This is with the Judgment Seat of Christ in view, which has the millennium in view.

2). We also need to understand how God structures His Word. But before we get into that, let's briefly review the promises God gave to Abraham. These promises are extremely important to understand, because these promises embody the rights of the first-born and *pertain today to you and me*—

### **Genesis 17:5b – 6**

**For I will make you the father of a multitude of nations. And I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you.**

### **Genesis 22:17**

**...indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed...**

- These promises were reiterated to Abraham's son, Isaac, and later to his Isaac's son, Jacob, which we will talk more about in a moment.

3). It is important to understand one of the main methods God uses in giving us His Word. It is the structure of of TYPES and ANTITYPES. In fact, it is His system of checks and balances for proper interpretation.

A *type* in Scripture is an historical person or event that points to something future. The *antitype* is the fulfillment of the type.

- The word ANTITYPE does not give a negative connotation. It simple means something opposite of, not in the way of OPPOSED to, but in the way of *reflecting back*. Somewhat like a mirror reflecting a shape or an object.
- In this respect, past events become prophecy. For example, Paul says in the Book of Romans:

**Romans 5:14**

**14 ...Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.**

- The Greek word for “type” in this text is ‘tupos,’ which means to strike a model, a pattern, an example, a print. **Tupos** is the noun form. The verb form is **tupto**, meaning to thump repeatedly. It’s not something that just happens once, but continually in Scripture.
- Again, to be sure (seen through the meaning of the word itself), “types” are not just a one time thing seen in Scripture. It is something repeated over and over again. (Think of a type-writer.) We will see this born out as true in our message this morning.
- While we can see that Adam is a type of Christ, we can also know that in many ways He is a type of Christ. And we can know that we can learn about Christ through studying facts about Adam. (But that is for another study. I only use that as an example of the way in which God uses types in Scripture.)

4). Types embody spiritual thoughts put into spiritual words. Paul says it this way—

**1 Corinthians 2:12-13**

**12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.**

- So if we are to understand these Spiritual Thoughts, put into Spiritual Words, beyond a cursory knowledge, we must see how they are given. We MUST understand the way in which God gave it. We must understand that the Word is abounding with types and antitypes. Herein is the way we check our interpretation.
- Here is another example of the way the word ‘tupos’ is used in Scripture:

**Acts 7:44**

**44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed him to make it according to the pattern (Grk., tupos) which he had seen.**

**Hebrews 8:5**

**5 who [the priests and the sanctuary] serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for,**

**"SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN (Grk., tupos) WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN."**

- So they saw on the earth an exact replica of what is in heaven. And the reasons for the tabernacle on earth was to be the same reasons for tabernacle in heaven— it embodies the high priestly ministry on earth, as a type in order to set forth the future work (future to Moses' day) the High priestly ministry in the heavens (which Jesus is fulfilling for us presently).
- And it is not just one type, but many types, repeated through historical pictures throughout the OT, so that we can see and understand prophecy...the antitypes being fulfilled in the NT.

5). Types are used to teach us many things. That was one, here is another: Paul clearly tells us that the experiences of the children of Israel were types for us, through which we are to learn. When speaking of the history of the children of Israel, Paul says:

**1 Corinthians 10:6-12**

**6 Now these things happened as examples (tupos) for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved....11 Now these things happened to them as an example (tupos), and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.**

6). Now we have to take this concept of types and antitypes and apply it in order to understand our study concerning Amalek. Remember, it is through the lineage of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that the promises given to Abraham are to be realized.

- Abraham's first born was not to be the recipient of the promises (which embody the rights of the first-born's inheritance) Ishmael was not to inherit, rather Isaac was.
- If you can recall the story of Isaac and Rebekah's twin sons Jacob and Esau... God had revealed to Rebekah that the older would serve the younger. This was God's revealed will, given to Rebekah while she was still pregnant.
- There are two things that we should notice here:
  1. This is not the first time that the younger son was given precedence over the eldest son. This happens so frequently in Scripture that we must take note of it. Time and time again we see God sets aside the first, and establishes the second.
  2. God has spoken His Word through Israel, the Wife of God, giving commands through "her" by inspiration. (Keep this in mind, we'll see how this works out in a while.)

7). Let's look at some examples of the first being set aside and the second being established:

- Adam/Jesus (Keeping types and antitypes in mind)

**1 Corinthians 15:45-50**

**45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50 Now I say this, brethren, that**

**flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.**

- Now watch this same *setting-aside-the-first-and-establishing-the-second* scenario play out, even as early as Adam and Eve's offspring: Cain and Abel/Seth

**Genesis 4:1-15**

**1** Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD." **2** And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. **3** So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. **4** And Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; **5** but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard.

**6** And Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

**...9** Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" **10** And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.

**11** "And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; you shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."

**13** And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear! **14** Behold, Thou hast driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Thy face I shall be hidden, and I shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and it will come about that whoever finds me will kill me."

**15** So the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, lest anyone finding him should slay him.

This is laying out a very important foundational type for us, and though it doesn't necessarily have to do with our lesson today, nonetheless it is so important that we may want to pause and recognize it.

- Cain, the older brother, is a type of Israel, and Abel, the younger brother, is a type of Christ.
- The older brother, Cain, does not do well in his actions before the Lord; the younger brother, Abel does exactly as he should.
- The older brother, Cain, slew the younger brother, Abel, when they were in the field together. (The field is a picture of the world in Scripture.)

- The younger brother's blood, (Abel's blood) was spilled out on the ground, and cried up to the Lord.
- After the death of the younger brother, Abel, the older brother, Cain, became a vagrant and wanderer upon the earth.
- And the Lord put a mark on the older brother, Cain, that people would recognize him, and if anyone killed him, Cain, he would be avenged seven-times.

(Now please allow me to read through the second time reading the names of the Antitype.) Remember that

- Cain, the older brother, is a type of Israel, and Abel, the younger brother, is a type of Christ.

This would be a great Scriptural example of 'checks and balances' provided by the types & antitypes.

- The older brother, Israel, does not do well in his actions before the Lord; the younger brother, Christ does exactly as he should.
- The older brother, Israel, slew the younger brother, Christ, when they were in the field together. (The field is a picture of the world in Scripture.)
- The younger brother's blood, (Christ's blood) was spilled out on the ground, and cried up to the Lord.
- After the death of the younger brother, Christ, the older brother, Israel, became a vagrant and wanderer upon the earth.
- And the Lord put a mark on the older brother, Israel, that people would recognize him, and if anyone killed him, Israel, he would be avenged seven-times.
- That Cain is a type of Israel is not difficult to see in the type, is it? And to further confirm these things, let's read what the book of Hebrews says of Abel and Christ:

**Hebrews 11:4**

**4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.**

**Hebrews 12:24**

**...24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.**

- The meaning of the name ABEL is vanity, or breath. And just as Abel's life on earth was brief, so was Christ's life on earth the first time, brief!
- And so to replace Abel, the second born, we can read:

**Genesis 4:25**

**25 And Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, she said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel; for Cain killed him."**

**Genesis 5:1-3**

**1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.**

**3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.**

As you can see that the name Seth means, "God has appointed another offspring in place of Abel..."

- Cain was set aside, Abel established...but Abel's blood was spilt, and God appointed another offspring— Seth.
- Conceivably, this could even point to the fact that Christ's coming the first time was to spill His blood, and it will be the second coming that will be established.

8). Remember what we are learning here in the way of doctrine: It is God's principle that He sets aside the first and establishes the second.

- The next family we want to look at is Abraham's family, to Abraham's two sons: Ishmael and Isaac. You know the story:

**Genesis 17:15-19**

**15 Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. 16 And I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."**

**17 Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"**

**18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before Thee!" 19 But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.**

- Ishmael is a picture of the flesh, in that he was born first (and was conceived through the self-willed work of Abraham), and was not to receive the inheritance; rather the second born, Isaac, who is a picture of the spirit (conceived through the work of the Spirit, God's will), was to receive the promises. It was God's choice! We would do well to note that this picture goes beyond itself.

9). And if these examples are not enough to get the point across, let's briefly review a few more examples:

Twins were born to Isaac and Rebekah: Esau/Jacob. They were named respectively, with their names reflecting their character traits. Esau was named so because he was red and hairy; Jacob was named so because he would usurp his brother, taking his brother's place as firstborn. This picture too goes beyond itself.

- Esau was a hairy man (depicting a fleshiness about him), and lived in the field, depicting worldliness about him.
- Jacob was smooth man (depicting a righteousness about him [thought derived from the meaning of the word "smooth"]), and he lived in tents, depicting that his focus was on spiritual things.
- Esau, like Ishmael, is a picture of the flesh, in that he was born first, and was not to receive the inheritance; rather the second born Jacob, like Isaac, was to receive the promises.
- Esau was given the name EDOM (same three Hebrew letters making up the name ADAM) after he ate some "red stuff"; and in so doing, lost his birth-right.
- Adam gave up his rights as "first born" when he ate something ....and found himself naked. God clothed him with the skins of an animal (i.e., BLOOD WAS SPILT), and then was told that he would eat bread by the sweat of his brow. Then he was sent to live outside the Garden.

**10).** In order to understand exactly what the type picture is as it is presented to us concerning Jacob and Esau, we'll need to read a large portion of Scripture telling us the story of what happened:

**Genesis 27:1-29**

**1** Now it came about, when Isaac was old, and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Here I am." **2** And Isaac said, "Behold now, I am old and I do not know the day of my death. **3** Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me; **4** and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die."

**5** And Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring home, **6** Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying, **7** 'Bring me some game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.' **8** Now therefore, my son, listen to me as I command you. **9** Go now to the flock and bring me two choice kids from there, that I may prepare them as a savory dish for your father, such as he loves. **10** Then you shall bring it to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death."

**11** And Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, "Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man. **12** Perhaps my father will feel me, then I shall be as a deceiver in his sight; and I shall bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing." **13** But his mother said to him, "Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me."

14 So he went and got them, and brought them to his mother; and his mother made savory food such as his father loved. 15 Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. 16 And she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. 17 She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, to her son Jacob.

18 Then he came to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" 19 And Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that you may bless me." 20 And Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have it so quickly, my son?" And he said, "Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me." 21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not." 22 So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau." 23 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. 24 And he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he said, "I am." 25 So he said, "Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that I may bless you." And he brought it to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank.

26 Then his father Isaac said to him, "Please come close and kiss me, my son." 27 So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said, "See, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed; 28 Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And an abundance of grain and new wine; 29 May peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you; Be master of your brothers, And may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you."

- Now the one born second is in the place to usurp the one born first.
  - Jacob, the one born second, who was righteous, and was focused on spiritual things, had been told by his mother what he was to do.
  - His mother, acting in accord with God's spoken Word, did what was necessary: she put Esau's clothes on Jacob, and covered him with the skins of the animals.
  - Jacob, the one born second, appeared before his father *dressed as Esau, having done all that his mother commanded him to do* in order to receive that which Esau had forfeited when he ate the "red stuff", and he received the blessing from his father:
- This is what Jacob said:
 

**"See, the smell of my son, is like the smell of the field which the Lord has blessed; Now may God give you the dew of heaven, and of the fatness of the earth, and an abundance of grain and new wine; may peoples serve you, and nations bow down to you; be master of your brothers and may your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, and blessed be those who bless you."**

This picture goes beyond itself!



- Now Jesus, whose name means “Jehovah saves” --the Second Man the Last Adam-- being focused on the reason for which He had been sent, was fully prepared to do all that God had commanded Him to do. He, having taken on the likeness of sinful flesh (dressed as Adam), *He Who knew no sin*, BECAME sin on our behalf, in order that we might be clothed in His Righteousness,

**Romans 8:3**

**3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh...**

**II Corinthians 5:21**

**21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

**Galatians 3:13**

**13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us--for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"**

- And in standing before His Father as the second Man, the Last Adam, Jesus, being fully prepared, redeemed that which Adam had forfeited (for all of mankind) by eating the fruit.

**Romans 5:19**

**19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, [Adam] even so through the obedience of the One [Jesus Christ] the many will be made righteous.**

11). These are the things we need to understand here. Things that the types show us. Things that goes beyond the picture itself! This is the way God has given us His Word! And as if all of these examples are not enough to THUMP (tupto) the picture out for us...continuing history continues to THUMP out the picture in more and more details:

- Jacob's first born son, Reuben also forfeited his first born rights (continuing to show that God sets aside the first, and establishes the second.)

- Reuben fell into immorality; he had relations with his father's concubine. Three of Reuben's brothers received what would have been his as first born--

- Judah (Kingly rights)
- Levi (priestly rights)
- Joseph (Double-portion rights)

- Then Joseph's sons: Manasseh and Ephraim (Gen. 48) the younger was given the greater blessing.

- Please make sure that you know what the rights of the firstborn consist of. The firstborn male in the family was to receive all three of these rights. But since Reuben forfeited his right to them due to his disobedience, the rights passed to someone else (and God saw fit to split the rights three ways).

12). We could go on and on with the first being set aside and the second being established.

- Saul/David

- Saul was disobedient. As we will see, he did not obey the specific command of God. . He disqualified himself and lost his right to rule, which is really quite the picture of Satan/Jesus.
- Satan, the first ruler over the earth, created as a Son of God, disqualified himself...
- And Jesus, the second ruler over the earth, “the Only Begotten Son of God” will redeem the inheritance of the earth in Adam’s place, and will take a wife to be His Helper to rule.

13). So we have seen the first of our two points for this lesson clearly –

1) God sets aside the first, and establishes the second.

And, now we need to cover number two (remember I told you to hold on to that thought a while back on page 3—

2) God has spoken His Word through Israel, the Wife of God, giving commands through “her” by inspiration.

- There is the picture of Rebekah, having received God’s Word while pregnant with twins, speaks it forth, in the same way Israel has received God’s Word and speaks it forth.

**God has spoken to and through His wife Israel!**

- Just like God speaking through Israel, the wife of God, God spoke through Rebekah, the wife of Isaac, giving instruction via COMMANDS as to what Jacob needed to do.
- And that she can be a type of Israel in this respect, remember what she told Jacob: “Your curse be upon me...” And she did not see Jacob again in her natural life. This is just as Israel did—

**Israel said, when crying out to Pilate, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him! His blood be on our heads and the heads of our children’s children.”**

- And so it will be as Jesus prophesied over Jerusalem in Luke 13:

**Luke 13:35**

**35 "Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"**

- This WORD picture, the WHOLE of it, depicts exactly what Christ will do for us, since Adam forfeited his birthright. Rebekah had to act in accord with the revealed Word of God, and Israel

*had* to act in accord with the revealed Word of God...Israel had to be the one to slaughter the lamb.

14). Time and time again in Scripture, we can see God using a woman as His mouthpiece, so to speak, to relate His instructions/commands to be followed, picturing for us that it is ISRAEL the wife of God who has given us His--Breathed Word, which teaches us.

- It was Eve who, when she gave birth to Cain, said "I have gotten a man-child with the help of the Lord."
- It was Eve who also said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel; for Cain killed him."
- And it was Sarah to whose voice Abraham was to listen, and act according to what she says:

**Genesis 21:5-12**

**5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." 7 And she said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." 8 And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.**

**9 Now Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking. 10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Drive out this maid and her son, for the son of this maid shall not be an heir with my son Isaac." 11 And the matter distressed Abraham greatly because of his son.**

**12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for through Isaac your descendants shall be named.**

We can also see

- Naomi (in the Book of Ruth) instructing Ruth to work, prepare herself, and meet Boaz at the threshing floor.
- Now all of this is NOT TO SAY that God only uses the voices of women! Please don't misunderstand this. These are all pictures of the fact that IT IS THE WIFE OF GOD WHO HAS GIVEN US THIS INSTRUCTION BOOK. AND WE ARE TO LEARN WHAT GOD SAYS THROUGH THIS GOD-BREATHED WORD, because—

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;**

**17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

15). So to summarize:

- It all fits together. It has to, and it does!
- And so at a glance we can see that:

- Adam fed his flesh, and lost his right to rule
- Esau fed his flesh and lost his rights of the first-born
- Rueben satisfied his flesh, fell into immorality, and lost his first-born rights.
- Saul was disobedient to God's commands, and forfeited his throne. (More on that in next week's sermon)
- Satan disqualified himself, through his rebellion (he sought to be as God), and lost his right to rule over the earth.

See how each of these are types, being "thumped out" over and over again, with added detail, until the most beautiful WORD picture is typed out for us with such clarity it is wonder that anyone misses it!

Each of these pictures is part of the overall picture for us to see in God's inspired Word...the inspired Word which is profitable to us if we learn the DOCTRINE, and allow it to reprove us, correct us and train us in righteousness.

The first does not inherit, the second does. The original one is put aside, the second one is established.

All of this points to the flesh and the spirit...and the Battle that ensues.

Our ongoing series on the Battle With Amalek will not only bear this out, but will also reveal to us the ramifications of our winning or losing the battle.