



**Haven Community Church
Pastor Jack D. Cohen – August 1, 2010**

¹⁰"In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious." – Isaiah 11:10 (NIV)

⁴"But for those who fear you, you have raised a banner to be unfurled against the bow." – Psalm 60:4 (NIV)

My Exodus: A 'Lil Help

I. I need a drink!

"They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" ³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" – Exodus 17:1a-3 (NIV)

– Lasting Water

³⁷"On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as ^a the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." – John 7:37-38 (NIV)

II. Jehovah Nissi → (He causes to become; my banner/my refuge) → "God our banner"

⁹ 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...¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning." – Exodus 17:9,11 (NIV)

- *God our Banner*
 - Displayed as a point of unity
 - Directs the battle & encourages the soldiers
 - The chief object of attack
 - Symbol of victory

What can we hold onto in trusting Jehovah Nissi?

- *Victory is not always quick but should be expected*

³⁷"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." – Romans 8:37 (NIV)

- *We must intercede in prayer & proceed in obedience*

¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." – 1 Timothy 8:37 (NIV)

- *We need friends who will battle with us & pray for us*

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:7 (NIV)

- *Make memorials & vertical worship*

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."¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner." – Exodus 17:14-15 (NIV)

¹² Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God." – Exodus 18:12 (NIV)

– *Burnt offering* → olah (עֹלָה) → *going upward in smoke*

– Whole offering

III. Give me a hand

- *Prayer posture*

- *Passionate dependence*

"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise... And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up... The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." – James 5:13-16 (NIV)

- *Heavy hands & steady friends*

¹²But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun." – Exodus 17:12 (KJV)