



STUDY GUIDE

Taking Back What the Enemy Has Stolen

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they might have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10, NKJV)

I. A Call to Arms to Fight the Thief

How many times has the enemy picked our pockets and stolen from us while we have been distracted by things happening around us?

A. Definition of "call to arms": ***A call to engage in active hostilities¹; to prepare for confrontation²; a demand for a group of people to fight against an enemy³; a command to report for active military duty⁴; an appeal to fight or engage in a conflict⁵; a battle cry⁶.***

1. Not a time to be passive spectators, but active participants in the spiritual battle for our families, our lives, and even for nations.
2. God's *Ekklesia*, His Church, is the only restraining force against his evil plans.
3. We must engage in a tactical plan to recognize our enemy and resist his every move.
4. The devil has been stealthily picking the pockets of the followers of Christ, robbing them from unawares. Now is the time to recognize the thief, arrest him for his crime, and take back even more than he has taken from us!

B. The Lord said: **“It’s time for the Hanging of Haman’s 10 Sons.”**

1. The book of Esther: **Not a Cinderella story, but about modern ekklesia called to confront the enemy’s assignment of death and destruction.**
2. Time to overturn the decrees of the enemy.
3. Time to break the power of the spirit of robbery.
4. The Amalekites represent the spirit of robbery! It robs your peace, your prosperity, your health, your posterity.
 - a. Haman was an Agagite. Agag was the king of the Amalekites. (1 Samuel 15:8)
 - b. The name “Amalekite” means *blood licker*,⁷ as they were a fierce opponent in battle.
 - c. Saul, when he became king:

“And he gathered an army and attacked the Amalekites, and delivered Israel from the hands of those who plundered them.” (1 Samuel 14:48)

- i. The word “plunder” means **“to rob, to spoil, destroyer.”**⁸
- ii. A tribe of raiders and plunderers of unsuspecting travelers⁹ and can be characterized as a spirit of robbery.

d. Parentage:

- i. Amalek’s mother was Timna, which means *“to deny, restrain, withhold, keep back.”*¹⁰
- ii. Amalek’s father was Eliphaz, which means *“the god of gold.”*¹¹ (Genesis 36:12)
- iii. This is a spiritual enemy that attempts to keep believers back from their destiny in Christ, to restrain them from fulfilling vision and to prevent believers from accessing God’s provision for their lives.

II. Amalekites: The Spirit of Robbery

This was the first warring tribe Israel fought after the Red Sea. They had to assemble an army.

A. The Amalekites stood in their way and hindered Israel from possessing the Promised Land.

1. An Amalekite killed Saul on the battlefield.
2. The Amalekites plundered the land in the days of Gideon.
3. The Amalekites robbed David's camp at Ziklag, taking possessions and family.
4. The Amalekites oppressed God's people each time and dealt in injustice.
5. Haman, in the book of Esther, was an Amalekite descendant. He wrote a decree to wipe out all of God's people: Robbery!

B. **God said He would have war with Amalek from generation to generation.**
(Exodus 17:16)

1. This tribe is an Old Testament personification of the thief Jesus warned us about.
2. Each of Haman's 10 sons has a Persian name which indicates ways in which the enemy tries to rob from us personally, in our families, churches, and even from the destiny of nations. I have studied these out and have released specific decrees and prayers to break the prayer of each of these princes of Persia.

III. The Power of Decreeing Your Victory

Psalms 81:10 declares, "***Open your mouth with a mighty decree. I will fulfill it now, you'll see. The words that you speak, so shall it be.***" (TPT)

Job 22:28, "***You shall decree a thing and it shall be established for you, so light will shine on your way.***"

A Decree of Victory:

I decree I will see every area the thief has robbed from me, my family, my church, and even my nation. I repent of every attitude that has put the enemy's robbery into a "This is just life" category in my mind producing a sense of helplessness, hopelessness, and passivity. I decree, by the power of the Holy Ghost living in me, I will answer God's call to arms against this enemy and become a part of the Army of the Lord called to push back evil in my time. I will receive tactical strategies to identify and confront the thief. I will take back everything that has been stolen from me, and I will see a full manifestation of divine recovery, a supernatural turn around in every area of my life, in Jesus' mighty name!

¹ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/call%20to%20arms>

² <https://www.languges.oup.com/call-to-arms>

³ <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/call-to-arms>

⁴ <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/call-to-arms>

⁵ https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/call_to_arms

⁶ <https://www.thefreedictionary.com/call+to+arms>

⁷ <http://yahshuaeselmashiaj.blogspot.com/2014/10/amalek-enemy-of-israel.html>

⁸ Strong's 8154

⁹ <http://bible-pedia.org/amalek>

¹⁰ Strong's 8555, 4513

¹¹ Strong's 410, 6337