

Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites who dwelt in that hill, and smote them and routed them, even unto ~~Makkah~~ Hormah." And here you have the people repenting, and saying, Yes we're going, we're going to do what God wants us to, and they utterly failed. It was too late. They had failed the Lord, they had turned against Him. The promise -- God had given a declaration of their punishments; it was now too late for them to go. The Ineffectual Repentance. Under that --

1. The Tragic Story. And it is a tragic story which we find as great a g tragedy as this == Sometimes as great a tragedy as this. Other places we find what looks similar but what turns out to be different.

2. Demas and Mark. Demas and Mark -- here are two individuals in the NT who came into situations somewhat like this. We find in Col. 4:14 that Paul refers to the list of his faithful companions and among them he names Demas. In Col. 4:14, he says, Lk. the beloved physician and Demas greet you." Right in the same category with Luke the author of the Gospel, he mentions Demas. And in Philemon vs. 24, he says; Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke my fellow laborers. Here we have Demas mentioned right between two writers of Gospels. Mark, Demas, and Lucas my fellow laborers salute you. A place of honor Demas had. And then we reach on to the -- toward the end of Paul's life, and we find in 2 Tim. 4:10: For Demas hath forsaken me having loved this present world and is departed unto Thessalonica. Demas mentioned right with Mk. & with Lk. Demas one of the leading disciples, loves this present world and turns away. And the name of Demas ever since has stood for failure, for rejection, for turning away from the path in which he had made such a wonderful start. Now Mk. we noticed was mentioned also in two of these passages, and you recall was the son of Barnabas' sister. And on the 1st missionary journey Mk. was taken along by Barnabas, along with Barnabas and Saul in the journey. We read that in the account of the journey. We do not read anything further about Mk. in connection with the story of that journey. But when we get on to the time when they want to start the 2nd missionary journey, we find in ch. 15 that , in vs. 2, When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small discension and disputation among them. Well that's the disputation first for which they