## 4. The Battle Against Amalek in Exodus 17:8-16

Oskar Goldberg presented this text as an example of a significant numerical composition in his book *Die fünf Bücher Mosis ein Zahlengebäude*, Berlin 1908, 11, particularly because of its **119** (**7** x **17**) words.

A logotechnical examination revealed that this remarkable text exhibits additional significant features showing how the divine name numbers **17** and **26** are woven into the fabric of the text.

The 119 words are divided into 67 before, and 52 (2 x 26) after atnach.

A closely related text (the story of the battle of Ai and the building of an altar by Joshua in Josh. 8:30-35) is also made up of **119** (7 x **17**) words. See my <u>analysis</u>.

17:8-11 is made up of **51** (3 x **17**) words, with **26** in vs. 10-11.

These 26 words are divided into 15 (=YH) before, and 11 (WH) after atnach.

17:14-15 YHWH tells Moses to record his resolution in writing **26** words.

The **7** words in v. 15 about the building and naming of the altar by Moses have altogether **26** letters. The same holds true for the six words of the first verse, v. 8.

The name Amalek occurs 7 times.

The name Moses occurs 7 times.

The word T, 'hand', appears 7 times.

The number **7** symbolically expresses the idea of fullness.