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Haman and His Ten Sons Are Headed to the Gallows – April Letter 2024

Dear Friend,

Almost everyone who has been in the church for any amount of time knows at least something about the story of queen Esther. The famous verse that records the words "for such a time as this" has been preached thousands of times and finds us all in the place of identification, hoping for the same results in our life. But perhaps there is no greater story of a national turnaround of events than the story of Queen Esther, and I believe that it serves as a prophetic metaphor to the hour in which we live in modern America today.

The backdrop of the book of Esther starts with the bondage and leading away of Israel into Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. Although this is not mentioned in the beginning of the book, it is understood that Esther and her people are still in the 70 years of bondage in Babylon, but now under a different ruling king. By the time that Esther is born, no doubt somewhere during these bondage years, the Medes and the Persians have overtaken Babylon. Now, a Persian king sits on the throne who rules over an extreme part of the world's population.

Esther 1:1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this *is* Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, *over* an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:) **Esther 1:2** *That* in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which *was* in Shushan the palace,

Esther 1:3 In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, *being* before him:

Esther 1:4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, *even* an hundred and fourscore days.

This King Ahasuerus ruled the world from India to Ethiopia, an incredible expanse of the population in the ancient world. This is important to know in understanding the effects of the turnaround that took place during the time of Esther.

I will try to summarize a great deal leading up to the entrance of Esther for the sake of time.

King Ahasuerus celebrated an extreme gala and pageantry of his riches and power for 180 days in which he brought in all the governors and rulers from his 127 different provinces. During this time, he wanted to show off one of his other great prizes which was his queen, Vashti.

Esther 1:12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

Because Queen Vashti refused to come to show off her beauty at the party, she was eventually removed as queen. Essentially, a nationwide search for a new queen began which resulted in the discovery of Esther who became the new ruling queen.

THE ENTRANCE OF ESTHER

Esther 2:16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

Esther 2:17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

Esther 2:18 Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

We can see from the events that followed that God was providentially in the choice of Vashti to refuse the king so she could be removed and Esther set in her place. I will take just a moment here to say that there are certain providential movements that are taking place in America today as a result of the prayers of God's people that will show up soon in the days to come.

THE ENTRANCE OF MORDECAI

Mordecai has often been referred to as the older uncle of Esther, but from this verse, we find that he was really more like a much older cousin who actually became a father to an orphan girl.

Esther 2:7 And he brought up Hadassah, that *is*, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid *was* fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

Mordecai also had a providential part in his direct favor with the king. Not only had he raised the future queen, but he had foiled an earlier plot for the king's assassination.

Esther 2:21 In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

<u>Esther 2:22</u> And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king *thereof* in Mordecai's name.

Esther 2:23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

THE ENTRANCE OF HAMAN

Esther 3:1 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him.

Esther 3:2 And all the king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and reverenced Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did *him* reverence.

Esther 3:3 Then the king's servants, which *were* in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

Esther 3:4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he *was* a Jew.

Esther 3:5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

Esther 3:6 And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai.

Haman (whom I will call here the seat of Satan's authority) rose up in almost overnight success to a place of extreme prominence, right next to the King's authority. Haman not only became infuriated at the obstinance of Mordecai, but soon sought to have Mordecai's people completely exterminated from the Earth.

HAMAN DEVISES A PLAN OF EXTERMINATION

Esther 3:8 And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it *is* not for the king's profit to suffer them. **Esther 3:9** If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries.

HAMAN...SATAN SOUGHT TO HAVE ALL JEWS, YOUNG AND OLD, KILLED ON THE SAME DAY

Esther 3:13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.

MORDECAI REACHES OUT TO ESTHER

Esther 4:1 When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;

Esther 4:2 And came even before the king's gate: for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth.

Esther 4:3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

CLASSIC VERSES

Esther 4:13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.

Esther 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?

ESTHER RISKS HER OWN LIFE IN COMING BEFORE THE KING

Esther 4:15 Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer,

Esther 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

Esther 4:17 So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

Esther 5:1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

Esther 5:2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that *was* in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

Esther 5:3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what *is* thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

Esther 5:7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request *is*;

Esther 5:8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said.

HAMAN...SATAN OVERPLAYS HIS HAND AND BUILDS HIS OWN GALLOWS

<u>Esther 5:9</u> Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.

Esther 5:14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

It is important to note here as a sidebar that 50 cubits is approximately 75 feet high. Thus, it is understood that Haman wanted to make Mordecai's execution a thing of extreme public display.

Moving forward and having to skip a lot of detail, the very same day and night in which Haman is having Mordecai's gallows built, the king's sleep was interrupted by God. The king discovered

through the reading of a book of historic chronicles that Mordecai was never rewarded for saving his life. The king then decided that Haman, his right-hand man, should determine the reward of the man that he sought to honor, still unaware of Haman's intention against Mordecai and the Jews.

Haman, believing it to be himself that the king wanted to reward, gave a great list of the open display of honor that the king should demonstrate towards this man. To his shock and horror, he found out that the king was speaking of the very man whom Haman would hang in a matter of hours: Mordecai.

HAMAN'S PLOT BEGINS TO UNRAVEL

Esther 7:1 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen.

Esther 7:2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.

Esther 7:3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

Esther 7:4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

Esther 7:5 Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?

Esther 7:6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy *is* this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

Haman Is Hanged

Esther 7:7 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

Esther 7:8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

Esther 7:9 And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

Esther 7:10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

Queen Esther revealed to the king at this private banquet that Haman had trick him into a plan to exterminate not only her people, but she herself. The king rose up in anger and went into the garden to contemplate the matter. He then returned to find that Haman was on the couch where the queen was reclining, begging for his life. The king interpreted this as an ultimate act of arrogance in which it appeared that he was trying to advance himself sexually towards the queen

in the king's presence. THAT'S IT! SATAN OVERPLAYED HIS HAND AND HAMAN WAS HANGED!

The king not only hung Haman but wrote a proclamation that all Jews everywhere on a certain day should fight for their lives and revenge all evil against them.

Mordecai was promoted to the place of authority that Haman once held with the king.

Esther 8:7 Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

The proclamation stated:

Esther 8:11 Wherein the king granted the Jews which *were* in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *both* little ones and women, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey.

This proclamation served a far greater power for the Jews than to simply declare that the Jews should not be touched; it totally reversed the situation and gave Kingdom authority to the Jews to carry out vengeance on anyone who was a threat to them.

The way this was handled appears as a metaphor of the way in which God is handling things today in modern America. It has been important for the Revival and Reformation that the enemies of righteousness would come out of the closet and be totally revealed.

The proclamation went out and 75,000 enemies of the Jews were slain in all the provinces of the king. 500 members of the enemy were slain in the very palace of the King, and Esther requested a second day be given to carry out this vengeance. It was granted to her.

She also requested that the 10 sons of Haman also be hanged on the gallows.

Esther 9:13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which *are* in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.

This is not to be understood as Haman's young children, but rather grown-up co-conspirators with his plot to destroy the Jews. The roots of evil often have multiple layers.

Imagine the boldness of this young beautiful Jewish girl that once approached the king in trepidation, but now stood in the place of authority granted to her by the king. And this national turnaround was accomplished by the authority of THE BRIDE OF THE KING.

I will remind you, as I stated in the beginning, that this story of Esther serves as a prophetic metaphor and is not to be literally taken to mean that there will be physical harm done to the enemies of the Church in America in 2024.

But I will say this, that I believe 2024 stands as a pivotal year in which the Bride of Christ will unite in her marriage to the KING OF KINGS and His desire to uproot evil in ways which we have never seen. And for this to happen, I believe that there will be a great shaking in the world, America, and especially the Church. There are some extremely chaotic days that are ahead of us, but God is our peace in the midst of the storm.

The corruption and evil in America has come to an all-time high. The cup of iniquity is increasing day by day, and it is flowing from the nation's capital all the way down to the streets of rural America. But Satan as Haman is overplaying his hand, and forgetting about Esther, the Bride of Christ.

I am in no way making any predictions on the upcoming national elections, but I will say this: It is God's desire for a national turnaround. And we have to ask ourselves the question, what caused this extreme reversal in the days of Esther?

It's not my intent to sound sensual in regard to Esther and the king, but the bottom line is this: Esther was granted extreme favor, and ultimately authority, because of the intimacy that she shared with the king behind closed doors. It was that intimacy with the king that brought out his outrage against anyone that would threaten her existence.

Esther (or The Church) must in this year spend more time in prayer, petitions, and intimacy with the King than ever before. In doing so, I believe that every petition will be granted.

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I WILL SEE YOU IN THE REVIVAL!

Blessings, Pastor Bronc