

Esther 3

Haman plots against the Jews

A Dark & foreboding picture emerges here w/ a plot to exterminate the Jewish people by a wicked man who...today called an **Extreme Narcissist**--
Someone w/ excessive, unhealthy interest in & admiration of themselves.
Having **Pompous Self-Importance**: Unrealistic superiority, expecting to be recognized as special or superior. **Lack of Empathy**: Unable or unwilling to appreciate the feelings of others. **Excessive Need for Admiration**: A constant craving for validation, praise, & attention. **Sense of Entitlement**: Unreasonable expectation of special treatment & automatic conformity to their will. Because narcissists struggle with deep-rooted identity and self-esteem issues, they often relate to others by attempting to control, manipulate, or diminish them in order to feed their own ego. **Haman**

Pr 27:4 Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood, But who can stand before jealousy?

1 Made kings favorite

2-4 Mordecai refuses intimidation to bow

5-6 Haman vows revenge

7-13 Slander moves king to declare edict to appoint day to eliminate Jews

14-15 Edit sent thru out the land

1 After these events King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and established his authority over all the princes who were with him.

After king took Esther as wife/Queen he promoted Haman an enemy of the Jews w/ Esther Queen. People in secular power cannot make or break God's divine plans.

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Haman an Agagite descendant of Agag king of Amalek Nu 24:7. Ahasuerus liked him & gave him favored position as close friend & prime minister of state. Kings servants were to bow & venerate him above other men.

What the king saw in him is a mystery *Jude 1:12 These men are those who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; 13 wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.* Reef pretty to look at until it sinks your ship...Love feasts are good until the uncaring selfish eat up all the food...Clouds give hope of watering crops until blow past w/o rain....Fruit trees promise food but w/o fruit...Wild, Shameful, Stars destined for a black hole—**Haman**Pretender

.2 And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage. 3 Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why are you transgressing the king's command?" 4 Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew.

Established custom to bow inferior to superior now command for Haman. Why? Haman so low now high & needed a command. Haman's insecurity knew they wouldn't so his ego convinced king.

Servants in unison bowed, did homage to Haman's new position. I'm sure they knew what a petty man he was yet peer pressures--pressure of protocol. Mordecai out of principal he just a man serving pagan gods to bow would be against his conscience refuses to bow to hereditary enemy of Israel.

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Servants concerned for Mordecai who was respected among peers...courage is contagious maybe saw in him what they'd like to see in themselves. Daily tried to convince him because could mean death or prison.

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, Haman was filled with rage. 6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him who the people of Mordecai were; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

Haman wanted revenge was told by sycophants, self-seeking flatterers hoping to get something from Haman helping his revenge. Haman not just want to take Mordecai out but all Jews...maybe others like him. Devils plan

7 In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus (5 yrs married), Pur, that is the lot, was cast before Haman from day to day and from month to month, until the twelfth month, that is the month Adar.

Consults pagan diviners for day of massacre. ***Lot falls into lap but decision is of the Lord*** gives 11 months to turn things around to defeat Hamans plot or escape. Haman superstition makes him stick to lots decision.

*8 Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a **certain people** scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of all other people, and they do not observe the king's laws, so it is not in the king's interest to let them remain.*

Slanderer to get what he wants. Must make people themselves bad and by that saying that inferring they are making Ahasuerus kingdom bad.

These are despicable people and not in the king's interest to keep them & let them corrupt the provinces for they are scattered thru out your kingdom.

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9 "If it is pleasing to the king, let it be decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who carry on the king's business, to put into the king's treasuries."

Only real solution for this vermin is eradication & I personally will pay for it for it is the king's business done for the benefit and survival of the kingdom.

Horodotus 15K No investigation to see if it so

*10 Then the king took his **signet ring** from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite **autopen**, the enemy of the Jews. 11 And the king said to Haman, "The silver is yours, and the people also, to do with them as you please." 12 Then the king's scribes were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and it was written just as Haman commanded to the king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province, and to the princes of each people, each province according to its script, each people according to its language, being written in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's signet ring. 13 And letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to seize their possessions as plunder.*

On that day murder all Jews men, women, boys and girls, babies too *'annihilate all':13* and take all their possessions.

MH never any act of cruelty appeared so barefaced as this, to *destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all the Jews*, appointing them as *sheep for the slaughter* without showing any cause for so doing. No crime is laid to their charge; it is not pretended that they were obnoxious to the public justice, nor is any condition offered, upon performance of which they might have their lives spared; but die they must, without mercy. **250 years later never imagining it carried out Hitlers final solution 1941 6 mill**

14 A copy of the edict to be issued as law in every province was published to all the peoples so that they should be ready for this day. 15 The couriers went out impelled by the king's command while the decree was issued in Susa the capital; and while the king and Haman sat down to drink, the city of Susa was in confusion.

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Drink to forget **Pr 31:6-7** king regret decree? as city is in confusion-- *This cursed method many take to drown their convictions, and harden their own hearts and the hearts of others in sin.*

A gross abuse of power for a people in peace not knowing what is the cause and all the while king & Haman indulge themselves in a drunken celebration.

Providence still rules the day—protective care of God Lat ‘to see ahead’
Rom 8:28 *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*