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Ultimate humiliation for Haman Parades Mordecai in the pomp & grandeur like the king himself. Ride in state, proclaim king's favor, preference above all others—Haman thought he was to be honored but instead his hated sworn enemy M. A problem; what about the gallows *why have you built them?* Can't say anything against Mordecai....*your sin shall find you out. Pr 19:12 The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion.....*

Haman mourning w/ head covered retreats home....Wife & wise friends counsel '*your toast*'---no counsel to seek Lord, repent, be contrite only *woe are you*...you cooked up scheme to destroy Jews you will not win but fall.

Timing Haman in a panic goes to banquet not knowing what's to come, maybe suspicious but definitely paranoid. Maybe M will be there?

7:1 Now the king and Haman came to drink wine with Esther the queen. 2And the king said to Esther on the second day also as they drank their wine at the banquet, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done." 3Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request; 4for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king." 5Then King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would presume to do thus?"

Heart attack time for Haman, realizing Esther is Jewish & knowing the anger of a king is like the roaring of a lion & messengers of death--Haman is a dead man. *We have been sold* to gratify pride & revenge of one man. As Satan filled heart of Judas so w/ Haman.

6 And Esther said, "A foe and an enemy, is this wicked Haman!" Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen. 7 And the king arose in his anger from drinking wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king.

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Walk in the garden to compose himself & digest all he **invested in Haman** was for nothing....a royal deceiver & betrayer. And Haman hoodwink Ahaserus to sign edict w/o A finding out if all was true. A acted recklessly and regrets his folly. ***Pr 18:17 The first to speak in court sounds right— until the cross-examination begins.***

8 Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, “Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?” As the word went out of the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face. 9Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were before the king said, “Behold indeed, the gallows standing at Haman’s house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai who spoke good on behalf of the king!” And the king said, “Hang him on it.” 10So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai, and the king’s anger subsided. ***Wrath pacified***

Ecc 8:11 Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly, therefore the hearts of the sons of men among them are given fully

Ps 94:20-23

8:1 On that day King Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther; and Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had disclosed what he was to her. 2And the king took off his signet ring which he had taken away from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

The Persian custom was to take the criminals estate upon execution & give it to the person who was wronged—Esther. She in turn revealed to Ahaserus that Mordecai is her cousin. King gave M management of all that was once Hamans ***Pr 13:22 ...the wicked stores us wealth for the righteous***

Signet ring given to M meaning he has taken Haman’s position & is now second in command. ***“The Lord puts down one and raises up another” God is opposed to the proud and gives grace to the humble”***

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3Then Esther spoke again to the king, fell at his feet, wept, and implored him to avert the evil scheme of Haman the Agagite and his plot which he had devised against the Jews. 4And the king extended the golden scepter to Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king. 5Then she said, "If it pleases the king and if I have found favor before him and the matter seems proper to the king and I am pleasing in his sight, let it be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces. 6"For how can I endure to see the calamity, which shall befall my people, and how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?"

Death of Haman did not invalidate the decree to kill the Jews. Even king A could not reverse it. Law of Medes and Persians. **MH many a man's mischief survives him & the wickedness he devised operates when he is gone.** Roe vs Wade Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe) 1973 later 1990s that she regretted her role in Roe v. Wade and joined the pro-life movement, saying she felt the original ruling was a mistake.

Persian belief was if a decree was given by the king it was as a divine emanation having irreversible authority

7 So King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Behold, I have given the house of Haman to Esther, and him they have hanged on the gallows because he had stretched out his hands against the Jews. 8"Now you write to the Jews as you see fit, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for a decree which is written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's signet ring may not be revoked."

A second decree to supersede the first. Like law of gravity overcome by law of lift-force-thrust **opposing upward force that is equal to or greater than its pull**

After King was tricked by Haman to kill Jews, he delegates to M whatever he sees fit to do & put official seal on it. It's good when leaders have confidence in those they put their trust in. And opposite when find out their trust was betrayed. **'Many a man proclaims his own loyalty but who can find a trustworthy man? Pr 20:6** Signet ring = Royal authority, irreversible.

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9So the king's scribes were called at that time in the third month (that is, the month Sivan), on the twenty-third day; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces which extended from India to Ethiopia, 127 provinces, to every province according to its script, and to every people according to their language, as well as to the Jews according to their script and their language. 10And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on horses, riding on steeds sired by the royal stud.

Original 'wind camels' or swift horses, from kings stables. 23rd Sivan May/June. 8 months until 1st decree goes into effect & Jews attacked. It is urgent in getting 2nd decree to the people, not only to the Jews but put attackers on notice. Sealed w/ kings seal. **First decree for us all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and the wages of sin is death. But second decree sealed in blood of king Jesus** *Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

11 In them the king granted the Jews who were in each and every city the right to assemble and to defend their lives, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate the entire army of any people or province which might attack them, including children and women, and to plunder their spoil, 12on one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar). 13A copy of the edict to be issued as law in each and every province, was published to all the peoples, so that the Jews should be ready for this day to avenge themselves on their enemies. 14The couriers, hastened and impelled by the king's command, went out, riding on the royal steeds; and the decree was given out in Susa the capital.

Defend yourselves to the limit—form militias—attack & plunder those who seek to attack and plunder you. *Lk 11:20-22 "But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21" "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own homestead, his possessions are undisturbed; 22but when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied, and distributes his plunder.*

2Cor 10: 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

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Col 2:12-15 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

15Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a large crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. 16For the Jews there was light and gladness and joy and honor. 17And in each and every province, and in each and every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree arrived, there was gladness and joy for the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many among the peoples of the land became Jews, for the dread of the Jews had fallen on them.

Garments of esteem, honored by king A, marking him as favored... *Rom*

13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

Is 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Gal 3:27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

2Cor 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Never see yourself outside of Christ...