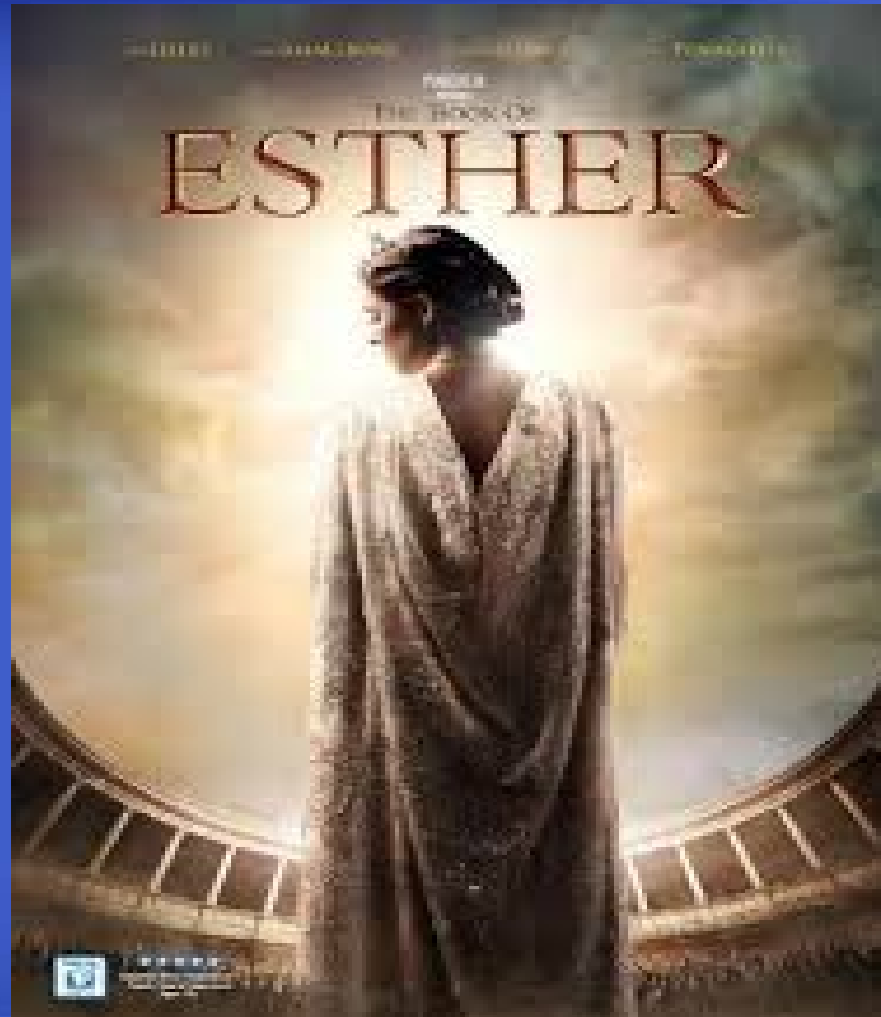


The Old Testament Story of Esther!



Let's Begin Our Journey!

The Text:

Esther 9:1-19!

The Title:

**The Exterminated Become The
Exterminators!**

The Theme:

***The Providence and Sovereignty of
the God of Israel: Yahweh!***

The Outline for Esther:

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- II. (4:1-5:14) The **DECISION** of God's People!
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 - A. (6:1-7:10) The DEFEAT of Israel's enemy, Haman.
 - B. (8:1-17) The DECREE of Ahasuerus & Mordecai.
 - C. (9:1-19) The **DELIVERANCE** from Israel's enemies.
 - D. (9:20-32) The DAYS of Purim.
 - E. (10:1-3) The DESCRIPTION of Mordecai's fame.

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The POWER of Hate!

At the beginning of the book, Haman's hate focused on just one man, the man named Mordecai. He hated Mordecai because he refused to bow down before him or pay him homage. As the book of Esther develops, we see Haman's hate for Mordecai growing until his goal is to destroy all of Israel. The hatred that was barely observable at the beginning of the story, was fanned into an all consuming flame to destroy the whole nation of Israel.

Prejudice and hatred is a powerful force that still is alive today. If left unchecked it will become a malignant cancer that will consume everyone it touches.

The Goal of Media is to Divide / Acts 20:28-30 / Revelation 2 and 3!

Three REFLECTIONS from this Chapter!

The PLACE of Retaliation!

Both the Old and New Testaments teach that vengeance belongs to the Lord. However, it should also be noted that the Old and New Testaments show that God's people are often called upon to defend themselves from the hate and prejudice of sinful men. This truth is seen in the Old Testament story of Esther and in the New Testament teaching of Christ. In Luke 22:36, these words of Jesus are recorded, "Let him who has no sword sell his robe and buy one." Here Jesus warns his disciples that a day is coming when those who choose to follow Him will be forced to defend themselves from those who hate them because of their love and faithfulness to Christ.

I need not point out that we see these words coming true today throughout the Middle East and around the world. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are being beheaded and put to death because of their faith.

Three REFLECTIONS from this Chapter!

The PROMISE and PROTECTION of GOD!

God's preservation and protection of His covenant people Israel, is proof of God's hand of providence and sovereignty in the lives of His people. The story of Israel's survival is one of the most miraculous stories ever told. God promised Israel that they will not be exterminated from the earth. And in spite of the many and continual threats made upon them, God continues to keep His promise!

This fact that God keeps His promises to Israel, is the foundation upon which our hope (Church) is build! Just as Israel's kingdom promises will to be fulfilled at the time of His second coming, so too, will His promises for the Church be fulfilled when the rapture takes place! (The Rapture: The event referred to as the church's "Blessed Hope")

Next Week: The Days of Purim!
Esther 9:20-32

