

Chapter 4

Haman

Question: Are there examples in the Bible about complex situations of political corruption and how God's people, with His help, brought their nation back to sanity again?

I want to answer this question directly, but first, here are a few examples of spiritual laws. God said to His own people, ***“you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow;”*** Deuteronomy 15:6 People depending on credit the way many modern families do now is a violation of spiritual law. I am not saying it is a sin, but I am saying it can go south and awry very fast. For that reason, it is loaded with consequences, and people right now need to remove their debt little by little instead of increasing it little by little. Removing debt flows along with spiritual law and increasing it violates spiritual law.

Here is another spiritual law. Jesus told His followers this: ***“For assuredly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says.”*** Mark 11:23 People get what they say while believing, and this works in the positive and the negative. I do not have time to go into this more deeply, but there are spiritual laws that govern our spoken word or confession, and God has dozens of warnings about our tongue, our mouth, our words bringing life or death, health or illness, and boom or bust in life. Wholesome speech aligns with spiritual law and perverse and negative speech are a violation of spiritual law. This is a good example where a person is praying for one thing but is getting the opposite. God cannot change His laws. God loves that person, but the laws are built into the fabric of God's Word and into everything that exists. God will do all He can to get that person to alter their words and line up with the spiritual law and the actual scriptures, and if they don't, they will sink deeper into the problem at hand. These examples of spiritual laws will expand a person's understanding of spiritual laws.

And now, let's look at the story of Haman who is found in the Book of Esther. Spiritual law is highly demonstrated in this story. I am not focusing on Esther, but rather the villain of the story, Haman. I urge my readers to go read this

entire story in Esther Chapter's 2-8. Esther was a beautiful young Jewish woman who was raised by her older cousin Mordecai who was a devout Jew. They lived in the Kingdom of Persia, and Esther impressed the king, and he took her to be his queen. Esther was also a Jew. ***“Esther had not revealed her people or kindred, for Mordecai had charged her not to reveal it.”*** Esther 2:10 The king did not know Esther was a Jew, but he highly cherished her.

A plot came out against the king's life, and Mordecai found out about it and informed Esther who then told the king about it and she named Mordecai to the king as the one who gave the warning. The king had the two perpetrators hanged. Not long after, the king promoted a man named Haman in his kingdom and set him among the princes and all the king's servants paid homage to Haman, except for Mordecai who had some kind of service position in the king's court. Mordecai would not do this because of his faith in God as a Jew. Haman got word of Mordecai's refusal to bow to him and was deeply offended and wrathful.

Haman was quite ambitious. He took his time and hatched a plot to get Mordecai and do great evil to the Jews of the land. (Being antisemitic is a violation of God's spiritual law) He approached the king and said the following: ***“There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other peoples, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore, it is not fitting for the king to let them remain. If it please the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king's treasuries.”*** Esther 3:8-9

Note that Haman told the king a great lie here. He said the Jews did not keep the king's law. This false narrative spoken out of context was all that was needed to sway the king. Haman unjustly fed the king just enough information to seal the fate of the Jews. Haman in this instance reminds this writer of the untruthful mainstream media. There were thousands of Jews in Persia in 127 provinces. This would be mass genocide. ***“And the king said to Haman, the money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you.”*** Esther 3:11 The king's scribes wrote a decree, and it was sent to all the

governors of each province to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the Jews, young and old, women and children also and all done in one day.

When Mordecai learned of it, he put on sackcloth and ashes in a fast and went out to the midst of the city where he let out a loud and bitter cry. In every province the Jews there did the same, crying to God and wearing sackcloth and ashes. Mordecai had word sent to Esther to make supplication to the king on behalf of the Jews. Esther sent word back to Mordecai to say that any man or woman who enters the king's court uninvited would be put to death, unless the king holds out to them a golden scepter allowing them to live. So, Mordecai sent this word back to Esther:

“Do you think in your heart that you will escape in the king’s palace any more than all the other Jews? For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:13-14

Esther walked into her destiny and fame for many millennia to come with this following answer:

“Go gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise, and so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish.” Esther 4:16

On the third day, Esther put on royal robes and entered the king's court. When the king saw her, she found his favor and he held out the scepter and she was saved. Prayer and fasting before God by Esther and all the Jews brought her this kingly favor. He asked her, “what do you wish Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you up to half my kingdom.” Esther 5:3 Esther told the king that he should bring Haman and come to a banquet she had prepared for him. So, the king sent for Haman and he also went to the banquet created by Esther.

What is God up to here? Esther had a plan. At the banquet where wine was served, Esther made another request for the king and Haman to come to

another banquet the next day. So, Haman went home that night very prideful and told his wife and friends that he was the only one besides the king that the queen had invited to the banquet.

Haman saw Mordecai on the way home and was angered at him and told his wife and friends about it. They suggested that Haman make a gallows for Mordecai and suggest to the king the next morning that Mordecai be hung on it before the banquet. That night, the king could not sleep and asked for his book of records to be read to him. He then heard that Mordecai was the one who warned about the plot on him and saved his life. The king asked what honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this? The servants said nothing had been done.

The king asked who was in the court now, and the servants said that Haman had just arrived. Uh-oh! Haman is there to ask for Mordecai's death while the king is seeking Mordecai's honor. Let me insert this question here? Who awoke the king that night and would not let him sleep? Yes, God! Haman in his complete lack of judgement because of pure wickedness and hatred is walking into a deathtrap. Spiritual law is about to cause this man to reap what he is sowing. But not before utter humiliation. On with the story.

The king has Haman brought in and before Haman can ask anything, the king says to him: ***“What should be done for this man for whom the king delights to honor?”*** Esther 6:6 Haman thought the king meant him. He was so full of pride that he could think of no other person. Haman answered and said, “get a royal robe and crown that the king has worn, and a horse that the king has ridden, and while in the robe and on the horse, parade the man around the city square and declare, thus shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor. So, the king said to Haman, ***“quickly, take the robe and the horse and go find Mordecai the Jew and do so for him all that you have spoken.”*** Haman did all this for Mordecai and then went home to his wife, mourning on the way and with his head covered. When he got home, men from the king came to fetch him to the 2nd banquet for which he was invited. A spiritual law is that wickedness comes to light eventually.

At the banquet, the king asked Esther now what he could do for her. Esther answered: ***“If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the***

king, let my life be given to me at my petition, and my people at my request. For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed to be killed and to be annihilated.” Esther 3-4a The king said, “who has done this?” Esther answered, **“the adversary and enemy is the wicked Haman.”** Haman was listening to all of this and was terrified. In his wrath, the king stormed out. But Haman stood before the queen pleading for his life. When the king returned, Haman had fallen across Esther’s couch that she was sitting on. The king was incensed, and shouted, “will he now assault the queen while I am in the house?” Talk about a bad day for Haman. Spiritual law of the God of Heaven is not to be trifled with, and if one is ignorant of those laws, that is absolutely no excuse. This man is finished.

Then a servant said to the king, **“look, there is a gallows at Haman’s house which he built for Mordecai, the very man who spoke to save the king.”** **Then the king said, “hang him on it.” So, they hung Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king’s wrath subsided.”**

Esther 7:10 Then, the king gave the queen the house of Haman, and he greeted Mordecai because Esther finally revealed her relation to Mordecai. The king then took the signet ring that he had retrieved from Haman and gave it to Mordecai and then Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman. Esther then asked the king to stop the decree to kill the Jews in the kingdom, and the king said, **“you write a decree and seal it with my signet ring, and we will send it out to the provinces.”** The Jews were saved, Esther was a hero, but God gets that credit, for she risked her life for her people and her faith pleased God. Mordecai who loved God was spared and honored, - spiritual law, and Haman’s life ended, - spiritual law. This outcome is exactly how God thinks, and outcomes will usually always be the same, no matter what millennium we are in.

“Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him.” Proverbs 26:27

I am thinking when all the dust settles on the President Donald Trump indictments, who will be left standing, and who will have fallen by the way? From this story of Haman, note that the people and Esther and Mordecai prayed and fasted. God does very little on earth without the prayers of His

believers, His people. This is not easy to understand, because of all I have written about spiritual laws. Are they automatic, or is prayer required for them to work? This is a huge mystery, and maybe is best explained like a tension between two points. God uses prayer and faith as a legal access point on the earth for He Himself to move here. Spiritual laws are here and working all the time. Those are the two points, God moving at the prayers of His people and evil already being destined to fail through spiritual laws. We prayerful believers have a “stacked deck” so to speak, the game is already in our favor as we begin to pray against evil. I do not see that we must choose what caused the answers, God gets all credit as the one who moves on prayers and the one who created spiritual law. Praise be to Jesus, Lord of everything! The next chapter sheds more light on God’s people moving God to act on the earth due to prayer, which is, more spiritual law. Praying is spiritual law.

***** Chapter 4 Comments from the Author: *****

Even though spiritual laws are greatly revealed in this story, and those laws are still in existence and all mankind is subject to them, it is important to see this story of Esther and Haman in the light of the New Covenant, (New Testament) which is the Covenant we are now in. We are in the Covenant of grace and of love, and a new spiritual law came on the scene when Jesus died and rose from the dead, and that law is the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, which has set us free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2) We New-Covenant believers are quicker to believe, quicker to forgive, and quicker to show mercy than any of the Old Covenant believers. An Old Testament prophet, Elisha, cursed some children that were making fun of his bald head, and those children were mauled and killed by bears. No New Testament prophet or any man or woman of God would ever do something so severe for such a minor offense. Those were different times. There is however in that story a lesson on respect and the dangers of not being respectful or reverent, especially to an anointed man or woman of God, which includes Donald Trump whom God has anointed to lead.

The difference is that we have the New Birth, purchased by Jesus and the Cross, and we have God in us, instead of God with us or beside us. Our

discernment is better, and our love is huge in comparison to the Old Covenant people. So even though the spiritual laws still affect us the exact way they did Old Covenant people, the dealing with evil people is quite different in the New Covenant, which we are in. Mercy from God is the order of the day. But that does not mean mercy from men in the same way, for our justice system indicates that crimes must be paid for to follow God's Word and to bring forth a deterrent to future similar behavior by others. Remember, God is love, and the New Covenant believers are more like Him than any group of people in the history of the world. That is you and I.