

FROM THE BOOK OF ESTHER - HAMAN'S GALLOWS ARE EXPOSED!

HAMAN - is a type of satan, antichrist or the flesh. He was an Amalekite, a member of a war-like nation that was hostile toward Israel. He despised God's people. His name means "magnificent". He was great in his own eyes, full of pride, manipulation and deceit. He was like Judas, the betrayer, who accepted money to carry out his plan; Esther 3:2-11; Matthew 26:15.

1. His influence has come into the "banquet of wine" (he has entered the Pentecostal Realm); Psalm 41:9; Matt. 26:15; John 13:1-30.
2. The devil has access to the "nobles" as well as the common people; Esther 3:1-2.
3. As Prime Minister, Haman persuaded the king to approve an edict he had written, which would lead to the extermination of the Jewish people. The devil hates "Mordecai", the overcoming "son" and Esther, the "Bride"; Esther 3:5-11.
4. Haman has set "devices" in place to destroy the one who sits in the "king's gate".
5. Mordecai, Esther's custodian, refuses to bow to Haman. He hears of Haman's plan, cries out to the Lord in intercession, Ezek. 9:4, and word is sent to Esther; Est. 4:1-4.
6. GALLOWS were erected by him to destroy "Mordecai", a type of the overcomer, or the Holy Spirit's ministry; Ephesians 4:11. Those like Mordecai will not bow to the flesh, neither will they submit to the demands of the carnal mind or religious system; Est. 3:2-5.
 - a. The Hebrew word "gallows" means tree; plural: wooden planks, stake (to which a criminal was fastened); it is a structure with a crossbeam and a rope; Esther 5:14.
 - b. The devil (operating through the strength of the flesh) wants to destroy the ministry that trains and prepares the Bride for the throne. It pleases the "flesh" to kill the "spirit"; Galatians 5:17; 1 Peter 5:8.
 - c. The gallows were erected "50 cubits high". The number 50 is symbolic of Pentecost, Jubilee, the Anointing (50 days after Passover - Acts 2:1-47); Leviticus 25:10-12. It wants to "cut off" the anointing, the power and the liberty of the Pentecostal experience.
 - d. Esther exposed Haman and they covered his face; Esther 7:8. There is a "covered face" of the flesh and an "unveiled face" of the spirit; 2 Corinthians 3:14-18. The King (Jesus) has dealt with Satan and the carnal mind.

THE GALLOWS ARE DEVICES OF SATAN. The plans, traps, snares and influences of the enemy are constructed, but they are being exposed, as revealed in God's Word:

1. The Lord is exposing Haman's murderous plans against "Mordecai" and God's people. This "adversary" was executed, but his "sons" are still present in the land. (Jesus defeated satan at the cross, but satan's seed retains influence in the Earth). Esther 3:5-11; 5:14.
2. The Lord is revealing that which pertains to "Balaam":
 - a. the "error" of Balaam – prophets who prophesy for wages, gain, covetousness; Numbers 22:9-12, 21-23; Jude 11
 - b. the "doctrine" of Balaam – he cast "stumbling blocks"; Revelation 2:14
 - c. the "way" of Balaam – he went astray, loving unrighteousness; 2 Peter 2:15
3. The Lord is exposing the widespread influence of Jezebel, which utilizes manipulation, domination and intimidation to control another's life; 1 Kings 16:31-32; 19:1-2.

- a. Jezebel was married to king Ahab. Jezebel is a type of religious Babylon. Ahab is a type of political Babylon. She was the power and influence behind the throne of Ahab.
- b. It utilizes witchcraft; it tricks, pressures or forces others to conform to its agenda.
- c. This spiritual influence inflicts physical, verbal or mental abuse.
- d. This spiritual influence can be felt in the home, the organized Church, in governments and is also associated with Mystery Babylon.

4. The Lord is exposing the rebellious spirit of Korah, who desires a position that he is not appointed to fulfill; Numbers 16:1-3, 8-12

- a. This influence abuses spiritual authority, and gathers others to stand against God-ordained ministry.
- b. This spirit openly challenges God's leadership; it backstabs and plots against others.
- c. It propagates the spirit of rebellion in order to destroy the unity of the saints and undermine God's established authority.

5. The Lord is uncovering the immorality of the Nicolaitanes within God's house, who teach and practice spiritual adultery and idolatry; Revelation 2:6,15

6. The Lord is revealing the apostasy and disobedience of "Saul's House".

- a. Saul wants the anointing but he wants it on his own terms.
- b. He is jealous of David because the Lord's hand is upon him.
- c. David (the Lord's anointed) has to flee, because Saul wants him dead.
- d. Samuel (prophetic ministry) has abandoned the apostate house of Saul, because the Spirit of the Lord has departed; 1 Samuel 15:34; 19:10; 20:24-27; 28:7-8.

7. The Lord is exposing the abominations of the "Harlot", whose great influence is over vast numbers of people; it is upon "many waters"; Revelation 17:1-18

8. The Lord is revealing king Jeroboam's "calf worship" of the present day; 1 Kings 12:26-33.

- a. Jeroboam didn't want to lose the allegiance of the people to king Rehoboam, so he instituted his own order. He built shrines and appointed priests who were not Levites.
- b. He wanted to make it easier for the people to worship God, so he devised the first seeker-friendly church of ease and convenience.

9. The Lord is uncovering the wicked "counsel" of "Ahithophel" (brother of folly) within the nation. He influenced and joined "Absalom" (son of David), who amassed an army and conspired against David, who was God's chosen king; 2 Samuel 15:1-6, 12, 31.

- a. Ahithophel speaks of those in governmental offices, who are "counselors", who have access to the leaders of a nation. He eventually "self-destructs"; 2 Samuel 17:23
- b. Absalom reveals the spirit of disloyalty, which gains entrance through bitterness and unforgiveness.
- c. Unresolved offense is a catalyst which causes a person to work against the godly ministry that he is supposed to be serving. Absalom betrayed his own father.

- 10.** The Lord is exposing the plans of “Sanballat” and “Tobiah”; Nehemiah 4:1-3, 7-11.
- a. These two individuals reveal “sabotage”, the plots of the adversaries in our midst.
 - b. These influences work from “within”; they mock and ridicule God’s people.
 - c. They gather other enemies together, seeking to hinder God’s work.

- 11.** The Lord is revealing the enemy’s strategy in advance, while it is yet in the planning stages; 2 Kings 6:8-12.
- a. The king of “Syria” (self-exalted ones) is devising strategy and plans against God’s people and the nation.
 - b. The Lord is revealing the detailed plans of the wicked to “Elisha”, the prophetic ministry. He is being told what the evil king is planning in his “bed-chamber”.

- 12.** The Lord is cautioning us concerning the “deceit of the Gibeonites”. They utilize false coverings to deceive, and they are very subtle; Joshua 9:1-15.
- a. These are false brethren who attempt to beguile even seasoned leaders, such as Joshua.
 - b. They come “wrapped and robed” (disguised and convincing), quoting God’s Word.
 - c. Instead of an open, outward assault, they are as “angels of light” to deceive, pressuring God’s people to enter into a covenant / alliance, without carefully seeking the Lord.

Haman was guilty, bound and hung; Esther 7:9-10. But his “seed” is still in the land.

HAMAN’S INFLUENCE (SONS) MUST ALSO BE CUT OFF; see Galatians 5:19-21; Esther 9:5-14. God’s people overcome these wicked influences by:

A. Realizing that God Himself is not at war; He has already won!

B. By **PUTTING ON** the Full Armor of God, which is our spiritual covering, worn to protect us in spiritual warfare. This is described in Ephesians 6:11-18:

1. By Having Our Loins Girt About (like a belt) With Truth
2. By Having On The Breastplate Of Righteousness
3. By Having Our Feet Shod With The Preparation Of The Gospel Of Peace
4. By Taking (Utilizing) The Shield Of Faith
5. By Taking (Putting On) The Helmet Of Salvation
6. By Taking (Utilizing) The Sword Of The Spirit

The Victory Over Evil Influences Is Gained Through Prayer And Obedience To:

1. Seek The Lord – Psalm 27:8-9; Amos 5:4-8; Luke 11:9-10
2. Worship And Devotion – 1 Chronicles 16:29; Mark 14:3-9; John 4:23-24
3. Fasting / Repentance – Ezekiel 14:6; Matthew 4:17; ; Mark 2:20; Acts 3:19
4. Cleansing And Sanctification – 2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 Thess. 4:3-4; 1 John 1:9
5. Purity And Consecration – Matthew 5:8; 1 Timothy 5:22; 1 John 3:3
6. Humility – Proverbs 16:18-19; Luke 14:11; 1 Peter 5:5-6
7. Servanthood – Joshua 24:15; Matthew 6:24; Galatians 5:13
8. Unity – Psalm 133:1; Acts 2:46-47; Ephesians 4:3,13; John 17:17
9. Healing And Restoration – Jeremiah 30:17; Malachi 4:2; Luke 4:18-19
10. Accountability – Ephesians 5:21; Hebrews 10:25; 2 Timothy 3:16
11. Kingdom Purposes – Esther 4:14; Matthew 6:33; John 18:36
12. Watch FOR Him And WITH Him – Matt. 25:13; 26:38-41; Luke 21:36

ESTHER HAD A CROWN PLACED UPON HER HEAD; Esther 2:17.

1. A CROWN speaks of a royal position, or REWARD. Jesus cautions His people to “hold fast” to that which you have; Revelation 2:25-29; 3:11.
2. Paul said: “Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and my crown, so stand fast in the Lord; Philippians 4:1.
3. HOLD FAST and STAND FAST in the Lord! There are different crowns described in scripture. Rewards shall be given equal to the degree of faithfulness; 1 Corinthians 3:8; Hebrews 6:10-15; 11:6; Colossians 3:24; Revelation 22:12.
 - a. The Lord Himself is our Reward; Genesis 15:1
 - b. The preaching of the Gospel is our reward; 1 Corinthians 9:17-18
 - c. The “fruit of our doings” brings a reward; Jeremiah 17:10
 - d. Our works are rewarded; Matthew 16:27; 2 Chronicles 15:7
 - e. There is a reward for righteousness; Psalm 18:20, 24; Psalm 58:11

There Are Different Kinds Of Rewards:

1. Every man’s work is tested, revealed by fire. Some shall receive a reward and some will suffer loss of inheritance / rewards; 1 Corinthians 3:13-15.
2. Some will have an abundant entrance into the Kingdom; 2 Peter 1:10-11.
3. Different Rewards in scripture are mentioned:
 - a. There is a Full Reward; Ruth 2:12
 - b. There is a Great Reward; Psalm 19:11
 - c. There is a Sure Reward; Proverbs 11:18
 - d. There is a Good Reward; Ecclesiastes 4:9
 - e. There is an Open Reward; Matthew 6:6
 - f. There is a Prophet’s Reward; Matthew 10:41

God Honors And Rewards His Faithful People:

1. The King honors those who honor Him; the deeds of God’s people are recorded; Esther 6:1-11; Malachi 3:16.
2. Mordecai was promoted and advanced to be “next to the king”. Even if there appears to be a delay, promotion comes after times of testing, when we have proven to be faithful and obedient; Esther 2:21-23; 8:2,15; 10:2-3.
3. The house of Haman was given to Esther. God promises that we will possess the gates of the enemy and spoil his house because of what King Jesus has done for us; Esther 8:1.
4. In Esther 8:1-17 we have a picture of the King’s messengers hurrying throughout the land carrying letters (the Word of God). There is gladness and joy, and the fear of the Lord comes when the message of the Kingdom is preached; many are converted. There is a reward that comes from teamwork and unity among God’s people; Esther 9:2-3.
5. The Jews smote all of their enemies by the sword. Utilizing the sword of the spirit (the Word of God), always causes the enemy’s defeat; Esther 9:5; Revelation 12:11.
6. There was a miraculous deliverance of God’s people. The Feast of Purim was instituted to commemorate this event; Esther 9:26-32.

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