

*Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible*  
Current Book: The Book of Esther – Message 5

**2016 VISION: Faithful in little things!**

## Scriptures for Today: Esther 3:1-15 – Haman’s Hatred for Mordecai & Plan to Destroy the Jews

**Title of Today’s Message: Agag’s Revenge – *The devil wants to destroy God’s people and you!***

### INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw the **providence of God** through seemingly **SMALL** things that added up to a very big result! We were introduced to **Mordecai** – a \_\_\_\_\_ with a biblical lineage in the Babylonian captivity – and a young maid named **Esther** (*also a Jew*) who was taken to king Ahasuerus, obtained grace and favour in his sight, and became the new queen of the Persian empire. Today, we will be introduced to the **devilish villain Haman** and his **murderous plot** to \_\_\_\_\_ all Jews – the people of Mordecai! And, we will learn that this concept was not born in the mind of a man only. It is the work of the \_\_\_\_\_. It is the *spirit of antichrist*. And, it prophetically points to the **Tribulation Period** when **the Antichrist** will attempt to destroy the Jews once more. As we learn from God today, we will be given an opportunity to reflect on our own lives. Haman is a type of the devil who wants to devour us for sure (1 Pet 5:8). However, he also represents one of our fiercest rivals and villains. A foe that wreaks havoc on us for evil. He is the lineage of a \_\_\_\_\_ that was supposed to be mortified long ago...

### PREACHING NOTES

1. *After these things*, did king Ahasuerus **promote Haman** \_\_\_\_\_ **all the princes** in the palace.

✓ **Haman was the son of Hammedatha the Agagite** – a consequence of Saul’s disobedience!

1 Samuel 15:1-7 *“Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.”*

1 Samuel 15:8-9 *“And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best...”*

1 Samuel 15:22 *“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...”*

Romans 8:13 *“...but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”*

Colossians 3:5 *“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness...”*

NOTE Evidently, at least one of Agag’s children must have survived. God says that this Haman was only alive because of what took place *some 500 years before!* So, we are going to study a plot by a man to destroy God’s people. And now, we learn this all could have been avoided if king Saul had only obeyed the words of the Lord! We need to learn from this!! This does bring up a question that is often asked, *“Why does God tell his people to destroy ALL the enemies including women and babies?”* The truth of the matter is that God knows the end of the story! He loved His people and knew how to best protect them! If only Saul had trusted God’s Word instead of his own intellect! We have proof in Esther chapter 3 that if they spared anyone, a child would grow up to one day seek revenge against God’s people.

✓ It is most likely that **Mordecai was a Benjamite** with lineage to Saul’s family.

Esther 2:5 *“whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite”*

1 Samuel 10:21 *“the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families...and Saul the son of Kish was taken”*

NOTE The connections are significant. God reveals that the man Mordecai has an opportunity to revenge the disobedience of his forefather Saul. And, he will do what Saul did not do! It has been said that God does not keep very good records (*scholars who believe the Bible has errors*). However, in our story today, we have proof that God is the BEST recordkeeper!

- ✓ The king had **commanded all to bow** and give reverence to Haman.

Ezekiel 28:12-19	<i>"Thus saith the LORD GOD; <b>Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God...Thou art <u>the anointed cherub that covereth...</u>"</b></i>
Isaiah 14:12-14	<i>"<b>How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning...For thou hast said in thine heart, I will...I will exalt my throne...I will sit...I will ascend...I will be <u>like the most High.</u>"</b></i>
Daniel 11:36	<i>"And the king shall do according to his will; and <b>he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods...</b>"</i>
2 Thessalonians 2:4	<i>"Who opposeth and <b>exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he <u>as God</u> sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."</b></i>
Revelation 13:4	<i>"And <b>they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"</b></i>
1 John 4:3	<i>"And <b>every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.</b>"</i>

NOTE The theme of the Bible is a battle for the THRONE of God. Lucifer was the worship leader in heaven, and it went to his head! He was cast out of heaven – that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan. And, ever since, he has been the force behind evil, wicked men on planet earth who have opposed everything that is God's and have sought to destroy God's people – the Jews – and the promised seed of the woman from whom the Saviour would come who would destroy the works of the devil and save God's people. He is behind this Haman!

- ✓ Mordecai **would not bow OR** give Haman reverence.

Exodus 20:4-5	<i>"<b>Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing ... Thou shalt <u>not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:</u> for I the LORD thy God am a jealous...</b>"</i>
Daniel 3:16-18	<i>"<b>O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee ... <u>be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.</u>"</b></i>
Mark 13:14	<i>"<b>But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation...let them... <u>flee to the mountains...</u>"</b></i>

NOTE If it is one thing the Jews have learned, it is that they are NOT to bow down to any idol or man! It is partly the reason why they would not bow to Christ. Daniel and his friends were willing to obey God more than men to do it. Mordecai too – and Haman HATED him for it! The Antichrist will hate the Jews for it in the Tribulation Period – and try to destroy them!

## 2. Haman devised a plan to \_\_\_\_\_ **ALL** Jews – *both young and old, little children and women*.

- ✓ Haman **sought to destroy ALL the Jews** throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

Esther 3:6 *"And **he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone..."***

NOTE At first, Haman wanted Mordecai. But, the devil wanted more – he always does!

- ✓ Haman **secured the king's approval** to move forward with the plan – and letters were sent!

Daniel 6:8 *"Now, **O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed..."***  
 Ezra 4:13 *"Be it known now unto the king...**so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings."***  
 Nehemiah 6:6 *"**Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen ... the Jews think to rebel!"***

NOTE Haman's approach included false accusations about the Jews (*rebellious*), and how it is not in the king's best FINANCIAL interest to allow them to live. The king gives Haman approval and gives his ring – *the seal of approval* – to send letters to all the kingdom to do it. These are the same tactics used by the enemies of God in Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah! And, the same used by the UN and all the nations on earth right now OPPOSING ISRAEL! It is Satanic! We are FOR Israel! Praise the Lord that America can once again STAND to **support** ISRAEL!!