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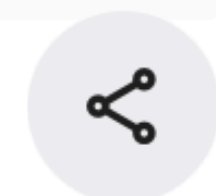


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Esther 7:1-10

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Esther 7:1-10

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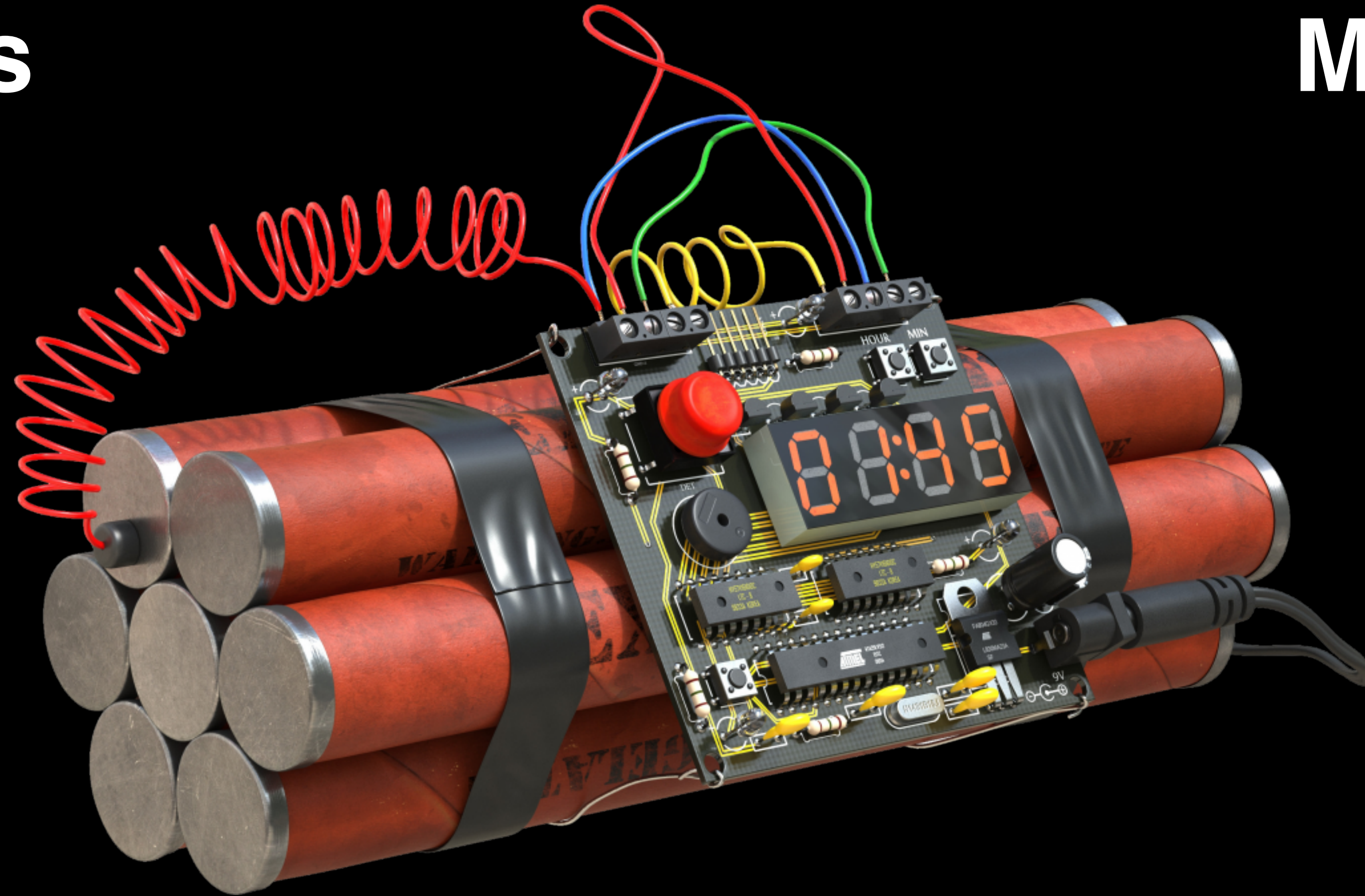
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5 Months
Jews

24 Hours
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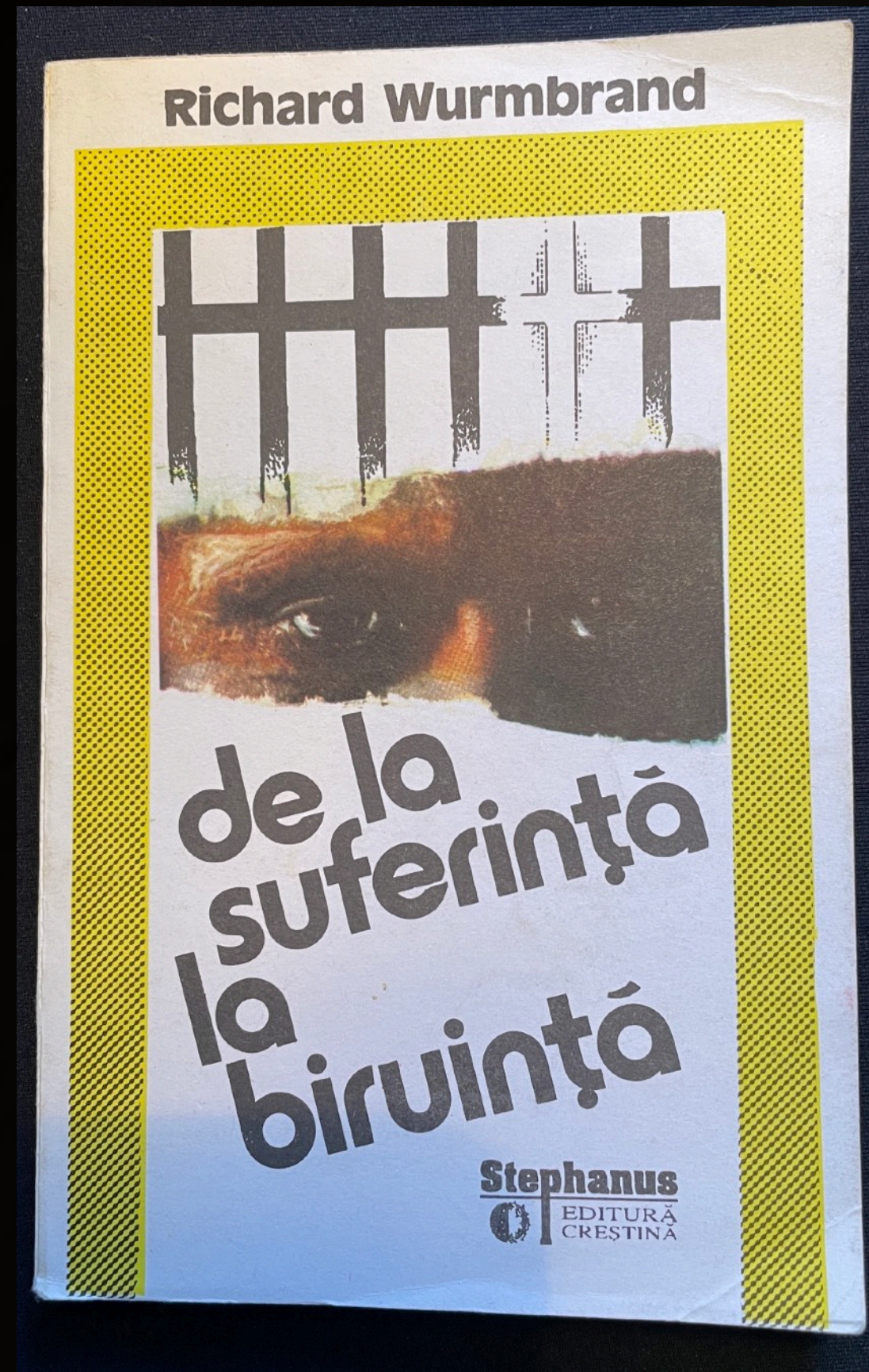
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Divine sovereignty vs Human responsibility

Esther's plan by itself was not what turned around the fortunes of God's people.

Literary structure of Esther

“. . . their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration” (9:22)

“The night the king could not sleep...”

6:1

Esther’s 1st banquet 5:4

Esther’s 2nd banquet 7:1

The king celebrates

2 banquets

1:4,5

The Jews celebrate

2 feasts days

9:16-18

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“I wouldn’t try,” he replied; “I never reconcile friends.” Friends?—yes, friends. This is the point that we have to grasp. In the Bible, divine sovereignty and human responsibility are not enemies. They are not uneasy neighbors; they are not in an endless state of Cold War with each other. They are friends, and they work together. - C.H. Spurgeon

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Philippians 1:6 *“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”*

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Gospel:

The earthly emperor vs the heavenly king



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