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ESTHER

The Hiddenness of
God

In the Pressure of Persecution



TIME LINE

Persian
Kings

CYRUS

XERXES

ARTEXERXES

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DARIUS (**Ahasuerus**)

Return to
Jerusalem

1st Return

2nd Return

3rd Return

Year

538 BC

483 BC

458 BC

444 BC

Bible

EZRA

ESTHER

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NEHEMIAH

HAGGAI

MALACHI

ZACHARIAH

Captivity
70 yrs



CHAIN REACTIONS



Esther 3:1-15

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The Bible talks about two types of anger:

Righteous indignation Eph 4:26-27

Destructive anger Eph 4:31-32

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Anger is so destructive? Like a chain reaction

1. **It destroys families.** In Genesis 4:6-8, Cain became jealous of his brother, Able and was angry that his offering was not as pleasing to God as Ables. So he killed Able. A family was torn apart as a result
2. **Anger destroys nations.** Pharaoh continually hardened his heart regarding letting the Israelites go. He became increasingly angry over the subject (Exodus 5:1-2)
3. **Anger destroys churches.**
4. **Anger destroys individuals.**
 1. Saul was king of Israel and went along just fine until he became jealous of David and from then on, his anger consumed him (1 Sam 18:9).
 2. Ecc 7:9 Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.

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Why was Haman so angry?

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Oppenheimer: “When I came to you with those calculations, I thought we might destroy the entire world.”

Einstein: “I remember it well. What about it?”

Oppenheimer: “I believe we did.”

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The Providence of God

The scope of God's divine providence, extends to and includes everything that is. It is not that God is merely interested in the "big picture." His management of His creation is micromanagement, concerned with and involved with the smallest of details. Grounded in His wisdom. R.C. Sproul



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