

Esther 6-8 – 30 March 2023

“Patient Vindication”

Introduction

*In Chap 1-3, we saw God setting the stage for Esther & Mordecai to fulfill God’s plan for their life

*Much movement of pieces in & out of their life

*Then evil Haman launched his plan to kill all Jews in the world

*In Chap 4-5, it was time to confront evil, as Esther went before the king and asked for a banquet

*At the banquet, she shied away from telling the King of Haman’s plot to kill the Jews – asked them to come for another banquet the next night

*Today vindication comes to God’s people

*God has always been working & now we’ll see it

***Let’s look at 3 facets of waiting for God to vindicate His people**

1st facet of vindication seen w/ Mordecai is that God exalts the humble in due time (Chap 6:1-14)

Read Chap 6:1

1. Sleepless night seems so random, yet nothing is random but within the sovereign will of God

Read Vs 2-3

1. What are the chances he would come to this very account of Mordecai's help? God set this up!
2. Remember this is all happened during Esther's apparent fearful delay in telling of Haman
3. What a gracious king that he'll looking to reward good, not just to punish evildoers

Read Vs 4-5

1. The timing of Haman to be there, wow
2. God knows how to work thru even heathen kings to accomplish His will

Read Vs 6

1. Read I Pet 5:6: Pride goes before a fall & blinds

Read Vs 7-10

1. Haman comes up with a wonderful tribute
2. Now if he only wishes good on all people, as unto himself, then this is a great thing...
3. But when you're bias & treat some people bad & others good, you'll fall into these traps
4. Doing good deeds has a way of protecting us
 - a. Mordecai was protected here

Read Vs 11-12

1. Read Col 2:13-15 – Before God destroy evil, he embarrasses it, showing His superiority
2. The only problem in this whole situation is Haman's heart
3. Next time you're in conflict, ask question: "Is reason this is hard, simply b/c my heart isn't right?"

Read Vs 13-14

1. People are so fickle; living by circumstances will rock you, instead live by the enduring truth
2. Christians live by what is truth, regardless of circumstances & happenings of our immediate life

2nd facet of vindication seen w/ Esther is that the truth will always come out (Chap 7:1-10)

Read Chap 7:1-2

1. The king, w/ love for his queen is ready to help

Read Vs 3-4

1. She asks to let her and her people live without saying who her people are yet
2. She says that if they were only in danger of becoming servants, she would not have bothered the king, but this is life or death

Read Vs 5-7

1. So the king storms off mad & thinks what to do while Haman begins pleading w/ Esther for his life

Read Vs 8

1. The king comes back thinking Haman is attempting to rape Esther & orders his execution
2. Servants covered Haman's head for execution

Read Vs 9-10

1. No greater illustration for (Read) Luke 6:37-38 than this account of Haman (w/ what measure you judge...)
2. Evil doers will not get away with wronging us
 - a. Read Luke 12:2-3

3rd facet of vindication seen w/ all Israel is that hope come declaring a new order (Chap 8:1-17)

Read Chap 8:1-2

1. Mordecai replaced Haman in position & wealth

Read Vs 3-6

1. Esther persists begging on behalf of her people
2. It's not good enough that her & Mordecai are now blessed and protected
3. This proves that she really is seeking the good of the Jews and not just self-preservation

Read Vs 7-10

1. B/c the Persians couldn't reverse a Persian law; Mordecai & Esther were given permission to write a new law & sent it everywhere in the king's name

Read Vs 11-12

1. Specifically, all Jews have right to fully defend themselves on the day they would be attacked

Read Vs 13-14

1. The carriers deliver this new law everywhere

Read Vs 15

1. Read Prov 29:2a – When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice.

Read Vs 16-17

1. Haman's entire plot didn't end neutral, but actually ended up making the Jews look good
 - a. Read Gen 50:20 – What Haman meant for evil, God meant for good

Conclusion

We face evil in this life, but we have a God that is always working behind the scenes to bring good to pass. Question is, “will we be involved”? If we are, and if we still around long enough we’ll see the Lord Vindicate us, for He’s a redeeming God

1. **Thru Mordecai we see that God exalts the humble in due time**
 - a. Speaking of Abraham, God said, “After he patiently endured, he obtained the promise”
2. **Thru Esther we see that the truth will always come out eventually**
 - a. Men love darkness b/c their deeds are evil
 - b. But Jesus is the Light of the World
3. **Thru all Israel we see that there is hope of a coming new order**
 - a. There’s no way to fix this world, but there’s a perfect one coming w/ the perfect King!!!

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Alternative outline for this message could have been...

1. Haman Humbled
2. Haman Hanged
3. Hope of Heaven

1. Evil will be put down as the righteous are lifted up in Jesus' name
2. Evil will be eliminated as all 3 of our enemies are destroyed
3. As we hold onto our hope of eternal w/ King Jesus