

THIS IS MY BIBLE, I AM WHAT IT SAYS I AM,
I CAN DO WHAT IT SAYS I CAN DO.
I AM A BELIEVER, AND NOT A DOUBTER,
A DOER AND NOT JUST A HEARER, AND
MY LIFE IS THE BETTER AFTER HEARING,
OBEYING, AND APPLYING A
WORD FROM THE LORD.

ESTHER 3:1–2 NIV

¹ AFTER THESE EVENTS, KING XERXES HONORED HAMAN SON OF HAMMEDATHA, THE AGAGITE, ELEVATING HIM AND GIVING HIM A SEAT OF HONOR HIGHER THAN THAT OF ALL THE OTHER NOBLES.

² ALL THE ROYAL OFFICIALS AT THE KING'S GATE KNELT DOWN AND PAID HONOR TO HAMAN, FOR THE KING HAD COMMANDED THIS CONCERNING HIM. BUT MORDECAI WOULD NOT KNEEL DOWN OR PAY HIM HONOR.

ESTHER 3:5–6 NIV

⁵ WHEN HAMAN SAW THAT MORDECAI WOULD NOT KNEEL DOWN OR PAY HIM HONOR, HE WAS ENRAGED.

⁶ YET HAVING LEARNED WHO MORDECAI'S PEOPLE WERE, HE SCORNEDED THE IDEA OF KILLING ONLY MORDECAI. **INSTEAD HAMAN LOOKED FOR A WAY TO DESTROY ALL MORDECAI'S PEOPLE, THE JEWS, THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE KINGDOM OF XERXES.**

ESTHER 3:8 NIV

⁸ THEN HAMAN SAID TO KING XERXES, "THERE IS A CERTAIN PEOPLE DISPERSED AMONG THE PEOPLES IN ALL THE PROVINCES OF YOUR KINGDOM WHO KEEP THEMSELVES SEPARATE. THEIR CUSTOMS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF ALL OTHER PEOPLE, AND THEY DO NOT OBEY THE KING'S LAWS; IT IS NOT IN THE KING'S BEST INTEREST TO TOLERATE THEM.

ESTHER 3:9–10 NIV

⁹ IF IT PLEASES THE KING, LET A DECREE BE ISSUED TO DESTROY THEM, AND I WILL GIVE TEN THOUSAND TALENTS OF SILVER TO THE KING'S ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE ROYAL TREASURY."

¹⁰ SO THE KING TOOK HIS SIGNET RING FROM HIS FINGER AND GAVE IT TO HAMAN SON OF HAMMEDATHA, THE AGAGITE, THE ENEMY OF THE JEWS.

ESTHER 3:13 NIV

13 DISPATCHES WERE SENT BY COURIERS TO ALL THE KING'S PROVINCES WITH THE ORDER TO DESTROY, KILL AND ANNIHILATE ALL THE JEWS—YOUNG AND OLD, WOMEN AND CHILDREN—ON A SINGLE DAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF THE TWELFTH MONTH, THE MONTH OF ADAR, AND TO PLUNDER THEIR GOODS.

1 SAMUEL 15:1–2 NIV

¹ SAMUEL SAID TO SAUL, “I AM THE ONE THE LORD SENT TO ANOINT YOU KING OVER HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL; SO LISTEN NOW TO THE MESSAGE FROM THE LORD.

² THIS IS WHAT THE LORD ALMIGHTY SAYS: **‘I WILL PUNISH THE AMALEKITES FOR WHAT THEY DID TO ISRAEL** WHEN THEY WAYLAID THEM AS THEY CAME UP FROM EGYPT.

EXODUS 17:14 NIV

¹⁴ THEN THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, "WRITE THIS ON A SCROLL AS SOMETHING TO BE REMEMBERED AND MAKE SURE THAT JOSHUA HEARS IT, **BECAUSE I WILL COMPLETELY BLOT OUT THE NAME OF AMALEK FROM UNDER HEAVEN.**"

1 SAMUEL 15:3 NIV

³ NOW GO, ATTACK THE AMALEKITES AND **TOTALLY DESTROY** ALL THAT BELONGS TO THEM. **DO NOT SPARE THEM**; PUT TO DEATH MEN AND WOMEN, CHILDREN AND INFANTS, CATTLE AND SHEEP, CAMELS AND DONKEYS.' ”

1 SAMUEL 15:7–8 NIV

⁷ THEN SAUL ATTACKED THE AMALEKITES ALL THE WAY FROM HAVILAH TO SHUR, NEAR THE EASTERN BORDER OF EGYPT.

⁸ **HE TOOK AGAG KING OF THE AMALEKITES ALIVE,** AND ALL HIS PEOPLE HE TOTALLY DESTROYED WITH THE SWORD.

1 SAMUEL 15:9A NIV

⁹ BUT SAUL AND THE ARMY SPARED AGAG AND THE BEST OF THE SHEEP AND CATTLE, THE FAT CALVES AND LAMBS — EVERYTHING THAT WAS GOOD.

1 SAMUEL 15:12A–13 NIV

¹² EARLY IN THE MORNING SAMUEL GOT UP AND WENT TO MEET SAUL, BUT HE WAS TOLD, “SAUL HAS GONE TO CARMEL.”

¹³ WHEN SAMUEL REACHED HIM, **SAUL SAID, “THE LORD BLESS YOU! I HAVE CARRIED OUT THE LORD’S INSTRUCTIONS.”**

1 SAMUEL 15:14–15 NIV

¹⁴ BUT SAMUEL SAID, “WHAT THEN IS THIS BLEATING OF SHEEP IN MY EARS? WHAT IS THIS LOWING OF CATTLE THAT I HEAR?”

¹⁵ SAUL ANSWERED, “THE SOLDIERS BROUGHT THEM FROM THE AMALEKITES; THEY SPARED THE BEST OF THE SHEEP AND CATTLE TO SACRIFICE TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, BUT WE TOTALLY DESTROYED THE REST.”

1 SAMUEL 15:19 NIV

¹⁹ **WHY DID YOU NOT OBEY THE LORD?** WHY DID YOU POUNCE ON THE PLUNDER AND DO EVIL IN THE EYES OF THE LORD?"

1 SAMUEL 15:24 NIV

²⁴ THEN SAUL SAID TO SAMUEL, “I HAVE SINNED. I VIOLATED THE LORD’S COMMAND AND YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. **I WAS AFRAID OF THE MEN AND SO I GAVE IN TO THEM.**

ESTHER 2:5 NIV

⁵ NOW THERE WAS IN THE CITADEL OF SUSAN A JEW OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, NAMED **MORDECAI SON OF JAIR, THE SON OF SHIMEI, THE SON OF KISH,**

1 CHRONICLES 12:1 NIV

¹THESE WERE THE MEN WHO CAME TO DAVID AT ZIKLAG, WHILE HE WAS BANISHED FROM THE PRESENCE OF **SAUL SON OF KISH** (THEY WERE AMONG THE WARRIORS WHO HELPED HIM IN BATTLE;

ESTHER 3:1 NIV

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ESTHER 3:6 NIV

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ESTHER 3:9 NIV

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ESTHER 3:10 NIV

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MATTHEW 16:21–22 NIV

²¹ FROM THAT TIME ON JESUS BEGAN TO EXPLAIN TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE MUST GO TO JERUSALEM AND SUFFER MANY THINGS AT THE HANDS OF THE ELDERS, THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW, AND THAT HE MUST BE KILLED AND ON THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED TO LIFE.

²² PETER TOOK HIM ASIDE AND BEGAN TO REBUKE HIM. “NEVER, LORD!” HE SAID. “THIS SHALL NEVER HAPPEN TO YOU!”

MATTHEW 16:23–24 NIV

²³ JESUS TURNED AND SAID TO PETER, “GET BEHIND ME, SATAN! YOU ARE A STUMBLING BLOCK TO ME; YOU DO NOT HAVE IN MIND THE CONCERNS OF GOD, BUT MERELY HUMAN CONCERNS.”

²⁴ THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, “WHOEVER WANTS TO BE MY DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES AND TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.

MATTHEW 16:25–26 NIV

²⁵ FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES THEIR LIFE FOR ME WILL FIND IT.

²⁶ WHAT GOOD WILL IT BE FOR SOMEONE TO GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, YET FORFEIT THEIR SOUL? OR WHAT CAN ANYONE GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR SOUL?

GALATIANS 5:19 NLT

¹⁹ WHEN YOU FOLLOW THE DESIRES OF YOUR SINFUL NATURE, THE RESULTS ARE VERY CLEAR: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, LUSTFUL PLEASURES,

GALATIANS 5:20–21 NLT

²⁰ IDOLATRY, SORCERY, HOSTILITY,
QUARRELING, JEALOUSY, OUTBURSTS OF
ANGER, SELFISH AMBITION, DISSENSION,
DIVISION,

²¹ ENVY, DRUNKENNESS, WILD PARTIES, AND
OTHER SINS LIKE THESE. LET ME TELL YOU
AGAIN, AS I HAVE BEFORE, THAT ANYONE
LIVING THAT SORT OF LIFE WILL NOT INHERIT
THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

GALATIANS 5:24 NIV

²⁴ THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS **HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES.**

ESTHER 4:10–11 NIV

¹⁰ THEN SHE INSTRUCTED HIM TO SAY TO MORDECAI,

¹¹ “ALL THE KING’S OFFICIALS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE ROYAL PROVINCES KNOW THAT FOR ANY MAN OR WOMAN WHO APPROACHES THE KING IN THE INNER COURT WITHOUT BEING SUMMONED THE KING HAS BUT ONE LAW: THAT THEY BE PUT TO DEATH UNLESS THE KING EXTENDS THE GOLD SCEPTER TO THEM AND SPARES THEIR LIVES. BUT THIRTY DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE I WAS CALLED TO GO TO THE KING.”

ESTHER 4:12–13 NIV

¹² WHEN ESTHER'S WORDS WERE REPORTED TO MORDECAI,

¹³ HE SENT BACK THIS ANSWER: "DO NOT THINK THAT BECAUSE YOU ARE IN THE KING'S HOUSE YOU ALONE OF ALL THE JEWS WILL ESCAPE.

ESTHER 4:14 NIV

¹⁴ FOR IF YOU REMAIN SILENT AT THIS TIME, RELIEF AND DELIVERANCE FOR THE JEWS WILL ARISE FROM ANOTHER PLACE, BUT YOU AND YOUR FATHER'S FAMILY WILL PERISH. AND WHO KNOWS BUT THAT YOU HAVE COME TO YOUR ROYAL POSITION FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?"

ESTHER 4:15–16 NIV

¹⁵ THEN ESTHER SENT THIS REPLY TO MORDECAI:

¹⁶ “GO, GATHER TOGETHER ALL THE JEWS WHO ARE IN SUSAN, AND FAST FOR ME. DO NOT EAT OR DRINK FOR THREE DAYS, NIGHT OR DAY. I AND MY ATTENDANTS WILL FAST AS YOU DO. WHEN THIS IS DONE, I WILL GO TO THE KING, EVEN THOUGH IT IS AGAINST THE LAW. AND IF I PERISH, I PERISH.”