



# ESTHER: *God's silent sovereignty*

Esther 2:19-Chapter 3

## Introduction

## The story

### A Plot

### A Promotion

- ❖ Exodus 17:14-16—*Then the Lord said to Moses, " Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." 15 And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord Is My Banner, 16 saying, "A hand upon the throne of the Lord! The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*
- ❖ 1 Samuel 15:2-3—*Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. 3 Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.*
- ❖ 1 Samuel 15:23—*Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.*

### Pride

- ❖ Proverbs 16:18—*Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

### Perdition

- ❖ Esther 3:13—*destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods.*

## Lessons from our story

### 1. God's people aren't meant to be at home in the world

- ❖ 1 John 2:15-17—*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life — is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*
- ❖ James 4:4—*You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

### 2. Destined for destruction

- ❖ Ephesians 2:1-3—*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind*

### 3. Our story doesn't end here