

THE BOOK OF
ESTHER



HAMAN! BOO!!!

- **AGAGITE, POSSIBLE AMALEKITE?**
- **DEMANDS IMMEDIATE “HONOR”**
 - **YEARNED FOR EXALTATION ABOVE ALL**
 - **“PAID HIM - HOMAGE” KING’S COMMAND**
 - **REMEMBER JOSEPH? ZAPENATH-PANEAH!**
- **MORDECAI REFUSES TO BOW...**

HAMAN'S RAGE

- KING'S SERVANTS TRY
 - PEER PRESSURE TO CONFORM
 - "EVERYONE IS DOING IT!"
- KING'S COMMAND (3)
- HIS REASON? "HE WAS A JEW" (H.A.M.)
 - WHY? HE CLAIMED DIVINITY! (EX 20:2-6)

DO WE DEAL WITH IDOLS?

- **ACTS 15 – 1 OF 4 “KEEP FREE”**
- **ACTS 17:16 – ATHENS!**
- **1 COR 8:1 – MEATS GIVEN TO IDOLS**
- **1 JOHN 5:21...**
- **REV. 9:20...SINS OF THE AGE**

BACK TO HAMAN...

- **HE DISCOVERS MORDECAI IS A JEW**
 - **STRANGERS IN THE LAND**
 - **WANTS TO PUNISH EVERY JEW! (6)**
 - **SATANIC INFLUENCE...**
- **CAUSING OTHERS TO PAY FOR SIN**
 - **“SOUL THAT SINS...” JER 31:29; EZK 18:2**

THE KING APPROACHED

- **12TH YEAR (VS 7) - ESTHER 5 YEARS**
 - **SEEKS TO GET “LUCKY” CASTING LOTS (PUR)**
 - **CASTING GETS HIM AN 11 MONTH WAIT!**
- **PROVIDENCE OF GOD – PR. 16:33**
 - **TIME FOR MORDECAI**
 - **TIME FOR ESTHER**

CONNING THE KING

- **THERE IS A CERTAIN PEOPLE**
 - **SCATTERED AND DISPERSED**
 - **LAWS ARE DIFFERENT**
 - **DO NOT OBSERVE THE KING'S LAWS**
 - **NOT IN YOUR INTEREST TO KEEP THEM**
 - **IF IT IS PLEASING... DESTROY! (9)**
 - **10,000 TALENTS OF SILVER...(75 MILLION)**

KING 'BOWS'...

- **WITHOUT INQUIRY, OR A NAME!**
- **TURNS OVER THE KING'S SIGNET RING**
- **NOTE THE FULL NAME...**
- **NO RESTRICTIONS... ANYTHING GOES?!**
- **SILVER IS YOURS, PEOPLE ARE YOURS...**
- **4:7; 7:4...**
- **THE SCRIBES ARE CALLED...**

EVIL DECREE

- **13TH DAY, 1ST MONTH**
 - **SENT TO EVERY PROVINCE**
 - **“DESTROY, KILL, ANNIHILATE ALL”**
 - **YOUNG AND OLD...**
 - **IN ONE DAY – 13TH DAY, 12TH MONTH**
 - **SEIZE POSSESSIONS AS PLUNDER!**

THE DECREE GOES OUT

- **COURIERS TAKE THE MESSAGE**
 - **IMPELLED BY THE KING'S COMMAND**
- **RESULTS?**
 - **KING AND HAMAN GO DRINKING...**
 - **THAT WORKED OUT LAST TIME...!**
 - **SUSA IN CONFUSION! ARBITRARY ACTS**
 - **WHAT MIGHT HE DO NEXT???**

RESPONDING TO DEATH

- **HOW TO HANDLE THIS?**
 - **MORDECAI TORE HIS CLOTHING**
 - **WEEPING, WAILING, MOURNING**
 - **EXCLUDED HIM FROM THE KING**
 - **JEWS THROUGHOUT THE REALM**
 - **FASTING...**
 - **PRAYER!!!**

ESTHER'S COMPASSION

- **NO ONE KNEW SHE WAS JEWISH**
 - **SHE IS TOLD MORDECAI IS IN GRIEF**
 - **'WRITHED IN GREAT ANGUISH'**
 - **EMPATHY WITH HER COUSIN**
 - **SENDS CLOTHING, FROM PALACE**
 - **MORDECAI REFUSES THESE...**
 - **FIND OUT 'WHAT' AND 'WHY'**