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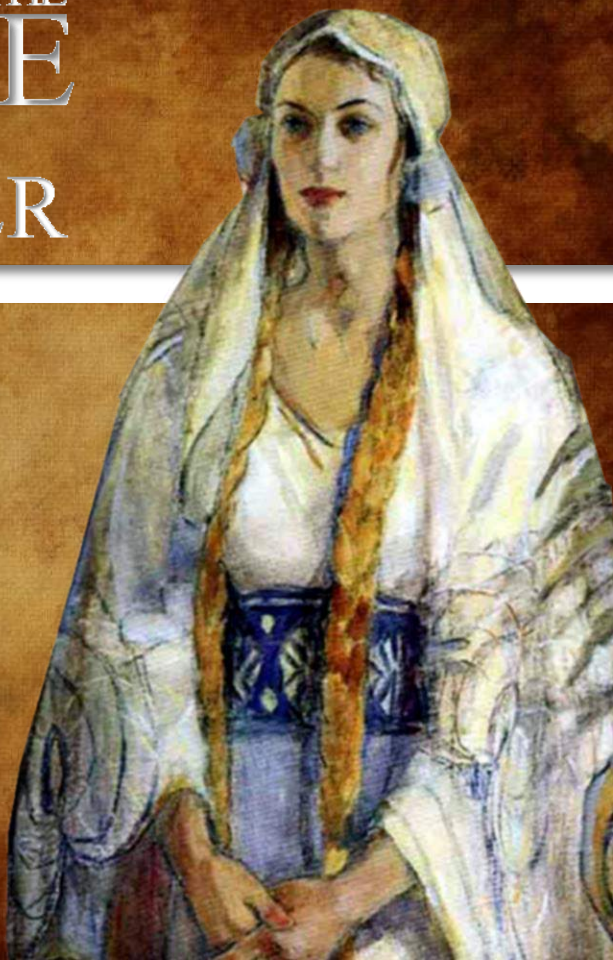
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PART 6

The book of  
Esther



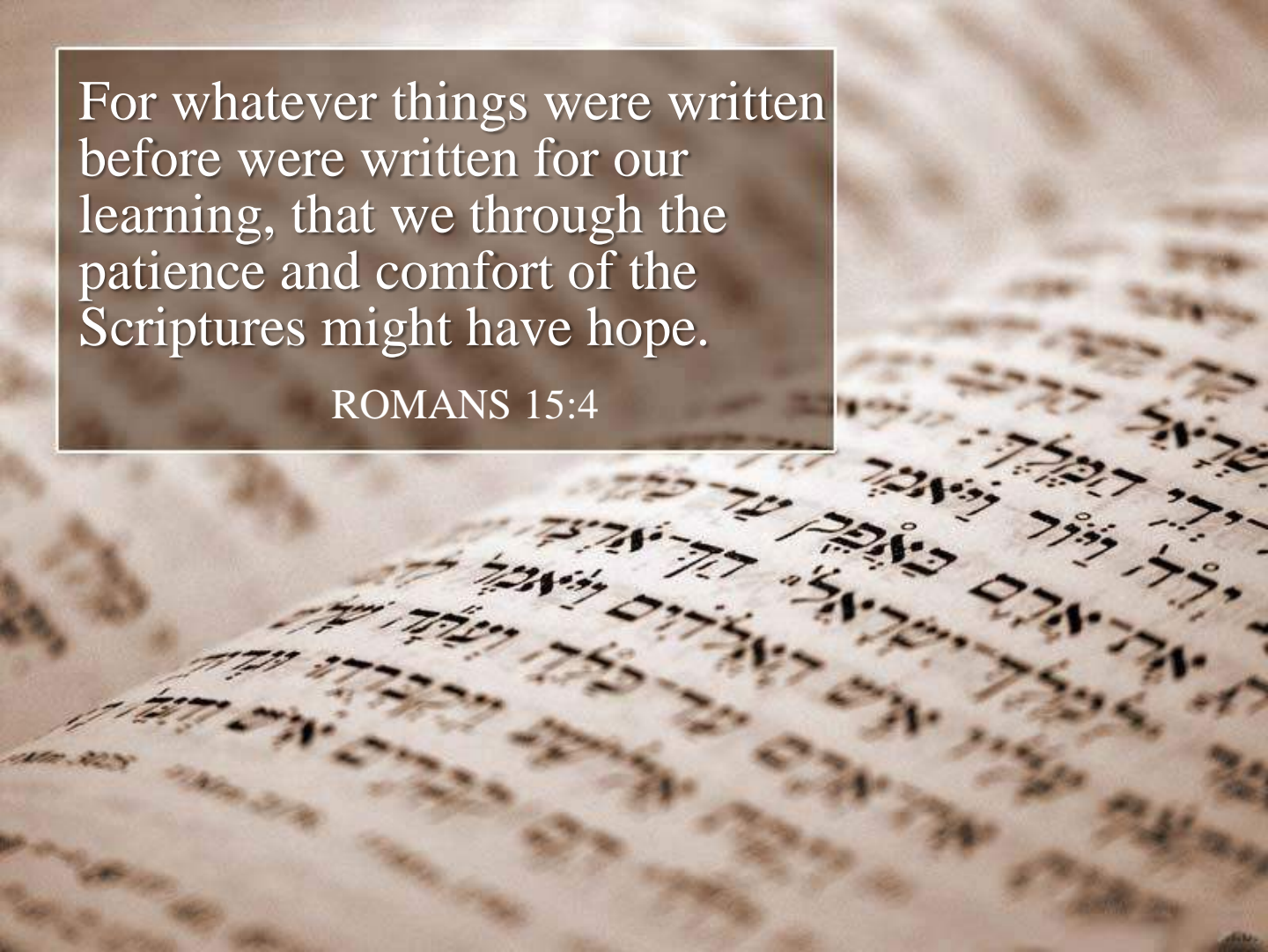
# Esther

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For whatever things were written  
before were written for our  
learning, that we through the  
patience and comfort of the  
Scriptures might have hope.

ROMANS 15:4





# Underlying Concepts

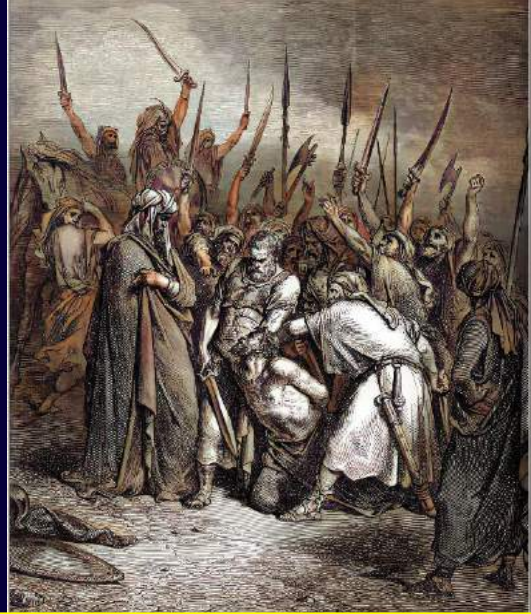
- Esther – the book of something hidden (Book of Esther)
- Purim – the casting of lots – “The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.” (Proverb 16:33)
- The Law of the Medes and the Persians, a royal decree cannot be changed. (Daniel 6:8)
- Coincidence or providential hand of God?
- Ancient Everlasting Hatred (Ezekiel 35:5-7)



עוֹלָם אֵיבָת

# עוֹלָם אֵיבָת

Saul's **disobedience**  
to God spared Agag  
and led to **Haman**.



David's **mercy**  
to Shimei led to  
**Mordecai** and  
**Esther**.

# The literary structure

- Xerxes insomnia
- Prologue (situation)
- 2-3 Xerxes' first decree
- 4-5 Haman's exasperation with Mordecai
- 6-7 Mordecai's exaltation over Haman
- 8-9 Xerxes second decree
- 10 Epilogue (celebration)

Part 1

Part 2

Part 3

Part 4

Part 5

Part 6

**DANGER**

(1-5)

**DELIVERANCE**

(6-10)



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1 King Ahasuerus gave a feast for all his generals and officials. He ordered Queen Vashti to show off her beauty, but she refused, so his counselors advised him to replace her.

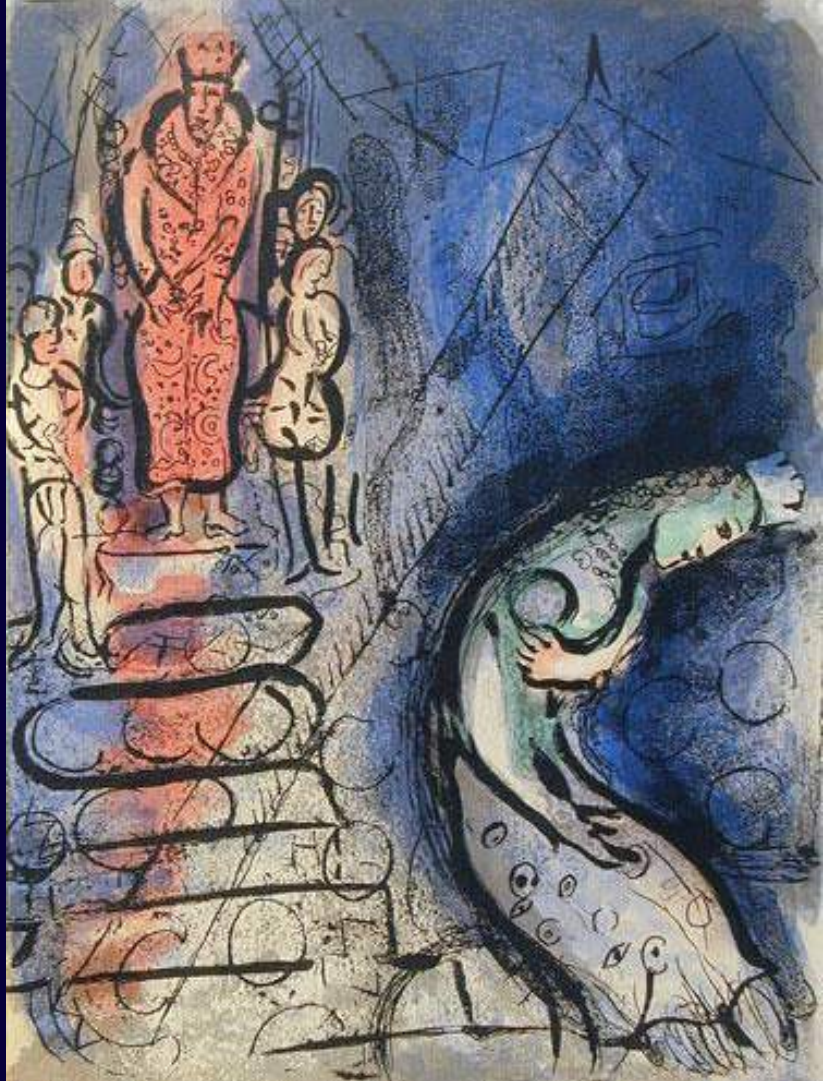


"Queen Vashti deposed" by Ernest Normand, 1890.



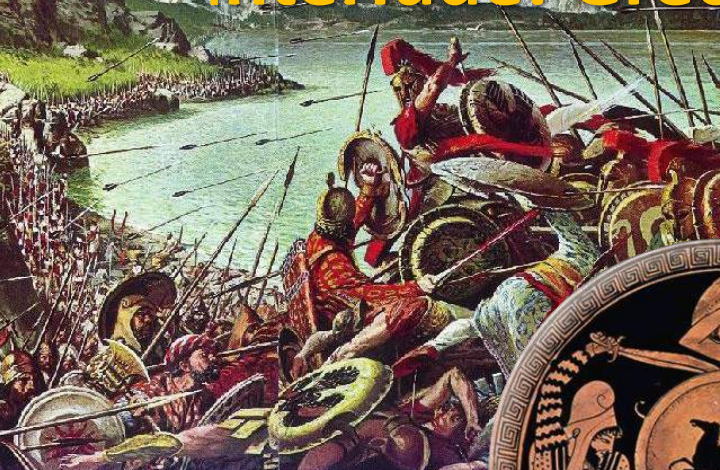
“... let it be  
recorded in the  
laws of the Persians  
and the Medes, so  
that it will not be  
altered, that Vashti  
shall come no more  
before King  
Ahasuerus...”

“Ahaseurus Banishes Vashti –  
*Assérus Chasse Vashti*”  
Marc Chagall, 1960.





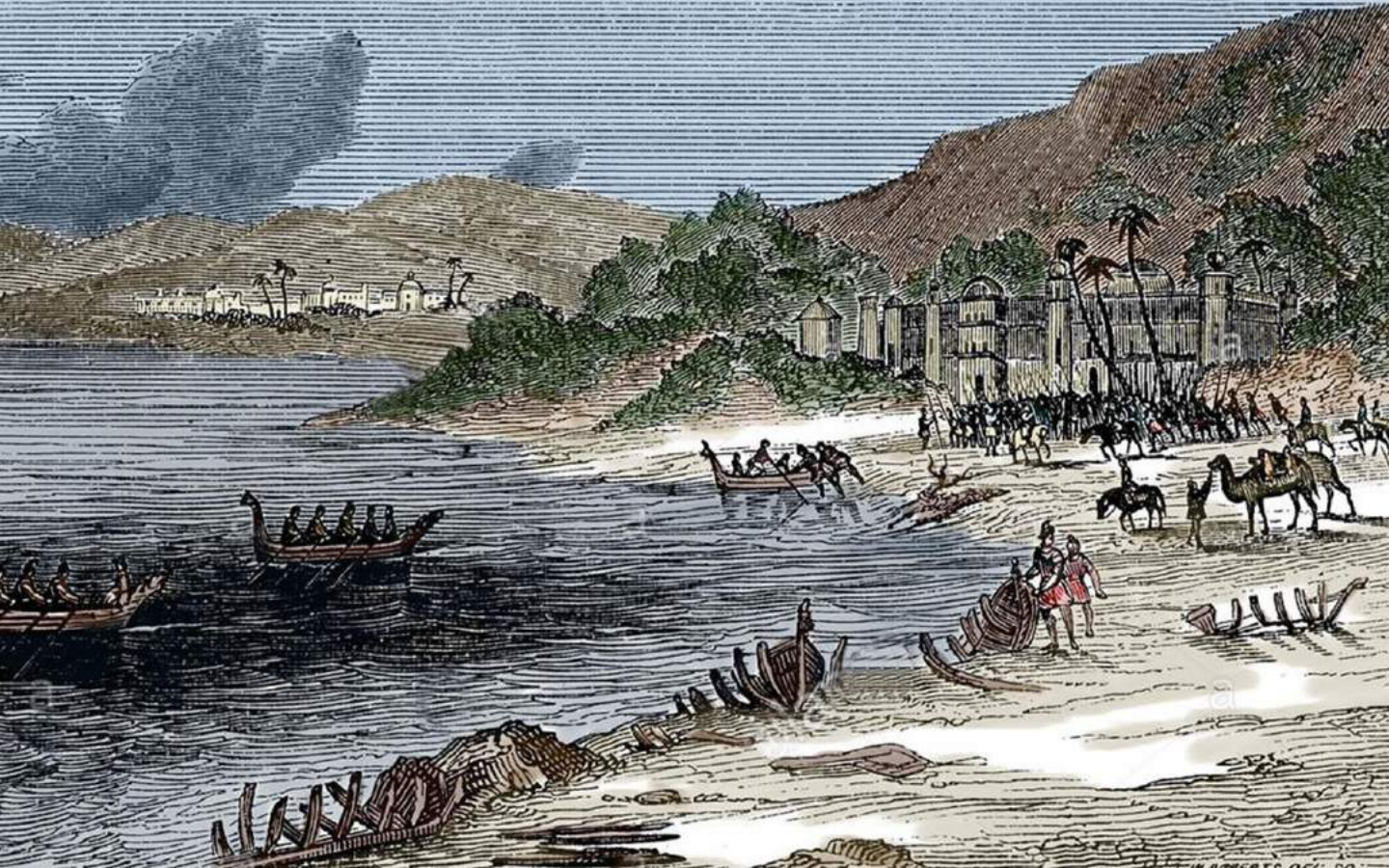
# Interlude: Greco-Persian War



481-479 BC



Only 5.000 of the massive defeated Persian army and navy managed to straggle back to Asia.





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Ex-queen Vashti was banned from ever seeing Xerxes. Memucan and other advisers advised Xerxes to hold a competition for a new queen.

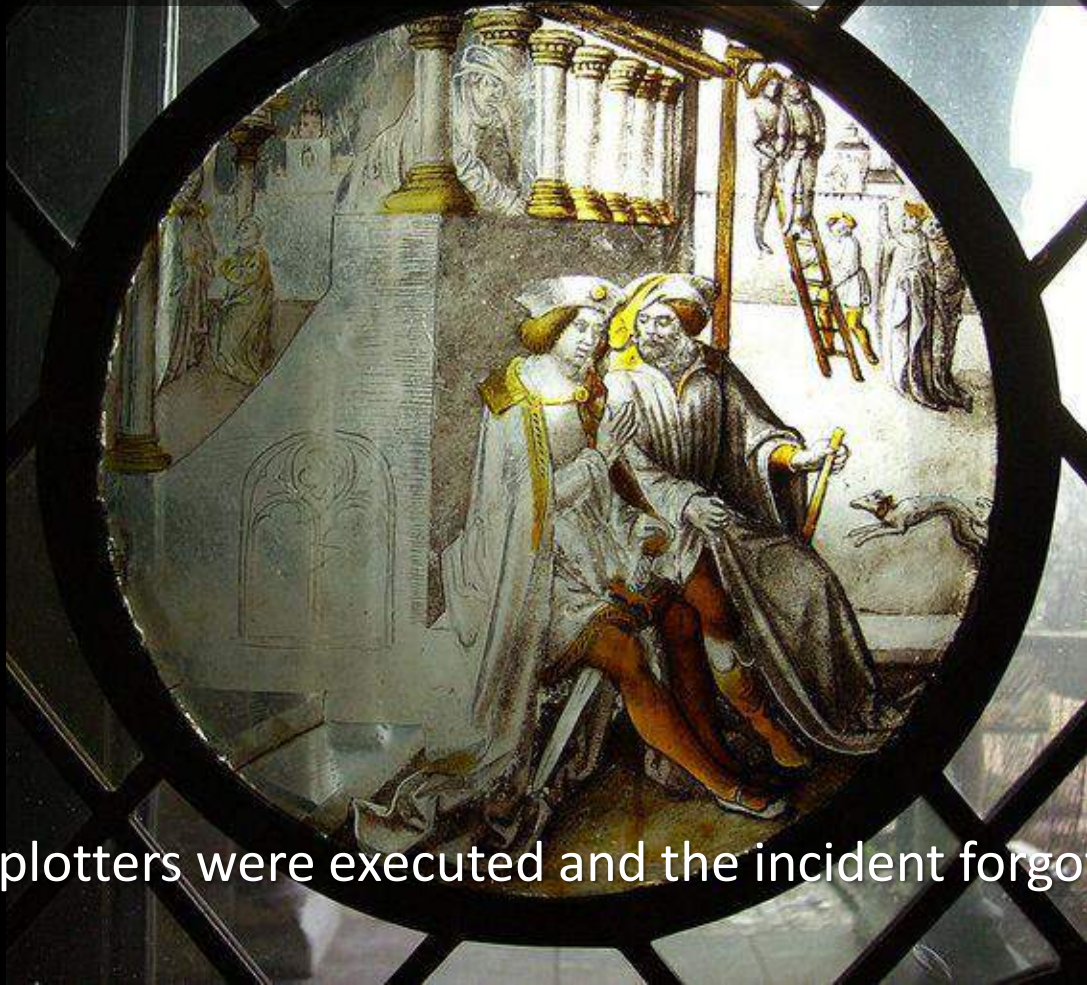




Mordecai raised Esther. She was taken into the king's harem and was chosen as queen. Mordecai instructed her to hide her ethnicity.



Mordecai overheard a plot and told Esther who told Xerxes.



The plotters were executed and the incident forgotten.

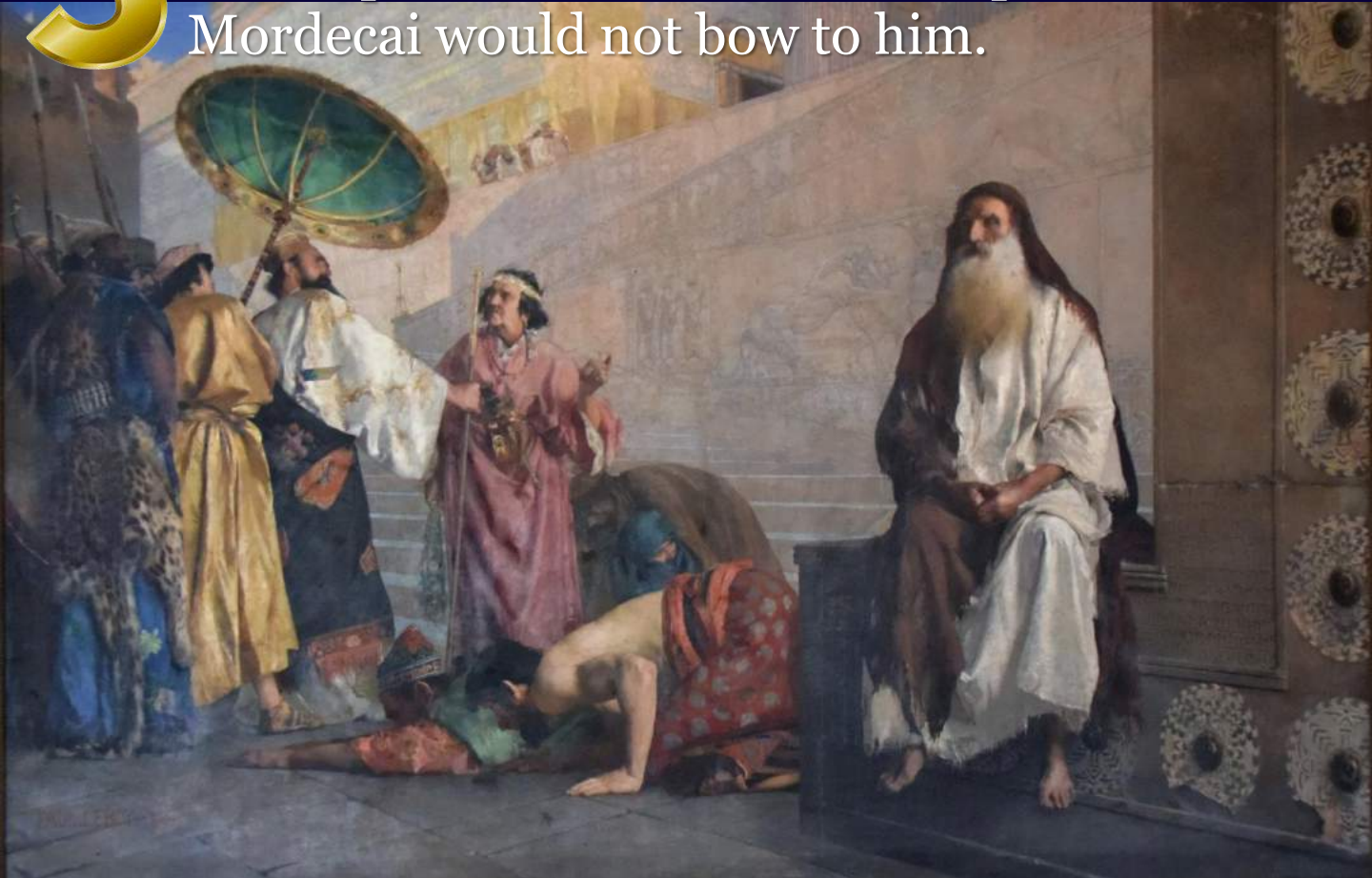
**TWO  
YEARS  
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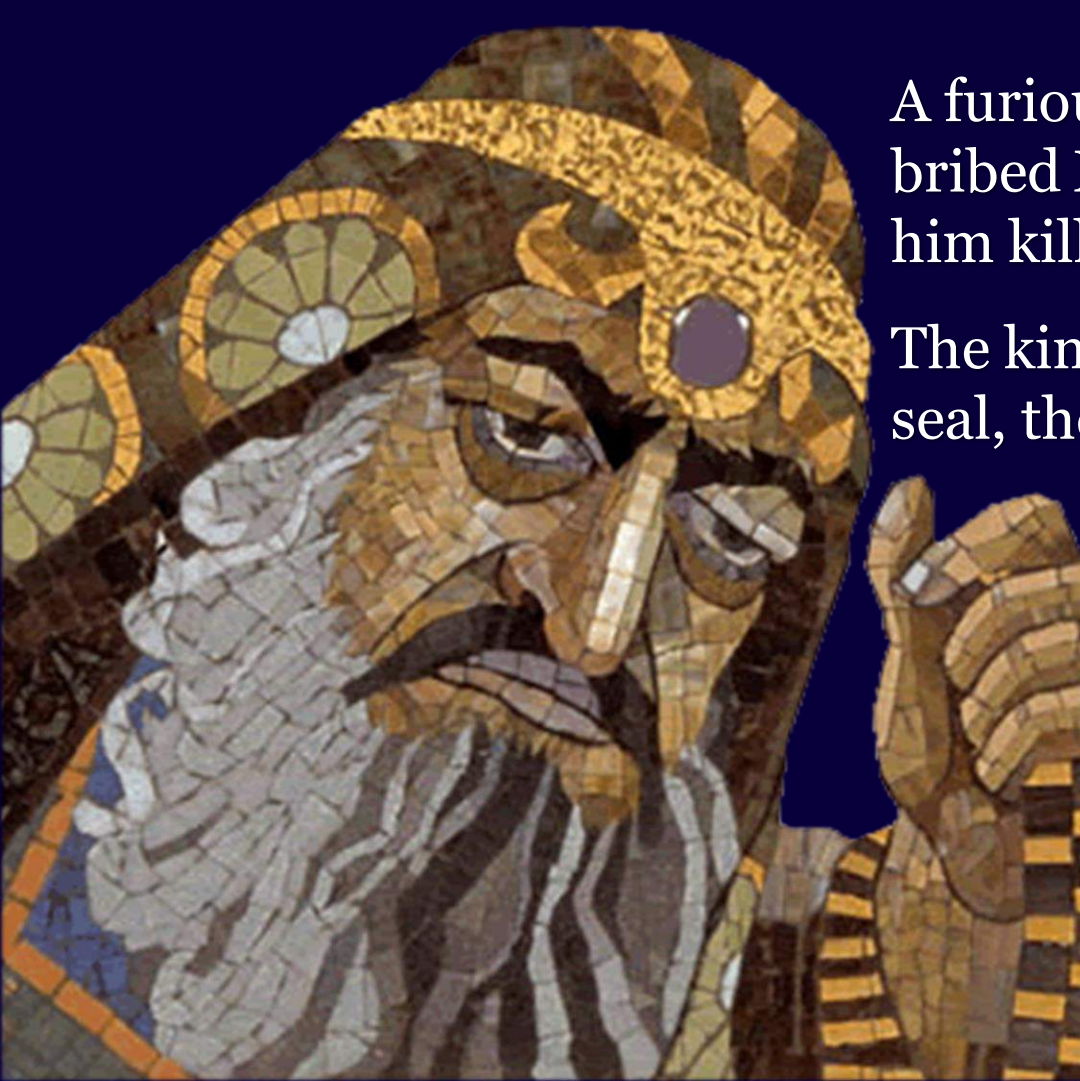
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# 3

The king promoted Haman to Grand Vizier and required all to bow when he passed, but Mordecai would not bow to him.



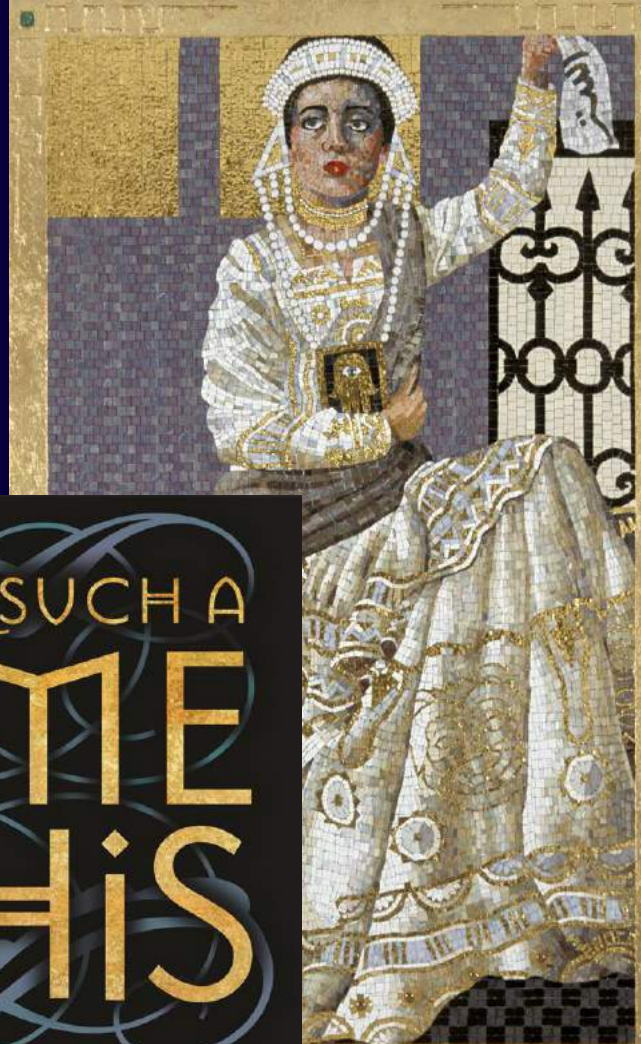


A furious Haman  
bribed Xerxes to let  
him kill all Jews.

The king gave his  
seal, the lot was  
cast, and  
the date to  
kill all Jews  
was set as  
13 Adar,  
the last  
date of the  
year.



**4** Mordecai asked  
Esther to plead with  
the king. Esther said,  
“I cannot. It is against the  
law to approach unbidden.”  
“Perhaps you were born...



FOR SUCH A  
**time**  
AS **THIS**

“I will go to the king against the law.

“If I die, I die!”





5

Esther won favour with the king and invited the king and Haman to wine and dessert. There, she invited them to a feast the next day.



'Permission to Speak' by Lilian Broca, 2009.



That night, Haman built an enormous gallows from which to hang Mordecai.



Esther

6

That night the king could not sleep. He read about the plot that Mordecai foiled but was not rewarded for.





As the king wondered how to amend his oversight and honor Mordecai, Haman arrived with a plan... which he subtly revised to please the king.



"Triumph of Mordecai" by Richard McBee, 1980.

Haman came to ask to hang Mordecai,  
but was ordered to honor him instead.



"The Triumph of Mordechai" by Jacob Willemszoon de Wet, the Elder, c. 1671.



“Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!”



“The Triumph of Mordecai” by Jean François de Troy, c. 1736.

**7** At the promised feast, the king again asked Esther, “What is your request?” She said, “My people have been sold by Haman.”





A furious Ahasuerus arose in his wrath from the banquet and went to the palace garden to ponder



"Wrath of Ahasuerus" by Jan Steen, c. 1671-1873.

Imploring Esther for mercy, Haman tripped and fell on her just as the simmering king returned.

HOW THE  
MIGHTY HAVE  
FALLS

Haman was hung from his own gallows.



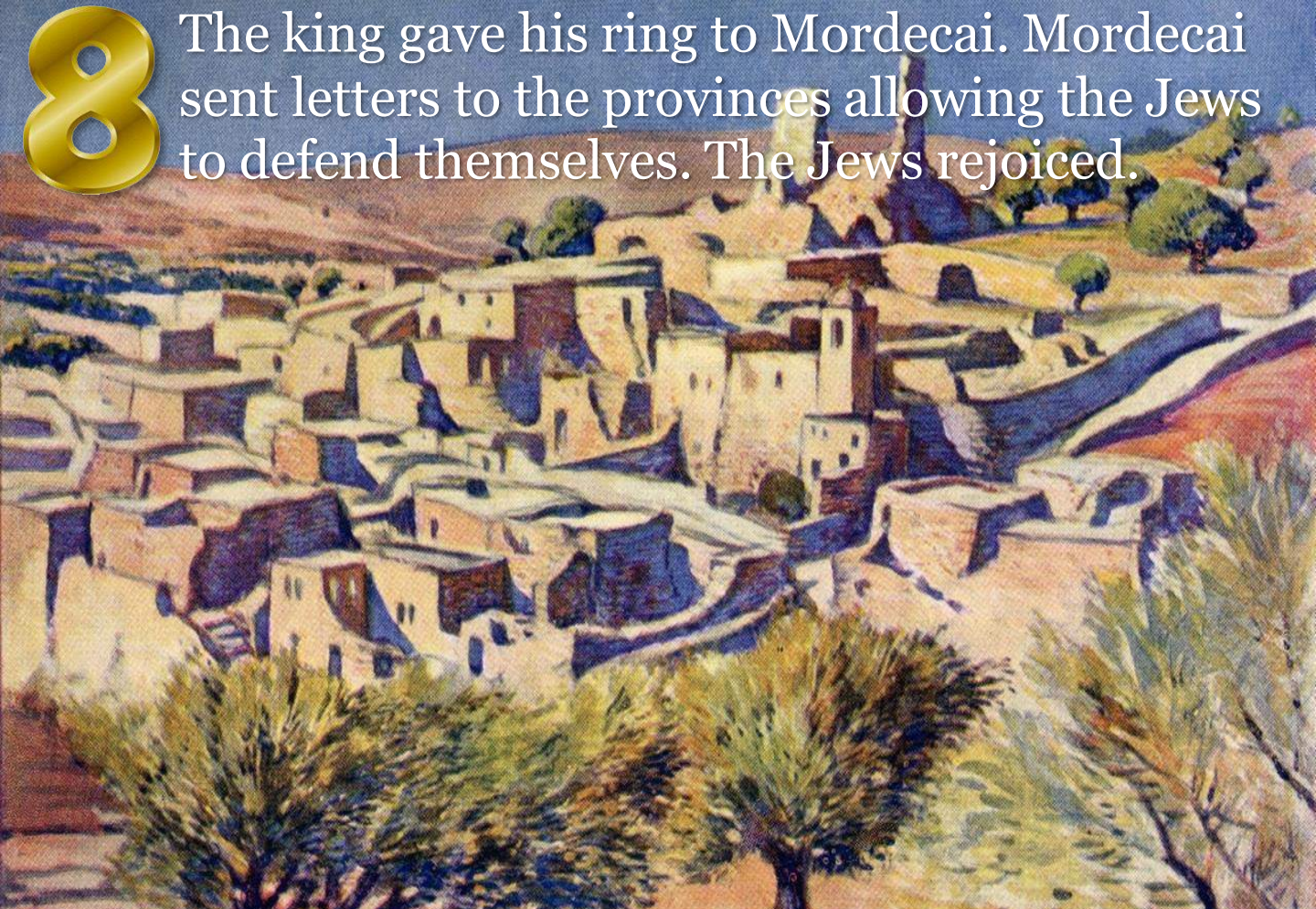
# Leaving just one minor problem...





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The king gave his ring to Mordecai. Mordecai sent letters to the provinces allowing the Jews to defend themselves. The Jews rejoiced.



“Bethany” from *A Book of Modern Palestine* by Richard Penlake published c.1910.



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9

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Adar, enemies of the Jews rose up to kill all Jews but the Jews were ready and defended themselves, killing their enemies including Haman's ten sons. No plunder was taken.





The king called in Esther to ask her wishes, so she asked for an additional day of retribution in Susa, and for the bodies of Haman's sons to be hanged.



Esther and Mordecai then wrote to all the Jews and established the Feast of Purim as a perpetual festival and time of remembrance.



"The Feast of the Rejoicing of the Law" by Solomon Hart, 1850.



HAPPY PURIM



"Happy Purim" by Shapiro.

The book of

Esther

Chapter 10



# Esther 10

<sup>1</sup> And King Ahasuerus imposed tribute on the land and *on* the islands of the sea.





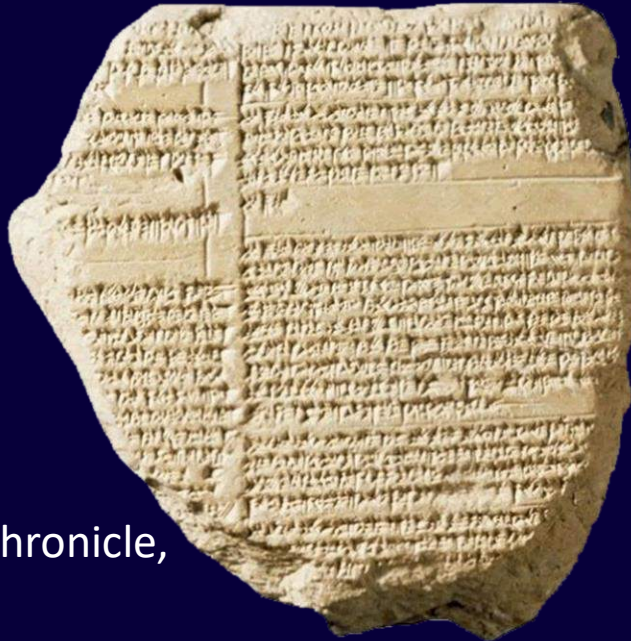
<sup>2</sup> Now all the acts of his power and his might, and the account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?



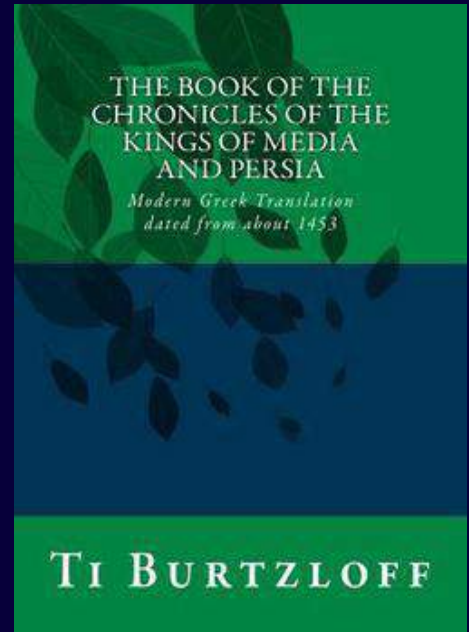
Trilingual Inscription of Xerxes (Old Persian, Babylonian and Elamite)



<sup>3</sup> For Mordecai the Jew *was* second to King Ahasuerus, and was great among the Jews and well received by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his countrymen.



Nabonidus Chronicle,  
c. 527 BC

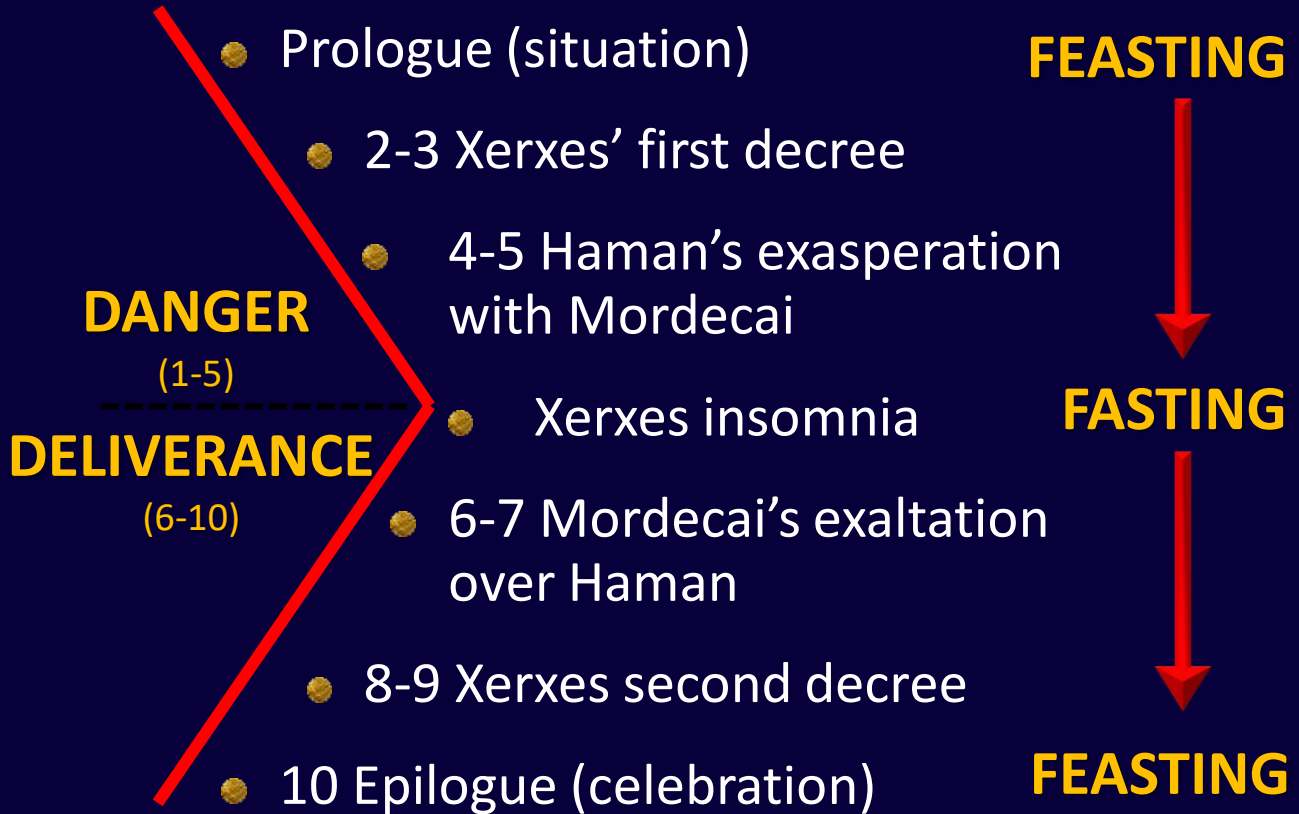


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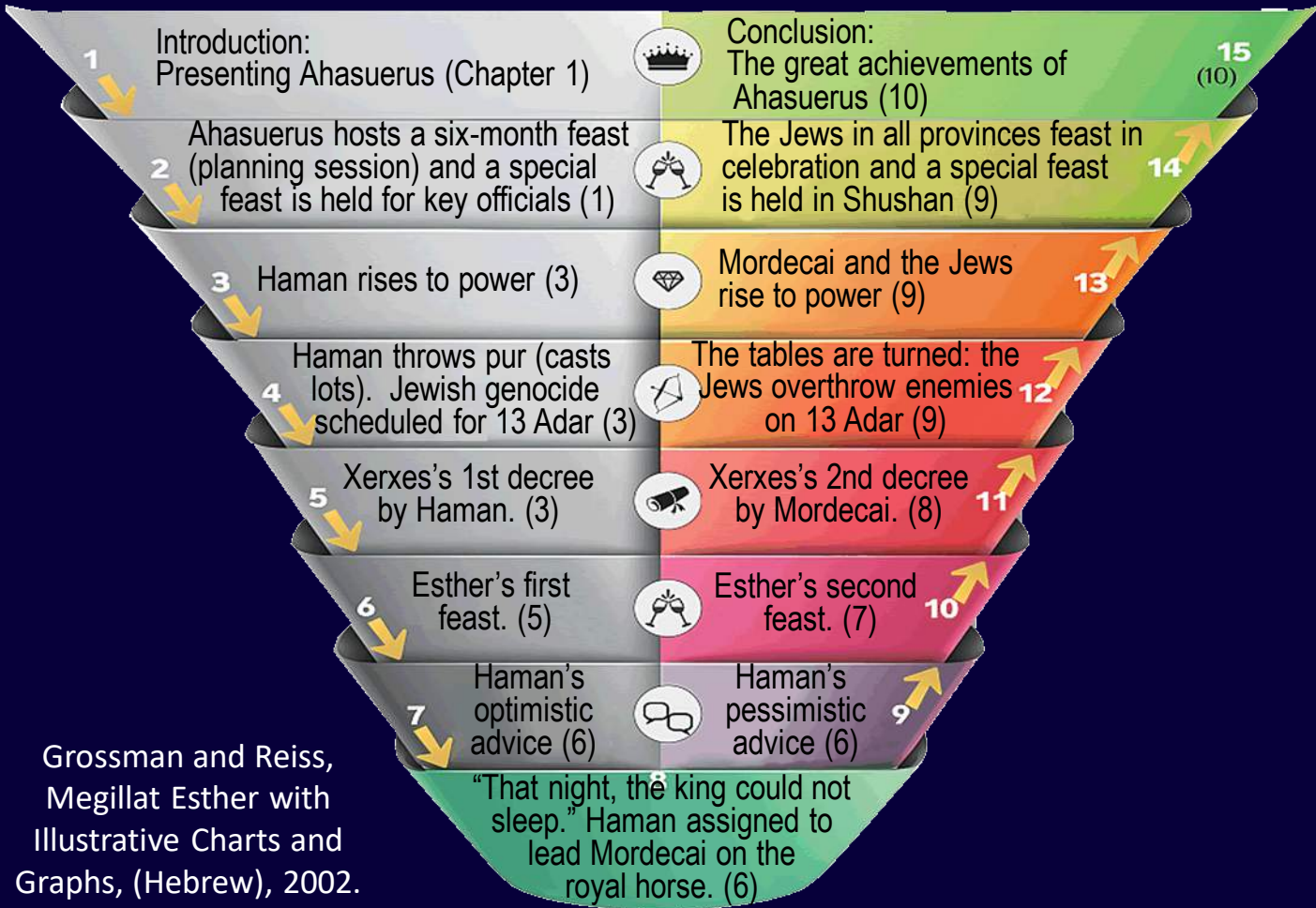
God is in control



# The literary structure



# The Structure of the book of Esther



Grossman and Reiss,  
Megillat Esther with  
Illustrative Charts and  
Graphs, (Hebrew), 2002.



# Esther

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# Haman in the Qur'an

- Haman appears six times in the Qur'an, but as overseer of the stone masons of the idol Amun in Moses's day. His name and title have been found in Egyptian hieroglyphics.
- Haman was a contemporary of Abraham and one of the strongest supporters of Pharaoh in his quarrel with Moses. He may have been in the Qur'an to sharpen the contrast between Moses and His deputy Harun (Aaron) with Pharaoh and his deputy Haman.
- The Qur'an may have followed from a Samaritan bible, where the Jews become Samaritans and Haman became a Jew.
- Mordecai's refusal to bow to Haman, in Esther is one of a chain of comparable episodes in Near and Middle Eastern literature, of which Satan's (Iblis) refusal to bow to newly created Adam is but one. They would suggest stories like this be read as a figurative *topos*, rather than taken literally.



# Esther, Islamic Heroine

- Malikah Astir RA (may Allah be pleased with her) was a noble heroine of Islam, and she is greatly praised. She is known for saving the followers of Allah from destruction.
- Haman (may the curse of Allah be upon him) approached the throne of King Zarksis and pleaded with the king to have every last follower of Allah (both male and female) thrown into the lion's den. The king then proceeded to consult with his wife, Queen Astir RA concerning the matter.
- Queen Astir RA replied: "Oh king, live forever. Surely this man is a *fitenah* (slanderer) and a *mushrikeen* (idol worshipper). He shall be thrown into the lions' den with his wife and children along with all his slaves and livestock". And a decree was passed down.
- Haman and his wife and children, along with all his male and female slaves, and his cattle were all thrown into the lions' den

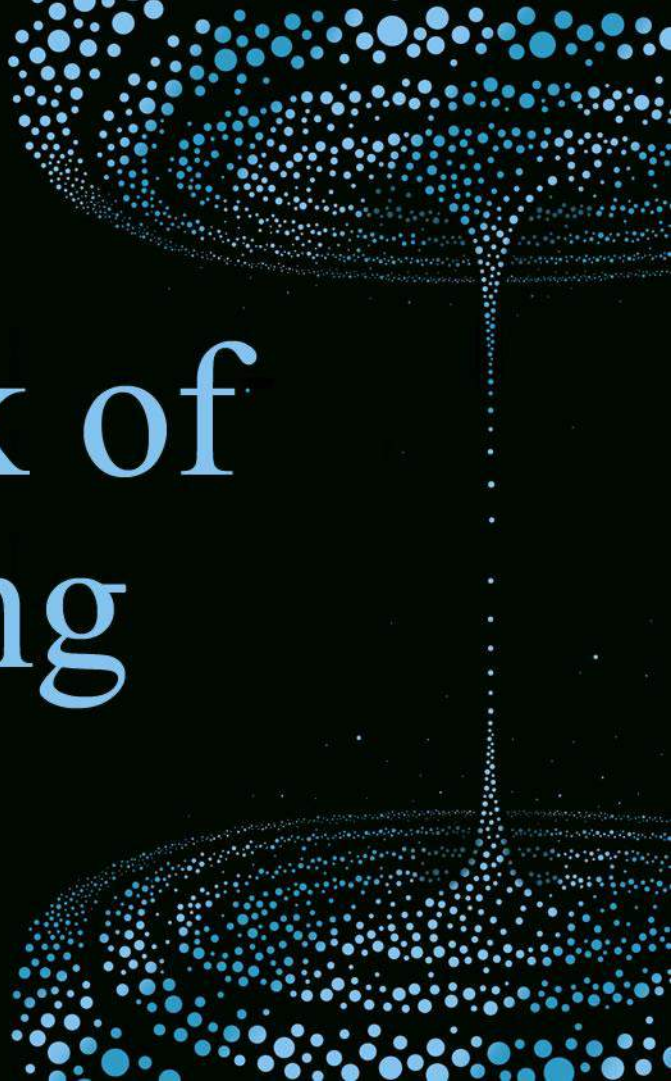


*That's all Folks!*



# Esther:

## The book of Something Hidden



# עוֹלָם אֵיבָה



## The Everlasting Hatred

The LORD said, “*Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.*”  
[Romans 9:13 quoting Malachi 1:2-3]



# Abraham

Sarah

Hagar

Keturah

Isaac

Ishmael

Zimran

**12 Tribes  
of Israel**

Esau

Jacob

Reuben

Simeon

Levi

Judah

Dan

Naphtali

Gad

Issachar

Asher

Zebulan

Joseph\*

Benjamin

\*(Ephraim & Manasseh)

Esau

Eliphaz

Amalek

Jeush

Jaalam

Korah

Reuel

Arab

Nebajoth

Kedar

Adbeel

Mibsam

Mishma

Dumah

Massa

Hadar

Tema

Jetur

Naphish

Kedemah

Saudi  
Arab

Jokshan

Sheba

Dedan

Medan

Bedouin

Midian

Ephah

Epher

Hanoch

Abidah

Eldaah

Ishbak

Shuah

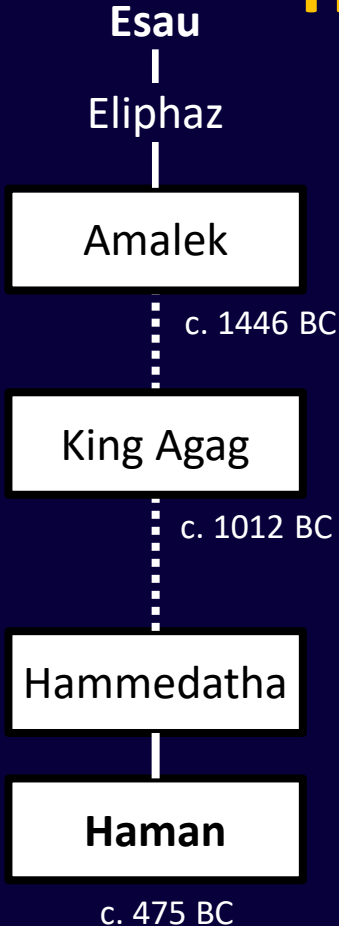
Edomite

Amalekite





# Haman's Genealogy



- Amalek fought with Israel at Rephidim (Ex 17:8-16).
- Amalekites attacked rear of marching Israelites in the Exodus (Deut 25:17-19).
- **“YHWH will have war with Amalek from generation to generation”** (Ex 17:14-18).

- Samuel ordered Saul to **“go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not.”** (1 Sam 15:1-3).
- Saul spared Agag, so God took the kingdom from him. (1 Sam 5:7-28)
- Samuel killed Agag but some Agagites escaped. In fact, an Amalekite claimed to have killed Saul in battle. (2 Sam 1:1-10)

**Saul's disobedience to God spared Agag, thus resulting in Haman.**

# Genealogy

Jacob



Benjamin



Gera  
(of the house  
of Saul)



Shimei

c. 1005 BC



Jair



Mordecai

c. 475 BC



Abihail



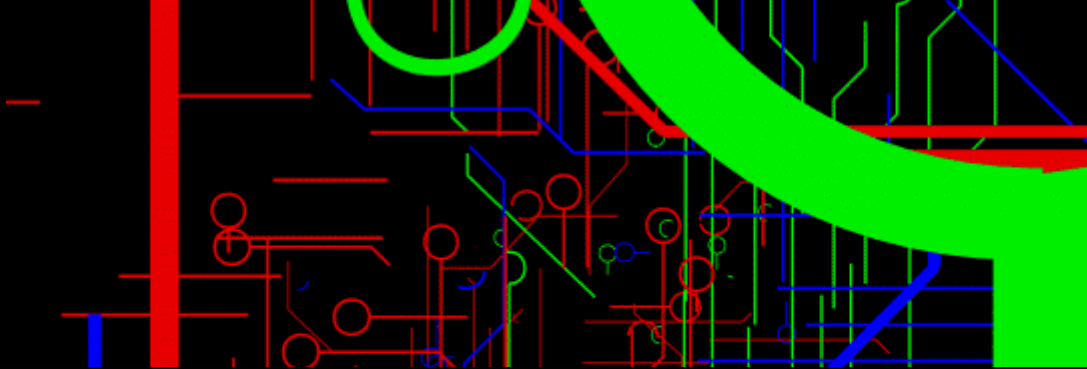
Esther

As David fled from Absalom Shimei ran along the ridge overlooking the road, cursing, throwing stones at him, and saying, *“Come out, come out, thou bloody man and thou man of Belial the Lord hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son, and behold thou art taken in thy mischief because thou art a bloody man”* (2 Sam 16:5-13). Abishai would have “taken off his head” then and there but David let him live.

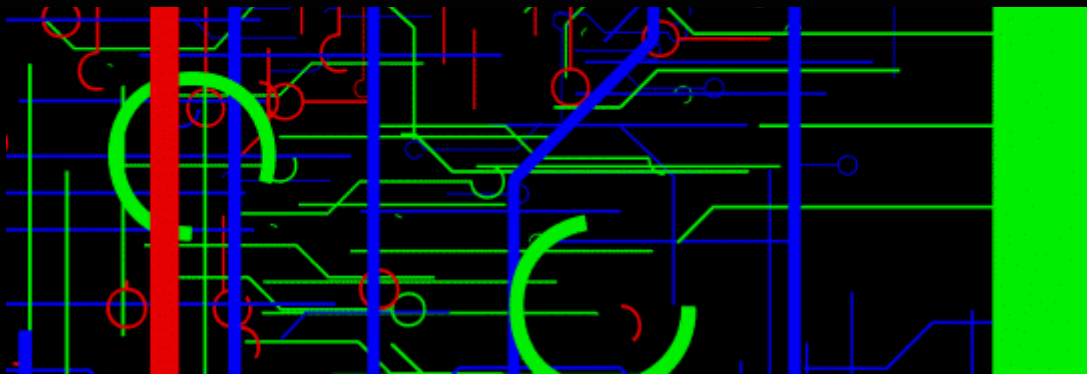
When David became king, Shimei met him with a thousand Benjamites, and begged David to spare him. Abishai would again have slain Shimei, but David on his day of restoration to the kingdom said “thou shalt not die.”

David showing Shimei **mercy**  
led to Mordecai and Esther.





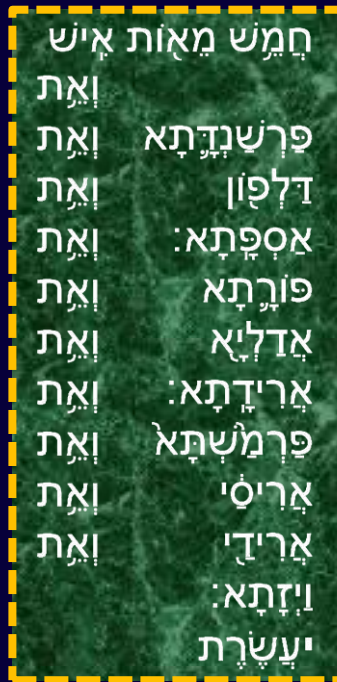
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The Masoretic Text writes the names in a weird way:



חַמָּשׁ מֵאוֹת אִישׁ  
וְאֶת  
פַּרְשַׁנְדָּתָא וְאֶת  
דַּלְפֹּן וְאֶת  
אַסְפָּתָא וְאֶת  
פוֹרְתָא וְאֶת  
אֲדִלְיָא וְאֶת  
אַרְיֵדָתָא וְאֶת  
פַּרְמָשְׁתָּא וְאֶת  
אַרִּיסַי וְאֶת  
אַרִּידַי וְאֶת  
וַיְזָתָא וְעֶשְׂתֵּר



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can mean “and,  
also, or **self**”.

Also

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חֲמִשָּׁה מֵאוֹת אִישׁ

וְאֵת

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דַּלְפֹּן

אַסְפָּתָא

פוֹרְתָא

אַדְלִיָּא

אַרִידָתָא

פַּרְמָשְׁתָּא

אַרִיסַי

אַרִידַי

וַיְזָתָא

יַעֲשָׂר

יַעֲשָׂר

Parshandatha

Dalphon

Aspatha

Poratha

Adalia

Aridatha

Parmashta

Arisai

Aridai

Vajezatha

the ten

At Purim,  
everything in  
the box must be  
read in a single  
breath since all  
are hung at the  
same time.

# Haman's Ten Sons

Haman

**Magnificent Self** Pride goes before a fall.

— *Parshandatha*

**Curious Self**

Busy-body

— *Dalphon*

**Dripping Self**

Self-pity

— *Aspatha*

**Gathered Self**

Self-sufficient

— *Poratha*

**Ornament Self**

Spendthrift; self indulgent

— *Adalia*

**Weak Self**

Self-conscious; neurotic

— *Aridatha*

**Strong (lion) Self**

Assertive; going own way

— *Parmashta*

**Superior Self**

Pre-eminent; strong-fist

— *Arisai*

**Bold Self**

Imprudent; rude

— *Aridai*

**Strong Self**

Prideful; haughty; superior

— *Vaizatha*

**Pure Self**

Self-righteousness



Rabbi Elijah ben Solomon  
(1720-1797)  
"The Great One of Vilna"

- Esther 3:1 states that Haman is an Agagite. Agag was the king of Amalek (1 Sam. 15:8). Therefore, Haman and his sons were Amalekites.
- Rabbi Elijah Solomon, a prominent Lithuanian rabbi of the 18th century known as "the great one of Vilna," held the tradition that the German nation was descended from Amalek.





Verses 7-9 are written in an unusual way in the Megillah scrolls of the past 2,000 years:

- Names are written in a column, each preceded by the Hebrew word וְאֵת ("and" or "also").
- Three letters (ח, ש, ז) are written very small and one (ו) very large; this stands for Jewish year 5707 (AD 1946).
- What happened in 1946?

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Esther 9:7-9

פֶּרֶשְׁנֵהָא

דְּלִפּוֹן

8 אֶסְפֵּתָא:

פּוֹרְתָא

אֶדְלִיא

9 אֶרִידְתָּא:

פֶּרֶשְׁנֵהָא:

אֶרִיסִי

אֶרְדִּי

וְיִתָּא:



# WORLD WAR II

# TWELVE EVIL MEN TO HANG

## Goering and von Ribbentrop for the Gallows Hess Jailed For Life—Three Are Acquitted



...e of the 22 men of Nuremberg were condemned to death by hanging this ...on. Three were acquitted and the remainder were sentenced to imprisonment ...ns ranging from ten years to life. If no appeals within four days succeed the ...ns are expected to be carried out at Nuremberg. The Russian judge dissented ...e acquittals and the fact that Hess is not to die.

...e the sentences passed, with details of the ...ch they were found guilty. The counts are ...in Column Five.

### ed to Death by Hanging

**GOERING, Hermann Wilhelm, 52, Luftwaffe chief ... chief lieutenant. All counts.**

**RIBBENTROP, Joachim, 53, Hitler's Foreign Minister ... London Ambassador. All counts.**

**STREICHER, Julius, 61, the Jew-baiter No. 1; man who organized the pogroms and persecutions. Count 4.**

### Sentenced to Imprisonment

**HESS, Rudolf, 52, Hitler's former deputy, who flew to ... Britain on the eve of the attack on Russia, to try to ... persuade Britain to make peace. Counts 1 and 2.**  
**JAIL FOR LIFE.**



**HIGH-LIGHT  
FROM JUDG  
FINAL WO**

**Von R. Beh  
Attack On J**

**HERE** are some of the ... lights from wh ... judges said of the g ... and the innocent-me ... Ribbentrop: He plays ...





# Goering Suicide, 10 Nazis Hang



Alfred Rosenberg—he had no last words.



Fritz Saebel said "I die innocently."



Hermann Goering—He beat the hangman by swallowing poison.



Julius Streicher—"Heil Hitler!"



Ernest Kaltenbrunner—"Good luck in Germany."



Arthur Seyss-Inquart—born Nazi's death will be known.



Hans Frank—a murdered Nazi's "Thank."



Joachim von Ribbentrop—"God save Germany."



Wilhelm Frick—died in a gaudy sports jacket.



Alfred Jodl—"I salute you, my Germany."



Wilhelm Keitel—"I follow all my sons. All for Germany."

## Hitler's Top Aid Outwits Cell Guards, Takes Cyanide

By KINGSBURY SMITH

(Representing the Combined American Press)

Nurnberg, Oct. 16 (U.P.).—Former Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering cheated the gallows of Allied justice by committing suicide in his prison cell shortly before the 10 other condemned Nazi leaders were hanged in the courtyard of Nurnberg jail early today.

Goering swallowed cyanide of potassium hidden in a copper cartridge shell while lying on a cot in his cell at 10:45 P. M. last night (4:45 P. M. Tuesday New York time).

The once number 2 man in the Nazi hierarchy defied Allied justice by a matter of minutes. He was found dead just before his death sentence was to have been read out again to him and only two hours before he was scheduled to have been dropped through the trap-door of a gallows erected in a small gymnasium standing in the jail yard.

Joachim von Ribbentrop, Foreign Minister in the ill-starred regime of Adolf Hitler, took Goering's place as first on the scaffold.

Last to depart this life in a total span of just about two

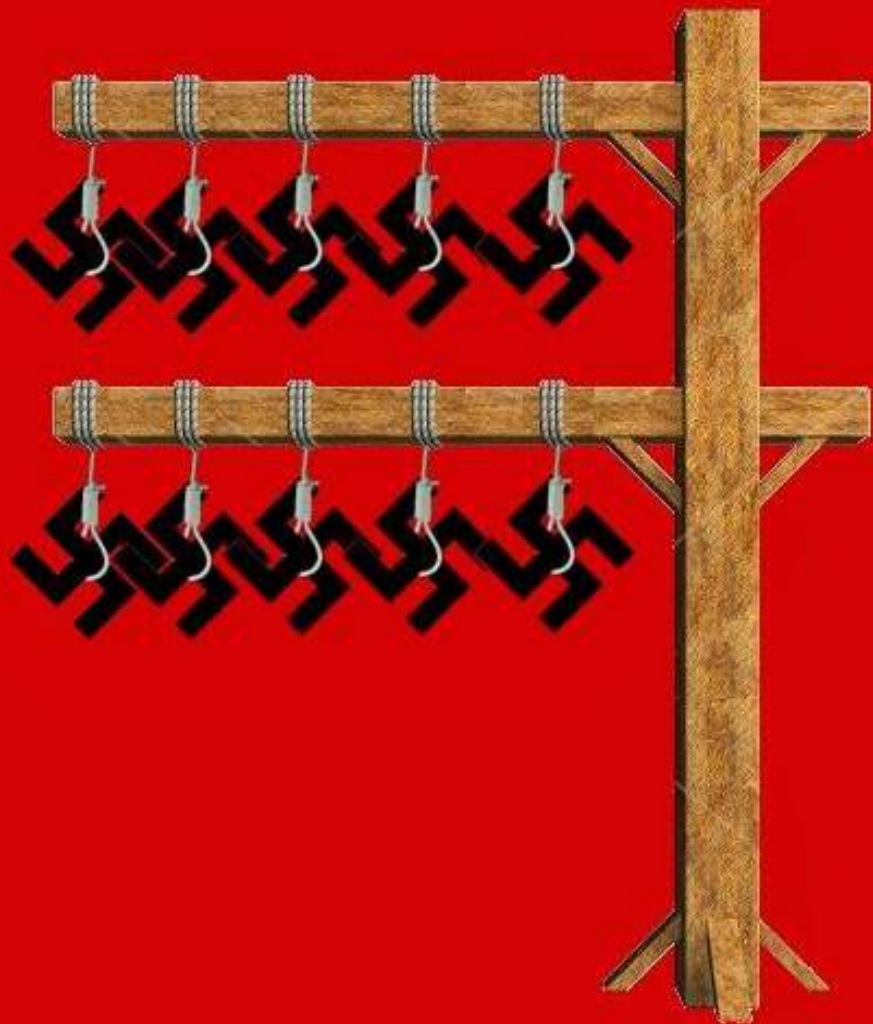


Most of the executed men endeavored to show their bravery. Most were bitterly defiant and some grins revealed, while others begged the Almighty for mercy.

The only one, however, to make any reference to Hitler as the Nazi dictator in the last moments

## How Goering Got Poison Baffles Allied Officers

Nurnberg, Germany, Wednesday, Oct. 16 (A.P.).—Actor to the last, Hermann Goering cheated the gibbet in the closing





# A Strange Request – Esther 9:13

<sup>12</sup>And the king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the citadel, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what *is* your petition? It shall be granted to you. Or what *is* your further request? It shall be done." <sup>13</sup> Then Esther said, **"If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews in Shushan to do again tomorrow (מָחָר, *mā-khar*) according to today's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows."**

Per the Rabbi's, "There is a tomorrow that is now,  
and a **tomorrow which is later.**"

Xerxes could not make such a promise; Esther was asking God to ensure that this was not isolated, but for justice in future, too.

When Xerxes is not named, "the King" refers to God!

USSR  
1953



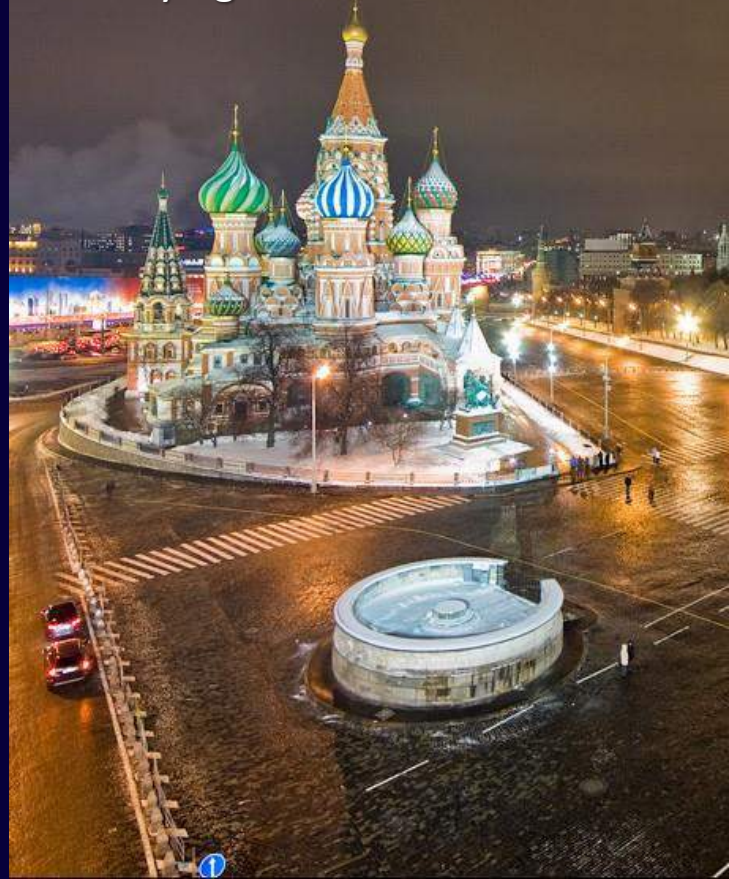
# March 1953, Moscow

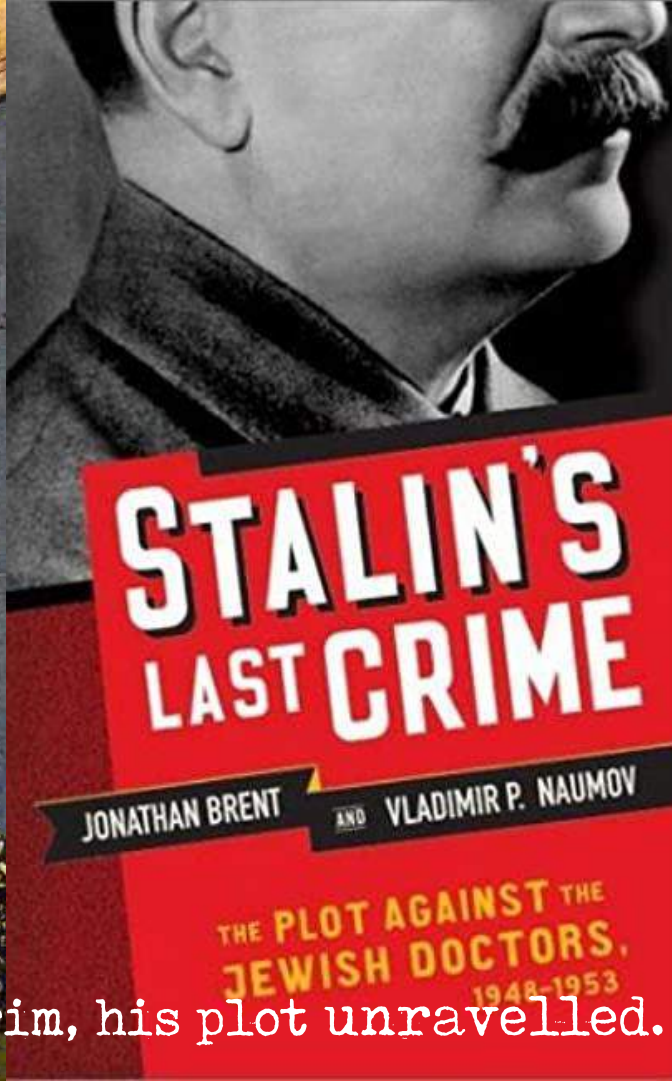
- In the “Gulag Archipelago,” Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn charged that Stalin planned a mass pogrom against Jews in Moscow, with survivors to be exiled to Siberia. [NYT Dec. 29, 1973]



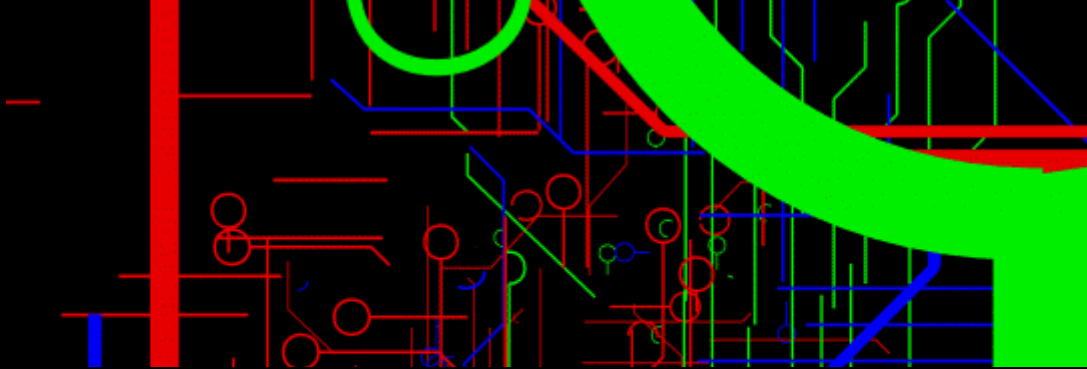


- The plot was simple. Arrests on the false “Doctor’s Plot” to kill high Party officials began on January 13, 1953, with a barrage of propaganda whipping up hatred and fury against all Jews.
- Many Jews were secretly arrested and a huge purge trial was in the offing, with mass executions to come in Red Square at Lobnoye Mesto ala 17<sup>th</sup> century Ivan the Terrible.
- Angry masses (street mobs) would then ravage Moscow, looting and killing Jews. Mr. Stalin would step in and “save” surviving Jews by transporting them to the safety of the Siberian forced-labour camps.



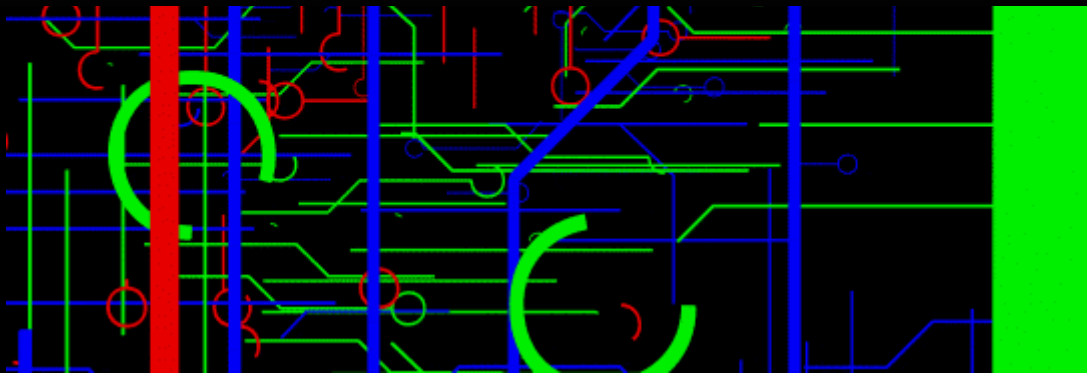


After Stalin's stroke on Purim, his plot unravelled.



# macrocodes

(cont.)





# ESTHER

A dark silhouette of a city skyline is visible in the background. It includes various building shapes, a prominent castle tower with crenellations in the center, and several domes. The skyline is set against a dark purple gradient background.

Even When We Can't See Him, He's Working

But actually the name of god is mentioned  
throughout the book of Esther...

**IT'S JUST HIDDEN!**

**IN PLAIN SIGHT!**

# ESTHER

Even When We Can't See Him, He's Working

Hebrew

Transliteration

English translation

אֲדֹנָי

'Adonay

lord

אֱלֹהִים

'elohiym

God

אֵל שַׁדַּי

el Shaddai

God Almighty

יְהוָה

Yehovah

LORD

# ESTHER

The background of the slide features a dark purple gradient. In the lower half, there is a silhouette of a city skyline with various buildings and a central dome. Above the skyline, a jagged silhouette of a castle or fortress is visible. The title 'ESTHER' is written in a large, white, serif font across the top.

Even When We Can't See Him, He's Working

With this background, let's  
examine some of the hidden  
codes in the book of Esther.



# Acronyms and Acrostics

- **Acronym**: abbreviation of a word or phrase composed of its initial letters or components.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Acrostic**: written form where a recurring feature like the first or last word or letter in each line spells out a message. Often found in poetic forms.



# Acronyms

- **Acronym: a form of acrostic** usually employed for mnemonic (memorisation) purposes.

**T**ele**V**ision; **C**losed **C**ircuit **T**ele**V**ision;

**A**ttention **D**eficit **D**isorder;

**R**adio **D**etection **A**nd **R**anging;

**D**epartment of **V**eterans **A**ffairs;

**N**ew **S**outh **W**ales; **RBT**; **PBS**;

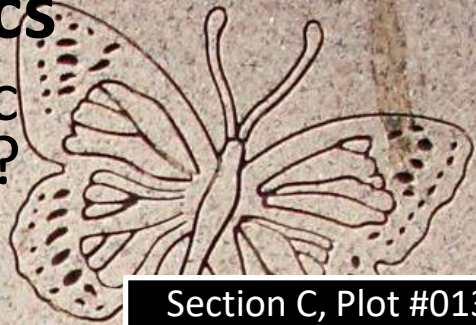
**A**ustralian **T**ax **O**ffice; **N**ew **Z**ealand

**A**ustralian **B**roadcasting **C**orporation;

**A**ustralian **L**abor **P**arty; **NRL**; **AFL**;

# Acrostics

- Can you read the acrostic in this actual tombstone?



Section C, Plot #01369 of  
Montreal's Cimetière  
Notre-Dame-des-Neiges.

JOHN:

FREE YOUR BODY AND SOUL  
UNFOLD YOUR POWERFUL WINGS  
CLIMB UP THE HIGHEST MOUNTAINS  
KICK YOUR FEET UP IN THE AIR  
YOU MAY NOW LIVE FOREVER  
OR RETURN TO THIS EARTH  
UNLESS YOU FEEL GOOD WHERE YOU ARE!

MISSSED BY YOUR FRIENDS



# Typical Hebrew acrostic

(*Yeshua HaNazarei vMelech HaYehudim*)

ה ו ה י



# The First Acrostic

The first acrostic appears at the conclusion of Memucan's counsel regarding the disposition of Queen Vashti, in verse 1:20, as is shown below:

היא וכל הנשים יתנו  
הוהי

(Remember, Hebrew goes from right to left.)

# The Second Acrostic

The second acrostic occurs when Esther invites the king and Haman to a banquet, in **verse 5:4**, and is shown next:

יְבוֹא הַמֶּלֶךְ וְהָמָן הַיּוֹם  
יְהוּה



# The Third Acrostic

The third acrostic occurs with Haman's gloating, in **verse 5:13**, and is shown below:

זה איננו שוה לי  
הוהי

# The Fourth Acrostic

This fourth one, in **verse 7:7**, like the third is formed by the *final* letters, for Haman's *end* had come.

פִּי-כִלְתָּה אֱלֹהֵי הָרַעָה  
יְהוָה

Each acrostic involves a different speaker:

Initial Activity Final Activity

1. Memucan (**Gentile**) 1:20
2. Esther (**Jew**) 5:4
3. Haman (**Gentile**) 5:13
4. By the writer (**Jew**) 7:7

Acrostic pattern	Activity	Speaker
Acrostic <b>first letter</b> , word <b>backward</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Gentile</b>
Acrostic <b>first letter</b> , word <b>forward</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Jew</b>
Acrostic <b>last letter</b> , word <b>backward</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Gentile</b>
Acrostic <b>last letter</b> , word <b>forward</b>	<b>Final</b>	<b>Jew</b>



# A Fifth Acrostic

There is still another acrostic, in **verse 7:5**, which does not spell YHWH ("Yahweh") but rather the remarkable **אֶהְיֶה EHYH** ("I AM"):

זֶה וְאֵלֵינוּ הוּא

↓ ↓ ↓ ↓

היִהְיֶה

"I AM" = **הִיָּהָ** (*hayah*)  
Exodus 3:14

It is formed by final letters,  
and the name is spelled backward.

# Ex. Acrostics in Esther

1.20	5.4	5.13	7.7	7.5
<b>DUE</b> <b>RESPECT</b> <b>OUR</b> <b>LADIES</b> SHALL GIVE TO THEIR HUSBANDS, BOTH GREAT AND SMALL	<b>LET</b> <b>OUR</b> <b>ROYAL</b> <b>DINNER</b> THIS DAY BE GRACED BY KING AND HAMAN	YET I AM <b>SAD</b> <b>FOR</b> <b>NO</b> AVAIL IS ALL THIS TO ME	FOR HE SAW THAT THERE WAS <b>EVIL</b> <b>TO</b> <b>FEAR</b> DETERMINED AGAINST HIM BY THE KING	WHERE DWELLETH THE ENEMY <b>THAT DARETH</b> PRESUME IN HIS HEART TO DO THIS THING ?
<b>HVHY</b> <b>BACKWARD</b> <i>Gentile speaks about Queen</i>	<b>YHVH</b> <b>FORWARD</b> <i>Jew speaks about Queen</i>	<b>HVHY</b> <b>BACKWARD</b> <i>Gentile speaks about Haman</i>	<b>YHVH</b> <b>FORWARD</b> <i>Jew writes about Haman</i>	<b>EHYH (הָיָה)</b> <b>BACKWARD</b> <i>Gentile speaks against Haman</i>



*But Wait...*  
**There's  
MORE!**





# Equidistant Letter Sequence (ELS)

Rips explained that each code is a case of adding every fourth letter to form a word.

Read the code

# Esther 1:3

An *Equidistant Letter Sequence*, interval of 8.

בְּשָׁנָה שְׁלוֹשׁ לְמַלְכוֹ עָשָׂה מִשְׁתֶּה לְכָל־שָׂרָיו וְעַבְדָּיו חֵיל

משיח

*Meshiach*, Messiah



# Esther 4:2

*An Equidistant Letter Sequence, interval of 7.*

לפני שַׁעַר־הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי אֵין לָבוֹא אֶל־שַׁעַר הַמֶּלֶךְ בִּלְבוּשׁ שָׂק:  
וַיָּבֹא עַד  
וּבְכָל־מִדְיָנָה וּמְדִינָה מְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר דְּבַר־הַמֶּלֶךְ וְדָתוֹ מֵגִיעַ  
אֱלֹשֶׁדַי

*El Shaddai*, The Almighty

# Esther 4:7

*An Equidistant Letter Sequence, interval of 8.*

וַיַּעֲבֹר מֶרְדֳּכָי וַיַּעַשׂ כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר-צִוְתָהּ עָלָיו אֶסְתֵּר: ס  
עוֹשִׁי

*Yeshua*, Jesus

# Esther 3:11-12

An *Equidistant Letter Sequence*, interval of 6.

וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ לְהָמָן הַכַּסְף נָתַן לְךָ וְהָעָם לַעֲשׂוֹת בּוֹ  
כַּטּוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ:  
וַיִּקְרְאוּ סִפְרֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ בַּחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן בִּשְׁלוֹשָׁה עָשָׂר יוֹם

הָמָן וְשָׂטָן רִיחַ

*haman v'satan ray'yach*

“Haman and Satan stink.”



5. Amalekite (yellow on black)
6. Aryan (purple on yellow)
7. Haman (white on blue)
8. Ten (black on lt blue)
9. Sons (white on maroon)



I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NO OTHER.

**I AM GOD!**

THERE IS NONE LIKE ME, WHO TELLS  
THE END FROM THE BEGINNING,  
AND FROM ANCIENT TIMES  
THINGS THAT ARE NOT YET DONE,  
SAYING, "MY COUNSEL SHALL STAND,  
AND I WILL DO ALL MY PLEASURE!"

Isaiah 46:9-10

