

Day 25

- Yesterday, I left off with Haman being taken to the banquet of Queen Esther, the words of his wisemen and his wife ringing in his ears, “If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him.” Esther 6:13.
 - “On the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!” Esther 7:1.
(Remember, 7 is the Spirit of God, marking where God is doing something by His Spirit apart from any other source — (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer)).
 - She replies, “If I have found favor in your sight, let my LIFE be given me at my petition, and my PEOPLE at my request. For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king’s loss.” Esther 7:3-4.
 - Esther is making a great statement here — the Israelites have known slavery many times, and they have seen God’s rescue from it many times — Her statement is powerful, for she knows at the destruction of the Jews, King Ahasuerus would not only lose a mighty, vast work force, he would lose his Queen, his greatest love — AND he would seed for destruction, not only for himself, his whole household, but his whole kingdom. God’s favor over King Nebuchadnezzar’s reign many years before (Daniel 4) was still on the kingdom during King Ahasuerus’ reign, God’s blessing was still on the king and especially on His chosen people, the Jews — that is how loaded Esther’s statement was — in no way, could Haman, the enemy, compensate the king for his great loss. And no matter the outcome, Haman had sealed his own fate with that signet ring of the king’s he used to seal the death decree of the Jewish people.
 - After hearing her statement, the king asked her, “Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?” Esther 7:5.
- I need to add something in here. There is a reason, the king says, “presume in his heart.” For Jesus said to the Pharisees, hundreds of years later, “Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.” Matthew 12:34
 - For words are our seeds that bring forth harvest — and when we speak them, they come from the abundance of our hearts. Whatever is in our hearts, is what we will do and seed for in the Spirit. “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.” Proverbs 23:7.
- Ester responds to her king’s question, “The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman!” Esther 7:6.
 - Now, remember 1 Peter 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”
 - Jesus, the WORD, is saying to us through Esther’s words, the adversary working through Haman is satan himself. Again, we can see a foreshadowing of what is to come happening here. Haman, not only with the pieces of silver offered to the king’s treasure is a foreshadowing of Judas Iscariot betraying Jesus to the Chief Priests, but in Esther 7:6, we see another foreshadowing of Judas Iscariot when Satan entered him to betray Jesus Christ unto death,

found in Luke 22:1-6. God is telling us what is to come — our greatest salvation! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

- At the pronouncement of Esther's words to the king, Haman became terrified! The king, in his wrath, left the banquet and went into his garden. In this moment, the king showed great growth here — we have already seen him make rash, unwise decisions through his emotions in the moment, his carnal flesh. In walking away in his wrath, the king is showing restraint — stepping away to think it through before making a kingly decree with his mouth and actions.
 - “But Haman stood before Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.” Esther 7:7 (Oh, 7:7 — God is showing He rules over all things created!).
 - Haman seeded for death, and now death — evil — is coming for him. And although he had no mercy for Mordecai nor the Jewish people, he begs for it before his Jewish Queen.
 - “When the king returned from the palace garden to the place of the banquet of wine, Haman had fallen across the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, “Will he also assault the queen while I am in the house?” Esther 7:8.
 - “Now, Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, “Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high [remember, 50 — Jubilee], which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's behalf, is standing at the house of Haman.” “Then the king said, “Hang him on it!” Esther 7:9.

- Once again, God's Numbers surely do preach. By now, we should know what 7 means, and 9, well, it has two aspects to it. In the positive (for those honoring God with their lives), it means fruit bearing. In the negative (for those who have sowed wickedness), it means judgment. 9 represents both sides of God's divine judgment, life or death. God, in His Spirit, is judging Haman for his wickedness, and releasing the Jewish people from the rope Haman had put around their necks. (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer).

- Now, remember when I told you that we were going to see an earthly representation of how God doesn't or can't go against His own laws He sets in motion by looking at how an earthly king is held to his own laws?
 - On the same day Haman is hanged on the gallows he set up for Mordecai (who couldn't be hanged on them because he had never seeded for death), the king gave his signet ring to Mordecai, and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman, which means Mordecai became the owner of all that Haman once owned.
 - Just as the king couldn't bring Queen Vashti back after he decreed she had to be banned, he could not, nor could anyone, reverse the death decree on the Jews because it had been decreed in the king's name and sealed with his seal. “You yourselves write a decree concerning the Jews, as you please, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; **for whatever is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet ring NO ONE can revoke.**” Esther 8:8.
 - 8 — new beginnings — “This is the number God uses to illustrate resurrection. It has to do with new birth, new life, and new creation. When God preaches on redemption and when He makes things alive again, He likes to use the number 8.” (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer).
 - So Mordecai sent out a new decree in the king's name and sealed it with the king's signet ring. This decree stated that all the Jews in all 127 provinces would have the right to defend themselves when Haman's decree day came.
 - “By these letters the king permitted the Jews who were in every city to gather together and protect their lives — to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the forces

of any people or province that would assault them, both little children and women, and to plunder their possessions.” Esther 8:11.

- And yep, to drive it home through how God also speaks through numbers, 11, like 9, has two aspects to it. In the positive, it means heroes rising (where God recognizes the faithfulness of people, the valor and notable acts of selfless service) — in the negative, it means disorder — disintegration or things falling apart. (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer).

- I really hope that the intricacy of God is being driven deep inside of you. This is why scripture says, “Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6.
- These are promises, BUT as we read through scripture and see how God back’s up His promises, it should greatly increase our faith; it should show us that we truly have no reason to fear the enemy of our soul or any of his tactics because “No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me,” Says the LORD.” Isaiah 54:17.
- Heritage means inheritance — God is literally saying, that part of our inheritance through Him is that no weapon formed against us shall prosper and every tongue that rises against us, we shall condemn because of His righteousness!! Wow! That is powerful and amazing!!
- Again, “My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.” Hosea 4:6 — Without the knowledge of God and all that is our right, our inheritance through Him because we are his children, we believe lies and are held in a bound cell we could literally walk out of if we truly knew and believed, “you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32.

- Tomorrow, I will complete the book of Esther and share the God given revelation and insight God has given to me to bring this series to a powerful completion. For as we have seen, everything our God does has a perfect and intricate plan running through it, and His greatest desire is to be as close to His children as possible. He wants us to KNOW Him and to be able to truly, “live according to the Spirit,” (Romans 8:5) so our freedom in Him can be complete.
- Until tomorrow, be blessed and encouraged because our Awesome God is doing Great and Mighty things behind the scenes that we do not see!!