

Day 26

- When Haman's decree came in spring of that year, the Jews prepared to defend themselves.
 - Now, this is where we learn that Haman, using the king's power and authority through the decree and the sealing of it with the king's signet ring, brought death on himself, his household, and ALL of the people in the kingdom who, in their hearts, came into agreement with Haman's decree.
 - How do we know? Well, once the people of the kingdom saw the second decree come out, they could have chosen to not try and kill the Jews, but because there must have already been enmity in their hearts toward the Jews — meaning murder in their hearts — they set themselves on a course of their own destruction, not only unto death but unto the death of their households and the stripping of all their possessions (of which the Jews did not take any plunder although it was a right given to them by the king).
 - Now, there were those who recognized God's hand of protection and blessing on the Jews after reading the second decree. "And in every province and city, wherever the king's command and decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a holiday. Then many of the people of the land became Jews, because fear of the Jews fell upon them." Esther 8:17.
 - "On the day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, the opposite occurred, in that the Jews themselves overpowered those who hated them." Esther 9:1
 - 9:1 — yeah, I can't even make this up — God's intricacy. 9 - the two-edged sword, fruitfulness and judgment — 1 - unity, superiority, priority, beginnings, and God Himself. (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer).
 - As the king got word that 500 men in just the citadel of Shushan had been killed, he wondered how many must have died in the rest of the kingdom. But, he asked Esther, "Now what is your petition? It shall be granted to you. Or what is your further request? It shall be done." Esther 9:12.
 - 12 - God's perfect government — the number that shows God is in control and actively ruling over something as King, displaying His perfect plan. (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer).
 - Now, remember that there were 2 banquets of wine — wine, the foreshadowing of Jesus' blood covenant — the new covenant made with us. The king offered Esther a second petition and request because she had seeded for it with 2 banquets of wine — God ALWAYS honors His covenants. I told you...the intricacy of God. We must never doubt it.
 - And so, Queen Esther replies to her king, "If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do again tomorrow according to today's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows." Esther 9:13.
 - "So the king commanded this to be done; the decree was issued in Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons." Esther 9:14.
 - So, as I said, Haman seeded for the death of himself, his household, and all of those who came into murderous agreement with him after reading his decree.
 - On the second day, the Jews in Shushan killed 300 more men who came against them, but they did not lay hands on their possessions.
 - In the other parts of the kingdom, 75,000 enemies of the Jews were killed, but no plunder was taken in those instances either.
 - The day after, all the Jews in the 127 provinces rested and rejoiced over God's mighty hand of protection and had a great feast. But the Jews in Shushan had two days of destruction, so on the third day (yeah — the third day), they

rejoiced and rested, having a celebration feast in honor of God's hand of deliverance. This remembrance is still honored and celebrated on the 14th and 15th days of the month of Adar (roughly March on the Gregorian calendar) by Jewish people; it is known as Purim, for Haman cast Pur to decide the day in which to destroy the Jews.

- I truly hope all that I have carefully laid out before you, through God's revelation, you are seeing — Law of Seed, Plant, Harvest — the Law of Agreement — and now, you are beginning to see the Law of Blessing, which we will go into in greater detail after this.
 - In the book of Esther, we have not only seen an amazing, living account of history; we have seen a perfect representation of how God will not override His laws He sets in motion, yet He will and does give us ways to be rescued out of a bad harvest; and we have learned some of the foreshadowing in the account of Esther that represents the coming of Jesus and what happens in the betrayal of Him, which through His death and resurrection brings great victory and celebration to all who choose Him as Savior and make Him LORD of their lives. Like our own celebration of Purim. We have also seen how God carefully weaves into His perfect plan protection, insight, revelation, and land taking to those who seek Him, love Him, and are called according to His purpose.
 - This is why we must study scripture, for LIFE is in the words, TRUTH is in the words, FREEDOM is in the words, RESURRECTION power is in the words, HEALING is in the words, POWER to defeat the enemy is in the words, WISDOM is in the words, BLESSING and favor are in the words, DELIVERANCE is in the words...forgiveness, grace, mercy, courage, insight, and great and amazing revelation of God Himself — ALL of these things are in the words God breathed into the Bible.
 - All we have to do is dig in with Holy Spirit and find our Great God in the pages of the Book; the ball is in our court, for we are all truly free to choose relationship with Him.

- Until tomorrow, be blessed, be encouraged, and know that the God who LOVES you is drawing you everyday into closer relationship with Him; answer the call; it is the greatest decision of your life, and one you will never regret! Dive right in, the water is perfect!