James #5

System testing often entwines with people testing.

Let us keep Savannah up in North Carolina in our prayers. She is going to undergo a surgery that is going to put in a very weaken state for a period of time.

Luckily, she has a good man of GOD as a husband and a wonderful mother-in-law Misty, who is going help her out, especially with the two little ones.

Open back up in the OT the book of Esther chapter three.

As we go back into the book of Esther we can do a quick review on chapter two and what we covered so far.

The king of Persia had banished his wife due to disrespecting a direct command. He was given advice to enjoy the young slave girls brought into the kingdom and perhaps find a new queen.

In God’s perfect timing and HIS divine plan unfolding, as only HE can direct it. Esther is brought into the kingdom with about 400 other concubines and the king is immediately smitten by the young Jewish beauty.

Now Esther’s older cousin is a type of father figure, who also is working in the kingdom. Mordecai her step father, warns her not to reveal her bloodline for the sake of safety concerns.

In God’s perfect timing and divine plan Mordecai just so happens to be in the right place at the right time.

/The plot against Ahasuerus' life, and Mordecai's discovery of it, shows us that God providentially arranged beforehand to ultimately deliver His chosen people from extinction—in addition to Queen Vashti's decision (1:12), then Esther's selection (2:17), and Mordecai's advancement (2:19), God’s perfect timing and perfect plan unfolds in incredible ways.\

What we see in this story is that the Persian empire is the master culture. They had authority over the land now that they had conquer Babylon.

Both Mordecai and Esther are under a slavery system and dealing with foreign people who oppose them.

When the testing comes…and it will, trust that GOD will give you the guidance to get through it.

Trust that GOD has everything worked out in eternity past. Just focus on your spiritual walk, so as to pass through the momentum tests in this temporal life.

 REPEAT

/Est 3:1 After these events **King Ahasuerus honored Haman**, the son of Hammedatha **the Agagite**, and promoted him and established his authority **over all the officials** (*śar*) who *were* with him.

Haman was already in the court of the king’s inner circle, this was a new elevation for him. This gave Haman a royal title like a secretary of state.\

SAY-AIR is usual a title for royalty or the highest level of government official.

In the original language it is written as Haman became elevated above other princes or royalty in the land.

There are a few historians who claim Haman was a mixed blood of Persian and Amalekite descent.

My personal findings, is that this is stated clearly in verse one. And his own history points to a full-blooded Amalekite – which if you have been with me, the last two years, you know this a culture of great demonic roots.

Stretching backward into reign of Nimrod, also into the magicians of Egypt. All the way through the Babylon black magic culture and into the Scythians the Apostle Paul spoke of. Leading into the Kazarian mafia I covered more than once. Possibly the seeds of Satan who run things today…we simply do not know. REPEAT

They have morphed into many titles and names over thousands of years, yet this is the same satanic agents.

Esau had married into the Amalekite culture as well, so this is a clear demonic enemy of the original Hebrew people.

His name meant magnificent or special. Unfortunately, not in a good way!

/Haman was an astrologer and practitioner of mystical arts, which was favorable under many pagan kings like the Persian and Babylonian kings. His bloodline thru the Amalekites ties him into much darker roots and satanic influence. His hatred of the Jews was not a simple matter of Morticia’s disrespect of him, but most likely ties into the seed war proclaimed in the garden (Gen 3:15).\

In many forms of momentum testing, you will find God allowing the kingdom of darkness access to attack the maturing Bel. We will see this once we touch in the book of Job.

[Est 3:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/est/3/2/s_429002) All the king’s servants who were at the king’s gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded regarding him. But Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage.

Once you know the background of Haman this begins to make greater sense – Mordecai knew this was a man of very dark practices and he refused to bow down to that power.

During testing - part of the test reveals how serious you are with your relationship with God.

/Deu 6:13 “**You shall fear *only* the LORD your God**; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name. 14 “**You shall not follow other gods**, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you,

Act 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “**We must obey God rather than men.**”\

Any type of Momentum Testing is never the excuse to fold up your beliefs and go along and get along with the devil’s world.

[Est 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/est/3/3/s_429003) Then the king’s servants who were at the king’s gate said to Mordecai, “Why are you violating the king’s command?”

[/Est 3:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/est/3/4/s_429004) Now it was when they had **spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them**, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai’s reason would stand; for **he had told them that he was a Jew.**

During tests and adversity, we still need to stand firm in our beliefs. In fact, that is often the time you should shine in your Christianity.\

Mordecai is now dealing with pressure from a system and people who did not respect him or his beliefs.

[/Est 3:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/est/3/5/s_429005) When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, **Haman was filled with rage.**

Rage - *ḥēmâ,* this is a deep venomous rage, or an anger of a soul filled with evil. The word has an Aramaic root meaning the poison of a scorpion.\

HAY-MA, is one of the strongest words for anger in the Hebrew language.

/Haman did not just suddenly develop this type of rage; this was an evil brewing deep within against the people of Israel. His intention was not to punish Mordecai, but to wipe out the whole nation of Israel. God’s people often face tests and adversities that are led by very demonic forces. This is why it is imperative to stand your ground and trust in the LORD. \

[Est 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/est/3/6/s_429006) But he considered it beneath his dignity to kill Mordecai alone, for they had told him *who* the people of Mordecai *were;* so Haman sought to annihilate all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who *were found* throughoutthe kingdom of Ahasuerus.

/Est 3:7 **In the first month, which is the month Nisan**, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, Pur, that is the lot, was **cast before Haman from day to day** and from month *to month,* until the twelfth month, that is the month Adar.

This type of casting lots (Pur) was associated with mystical beliefs, that was a repetitive practice done at the beginning of a year to make decisions.\

This was the Passover time between March and April for the Jews.

This would have been around 474 BC.

To this day the Jews celebrate PURIM, on March 14th in commemoration of this historic event that saved them.

/Prov 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, But **its every decision is from the LORD**.

The Lord controls history, we need to trust in HIS plan and HIS timing. The lots cast from the dark practices of Haman, bought another year of safety for the Jews.\

Haman’s plans are now stalled out by the hand of GOD.

[Est 3:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/est/3/8/s_429008) Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, “There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from *those* of all *other* people and they do not comply with the king’s laws, so it is not in the king’s interest to let them remain.

/Haman did not mention the Jews by name since Ahasuerus' predecessors, Cyrus and Darius I, had issued proclamations favorable to them. Notice how Haman manipulates the situation and covers up his exact intentions against the nation of Israel.\

You see, a wicked individual like Haman can be described by a very powerful proverb in the bible;

/Prov 6:16 There are six things that the LORD hates, Seven that are an abomination to Him: 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, 19 A false witness who declares lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.\

These are the traits of Satan – very few people, except the very seeds of Satan have all seven sins entrenched into their soul.

Est 3:9 “If it is pleasing to the king, let it be decreed that they be eliminated, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who carry out the *king’s* business, to put into the king’s treasuries.”

/Haman was calculating that the nation of Israel would cover this bounty. The precious silver, jewelry or any items of value (live-stock, crops) would bring a high price that he would cash in. Do not be surprised of the depth of evil some people may go to undermine, attack and abuse you when they are under demonic power.\

This man was highly efficient at manipulation and getting not only a seat by the throne, but the ear of the throne.

This is a trademark of the Seeds of Satan since the very beginning. When Cain and his offspring bowed down to the fallen angels. They received great mystical authority and insight into dark practices of every kind.

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History shows these types of people find their way near the top or at least advising those in top positions.

[Est 3:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/est/3/10/s_429010)Then the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews.

The signet ring is the very signature of the throne – it is an open credit card approved by the king himself.

To have that ring, was the equivalent of having the king stand beside you at every table, every meeting and every confrontation everywhere you went.

/Est 3:11 And the king said to Haman, “The silver is yours, and the people *also,* to **do with them as you please**.”

This was a weak king, who was manipulated by a demonic man and this is often what happens in the kingdoms and governments of the world.\

Satan always has high level players and many times they are just behind the throne out of sight, yet in full control.

/The more a Christian grows the more they understand the depth of a scripture like this;

Eph 6:12 **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood**, but against the **rulers**, against **the powers**, against the **world forces of this darkness**, against the **spiritual *forces* of wickedness** in the heavenly *places.*\

The Bel who is truly growing and handling the word accurately knows that adversity and tests are inevitable.

Christians are called to the witness stand; we are called to participate in spiritual combat.

/1Cor 9:25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. So they *do it* to obtain a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

2Tim 2:5 And if someone likewise competes as an athlete, he is not crowned *as victor* unless he competes according to the rules.\

The fact is no demonic force or fallen angel can touch your position in heaven.

We have to find comfort in all the power and glory GOD has given us and everything we inherited at salvation.

Get your eyes off the adversity or test and realize you are a child of GOD – nothing ever changes that!

/Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.\