



Sunday Morning Sermon (by Ray Reynolds)

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"THE PLOT OF HAMAN"

TEXT: Esther 3



Introduction: When God makes a promise, there is no reason to doubt Him (**II Peter 3:9**). From the beginning, He was preserving the lineage of the Messiah (**Genesis 3:15**). Long before Hitler tried to annihilate the Jews there were others who attempted to wipe them off the face of the planet. One such man was named Haman. We previously noticed that God chose Mordecai and Esther to prevent this tragedy. They were in the right place, at the right time, to defeat this wicked plot. His wickedness seems to know no bounds. Haman's genocidal plot makes him one of the most infamous people in history. This is a classic tale of good versus evil (God vs. Satan). Who will win? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Ancestry of Haman (Esther 3:1)

- ◆ The formidable foe of the Jews: Haman the Agagite.
- ◆ The father of Haman: Hammedatha the Agagite.
- ◆ The feud between the Jews and the Amelekites.
- ◆ The foolishness of flirting with sin.

II. The Advancement of Haman (Esther 3:2-7)

- ◆ Haman requires honor from the people.
- ◆ Mordecai refuses to pay homage to Haman.
- ◆ The Lord will humble the prideful.
- ◆ King Ahasuerus and the Persians were hard hearted.

III. The Anger of Haman (Esther 3:8-15)

- ◆ Haman strategizes and formulates a plan.
- ◆ King Ahasuerus signs and seals the deal.
- ◆ The letters are sent all over the kingdom.
- ◆ The kingdom is shaken by the law.

Conclusion: Haman's evil plot was in full swing, but God's providential plan was already in motion. Haman seems on top for the moment, but he was only keeping Mordecai's seat warm. The wicked plot will soon be revealed, God's providential plan will overshadow it, and everything will be made right in the end. *"The LORD says, 'My thoughts are not like your thoughts. Your ways are not like my ways. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts'"* (**Isaiah 55:8-9**). Will you trust in God to take care of you?