

ON THAT NIGHT ESTHER 6:1-11

Do you believe in coincidences?

To save the Jews:

1. Vashti had to be demoted!

Esther 1:10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, **Esther 1:11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. Esther 1:12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.**

Esther 1:19 If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, **That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. Esther 1:20** And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

**She didn't need to be killed / sent away / forsaken, but just demoted
465 AD she was back in power**

2. Esther had to be promoted!

Esther 2:2 Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, **Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: Esther 2:4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti.** And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

Esther 2:7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, **and the maid was fair and beautiful;** whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter. **Esther 2:8** So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

Esther 2:9 **And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him;** and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women.

Esther 2:16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal **in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. Esther 2:17** **And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins;** so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti.

Esther 2:18 **Then** the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

This is all so foreign to the norm:

- Royalty came from 7 families
- And only those 7 families
- Except for Esther
- Unusual circumstances **forced** unusual actions

3. Mordecai had to already be located – in the gate!

Esther 2:19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, **then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.**

Esther 2:21 In those days, while Mordecai **sat in the king's gate**, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. **Esther 2:22** **And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king thereof in Mordecai's name. Esther 2:23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; **therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.****

Esther 3:2 And all the king's servants, **that were in the king's gate**, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

Esther 3:3 Then the king's servants, which were **in the king's gate**, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

Esther 4:2 And came even before the king's gate: for none might **enter into the king's gate** clothed with sackcloth.

Esther 4:6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, **which was before the king's gate**.

Esther 5:9 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai **in the king's gate**, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.

Esther 5:13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew **sitting at the king's gate**.

Esther 6:10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to **Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate**: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.

Esther 6:12 And Mordecai came again to **the king's gate**. But Haman hastened to his house mourning, and having his head covered.

Gate was point of entry but much more:

- **Financial**
- **Judicial**
- **Social**
- **Political**

4. Mordecai had to be located at the gate at that date & time!

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5. Haman's lots (dice-like) had to fall on a date perfectly prepared!

Esther 3:5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. **Esther 3:6** **And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy **all the Jews** that were throughout the **whole** kingdom of Ahasuerus, **even the people of Mordecai**. **Esther 3:7** In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, **they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar**.**

Esther 9:1 **Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same**, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;) **Esther 9:2** The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.

This is my reading: Mordecai not bowing precipitated the event but Jewish hatred was on a long-time simmer ready to boil over at any time!

Esther 8:1 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman **the Jews' enemy** unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her.

Esther 8:3 And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised **against the Jews**.

Esther 8:5 And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote **to destroy the Jews which are in all the king's provinces:**

Esther 9:5 Thus the Jews smote **all their enemies** with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.

Esther 9:10 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, **the enemy of the Jews**, slew them; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

Esther 9:16 But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, **and had rest from their enemies**, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey,

Esther 9:22 As the days wherein **the Jews rested from their enemies**, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

Esther 9:24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, **the enemy of all the Jews**, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

Mordecai was a catalyst not the cause.

6. Esther had to stand (and she did)!

Esther 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: **and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**

Esther 4:16 Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: **and if I perish, I perish.**

Esther 5:1 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and **stood** in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

7. Xerxes had to be pleased!

Esther 5:2 And it was so, when the king **saw** Esther the queen standing in the court, **that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.**

8. Esther had to be wise...oh so wise!

Esther 5:4 And Esther answered, **If it seem good unto the king**, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. **Esther 5:5** Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

9. Xerxes had to have sleep - flee away!

Esther 6:1 On that night **could not the king sleep, and** he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

10. The Chronicles had to open to the right page and be read!

Esther 6:2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

Esther 6:3 And the king said, **What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this?** Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

This was from around 5 years previous + no rewards / promotion.

Esther 3:1 After **these things** did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.

11. Haman had to be present and...!

Esther 6:4 And the king said, **Who is in the court?** Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. **Esther 6:5**

And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, **Haman standeth in the court.** And the king said, Let him come in. **Esther 6:6** So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? **Now Haman thought in his heart,** To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself? **Esther 6:7** And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, **Esther 6:8** Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: **Esther 6:9** And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

Esther 7:8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, **Will he force the queen also before me in the house?** As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

It seems to me that Haman spent a great deal of time thinking about being / becoming king:

Royal horse	Royal clothing
Royal crown	+ the Royal wife

12. Esther had to be oh so wise...again!

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Do you believe in coincidences? Yes

But these are not coincidences, these are Divine Providence

Romans 8:28 And we **know** that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.