

Help and Deliverance Arrive: part 2

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Esther 8:1–2 *On that day King Ahasuerus gave to Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. ² And the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.*

Job 27:16–17 *Though he heap up silver like dust, and pile up clothing like clay, ¹⁷ he may pile it up, but the righteous will wear it, and the innocent will divide the silver.*

Proverbs 13:22 *A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.*

God doesn't always give this kind of a "happy ending" to everybody's story. Today, not all faithful Christians are promoted and given special honors. Some of them get fired because of their stand for Christ! God hasn't promised that we'll be promoted and made rich, but He has assured us that He's in control of all circumstances and that He will write the last chapter of the story. If God doesn't promote us here on earth, He certainly will when we get to glory.

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Anguish

Esther 8:3 *Then Esther spoke again to the king. She fell at his feet and wept and pleaded with him to avert the evil plan of Haman the Agagite and the plot that he had devised against the Jews.*

Esther 8:4–5 *When the king held out the golden scepter to Esther, Esther rose and stood before the king. ⁵ And she said, "If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and if the thing seems right before the king, and I am pleasing in his eyes, let an order be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman the*

Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king.

Esther 8:6 For how can I bear to see the calamity that is coming to my people? Or how can I bear to see the destruction of my kindred?"

Esther 8:7–8 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and they have hanged him on the gallows, because he intended to lay hands on the Jews. ⁸ But you may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king's ring, for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's ring cannot be revoked."

Armament

Esther 8:9 The king's scribes were summoned at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third day. And an edict was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded concerning the Jews, to the satraps and the governors and the officials of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, 127 provinces, to each province in its own script and to each people in its own language, and also to the Jews in their script and their language.

Esther 8:10 And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed it with the king's signet ring. Then he sent the letters by mounted couriers riding on swift horses that were used in the king's service, bred from the royal stud,

[The royal stud was not used in the sending of the other letters.](#)

Esther 8:11–12 saying that the king allowed the Jews who were in every city to gather and defend their lives, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate any armed force of any people or province that might attack them, children and women included, and to plunder their goods, ¹² on one day throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

Esther 3:13 Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with instruction to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods.

Leviticus 24:20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to him.

Esther 8:13–14 *A copy of what was written was to be issued as a decree in every province, being publicly displayed to all peoples, and the Jews were to be ready on that day to take vengeance on their enemies.* ¹⁴ *So the couriers, mounted on their swift horses that were used in the king’s service, rode out hurriedly, urged by the king’s command. And the decree was issued in Susa the citadel.*

Esther 8:15 *Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a great golden crown and a robe of fine linen and purple, and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced.*

Zechariah 3:1–5 *Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him.* ² *And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, O Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?”* ³ *Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments.* ⁴ *And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.”* ⁵ *And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.*

Esther 8:16–17 *The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor.* ¹⁷ *And in every province and in every city, wherever the king’s command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many from the peoples of the country declared themselves Jews, for fear of the Jews had fallen on them.*

Psalms 35:1–10 *Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me!* ² *Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help!* ³ *Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, “I am your salvation!”* ⁴ *Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life! Let them be turned back and disappointed who devise evil against me!* ⁵ *Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away!* ⁶ *Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them!* ⁷ *For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life.* ⁸ *Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it! And let the net that he hid ensnare him; let him fall into it—to his destruction!* ⁹ *Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his salvation.* ¹⁰ *All my bones shall say, “O LORD, who is like*

you, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?”