

THE LASTING EFFECTS OF ANTI-SEMITICISM (Esther 2:21-3:15)

* Deuteronomy 31:8; Proverbs 21:1

I. THE PERSONAL SELECTION OF ESTHER (1: 1-2: 23)

A. The DETHRONING of VASHTI. (1: 1-22)

B. The DECIDING on ESTHER. (2: 1-20)

C. The DISCOVERY by MORDECAI. (2:21-23)

1. *A murder conspiracy uncovered.* (2:21)

* What position did Mordecai hold in Shushan?

* What did two of the king's eunuchs conspire to do?

- What can we learn from this?

2. *A capital punishment enforced.* (2:22-23)

* How was the king notified of this assassination attempt?

* What did this discovery result in?

* What can we learn from this?

II. THE DIABOLICAL INTENTION OF HAMAN (3: 1-4: 3)

A. Haman's EVIL CONSPIRACY. (3: 1-15)

1. *Haman's plan for the destruction of the Jews.* (3:1-7)

- * What position did Haman enjoy in the Persian empire?

- * Was Mordecai right to not bow down?

- * What must you remember about civil disobedience?

- * What did Mordecai reveal to them?

- * What provoked Haman's wrath toward the Jews?

- * How did they determine the time for the Jews destruction?

- * What can we learn from this?

2. *Haman's proposal to Ahasuerus to destroy the Jews.* (3:8-15)

- * What did Haman propose to the king?

- * What incentive was attached to this proposal?

- * How did the king ignorantly respond to this?

- * How did the city of Shushan respond to this?

- * How does Mordecai respond to this?

- * What can we learn from this?