

Haman's Death (I wrote)

**When we left off on our story last week,
Haman had just been humiliated by the king.**

**Haman was forced to lead Mordecai, his
enemy through town upon a horse.**

**Haman was so humiliated that he ran home
and hid in shame.**

**About this time, the king's eunuch, or helper
arrived to take Haman to the palace to dine
with the king and queen.**

**When the king and Haman arrived at the
banquet, things were going very smoothly.**

**Why... Haman had probably forgotten about
his humiliation and was having a grand time.**

**That is until...the final course...the wine
course.**

Once the wine had been served, the King turned towards Esther and asked.

“What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even if it is half of the kingdom, it shall be done.

Queen Esther answered. “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request.”

“For we have been sold, I am my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to annihilated.

Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king.”

Oh No! Can't you just imagine Haman squirming in his seat about now?

Esther, a Jew? No! It can't be, he was probably saying to himself.

I imagine that Haman was wishing that the floor would just open up and swallow him whole.

“Who is he, and where is he who would presume to do this?” the king asked.

And Esther said, “A foe and an enemy, it is this wicked Haman!”

The King was furious; he got up from the table and went out into the garden.

But Haman stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

Now when the King returned from the garden, Haman had just thrown himself onto the couch where Queen Esther was sitting. He was begging for mercy from Queen Esther.

**BUT approaching the Queen was a BIG NO,
NO!**

No one was allowed to approach her.

King Xerxes was furious!

**“Will you even assault the queen with me in
the house?”**

**One of the King’s eunuch’s replied. “Behold,
indeed, there is a gallows standing at
Haman’s house fifty cubits high, which
Haman made for Mordecai who spoke good
on behalf of the king!**

And the king said “Hang him on it.”

**And Haman was hung from the gallows that
he had originally built to hang Mordecai
upon.**

**On that same day, King Xerxes gave the
house of Haman, and all of his possessions, to
Queen Esther.**

Queen Esther told the king who she was and who her family was.

He called Mordecai before him and gave him the signet ring which he had taken away from Haman.

Esther then set Mordecai over the house of Haman and gave him full charge of all the possessions.

Then Queen Esther spoke once again to the king. She fell at his feet, wept, and implored him to avert the evil scheme of Haman and his plot to kill all the Jews.

The King extended the golden scepter towards Esther so she arose and stood before the king.

Then she said “If it pleases the king and if I have found favor before him and the matter seems proper to the king and I am pleasing in his sight, let it be written to revoke the letters

**devised by Haman. Which he wrote to
destroy the Jews.”**

**“For how can I endure to see the calamity
which shall befall my people, and how can I
endure to see the destruction of my kindren?”**

**So King Xerxes said to Queen Esther and to
Mordecai the Jew. “Behold, I have given the
house of Haman to Esther, and him they have
hanged on the gallows because he has
stretched out his hands against the Jews.”**

**“I cannot reverse the law, because it has been
sealed with the king’s seal. But I give you
permission, in the kings name to write a new
decree and seal it with the king’s signet ring.**

**So the kings scribes were called once again
and a new decree was written according to all
that Mordecai commanded to the Jews.**

**The decree was written, wax was poured
upon the paper. And Mordecai, using the**

king's signet ring, pressed the ring into the wax and it was an irreversible law.

The new law was sent by courier on horses throughout the land.

The new law could not reverse the initial law that Haman had written. BUT it allowed all Jews the right to assemble and to defend their lives, to destroy, kill and annihilate the entire army of any people or province which might attack them, including children and women and to plunder their spoil.

Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a large crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and rejoiced.

For the Jews... there was light and gladness and joy and honor.

And in each and every province, and in each and every city; wherever the king's

commandment and his decree arrived, there was gladness and joy for the Jews.

The people were so excited that they proclaimed that day a holiday and held a big feast in celebration.

And many people across the land, who were previously scared to reveal their true identity; came forth and revealed the fact that they too were Jews.

Haman reminds me of a more modern dictator, a man named Adolph Hitler.

You will not learn about Adolph Hitler in your Bible, but you will read about him in your history books.

Adolph Hitler is a dictator from the 1900's. A time when many of your grandparents or great-grandparents were born.

Adolph Hitler was the Founder and Leader of a group called the Nazi Party

He was a dictator. A dictator is a ruler who rules by force. They force you to do things.

Adolph Hitler hated Jews just like Haman. But Adolph Hitler did not learn to hate the Jews as Haman did, he was obsessed with them his entire life.

Hitler wanted to create a perfect society. A society filled with only one type of people...people... who in his mind... were perfect.

Those people had blonde hair, blue eyes, and no defects at all.

He wanted anyone that did not fit his perfect profile to be killed.

The Jews did not have blonde hair, they did not have blue eyes, so Hitler pegged them as his number one enemy.

Now Hitler knew that he could not just go out and kill these people, so he had to come up with a plan, just like Haman did.

Hitler and his Allies decided that they would go into battle with all the other countries in Europe.

**As they went into battle against a new country,
they would round up all the imperfect people and
do away with them.**

**In 1933 (this is the year when my father was born)
nine million Jews lived in the 21 countries of
Europe that would soon be occupied by
Germany's during the war.**

**By 1945 two out of every three European Jews
had been killed.**

**Now, these people were not just casualties of war.
They were simply murdered.**

**Many of the Jews were captured and sent off to
concentration camps where they were worked to
death, or starved to death, or died from terrible
diseases because the camps were dirty.**

**Many of them were sent to the gas chambers.
They were stripped of their clothing and marched
into a large room...completely naked.**

**Once they were inside, the doors would shut and
poisonous gas was pumped into the room. Killing
all of them.**

Although Hitler tried to annihilate all the Jews, he failed.

When Japan, one of Hitler's allies tried to take over Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

The United States and her Allies: Britain and Russia attacked back.

When Hitler realized that he was losing the battle, he cowardly killed himself.

Many thousands of Jews died at the hands of Hitler, but the Jews are God's chosen people.

The Jewish line will never be completely annihilated. God will not allow it.

There will always be a thread of this line until Jesus comes back and takes us home.

Tick Tack Toe Review Game

Draw a tick tack toe board on the white/chalk board.

Divide the class up into two teams

Assign one team the “O” and one team the “X”

Ask Questions from the lesson

If a team gets the correct answer, they can place an X or O on the tick tack toe board.

If they get it wrong, the other team gets a chance to answer the question and put their mark on the tick tack tow board