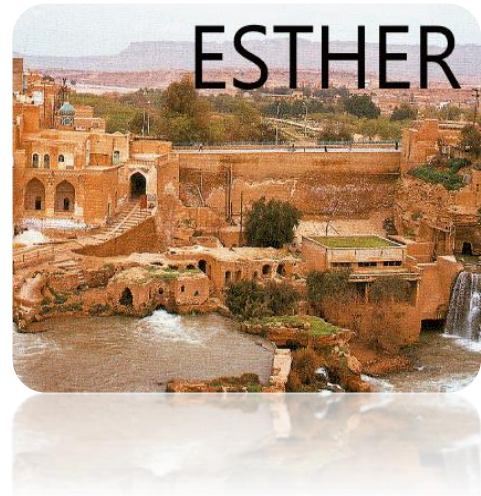


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The author of this book is unknown, but the content is definitely one of Jewish nationalism. The historical setting is: Persia of a 10 year period – 483-473bc during the reign of Xerxes (Greek) Ahasuerus (Hebrew). The name of God is not mentioned in this book, while His Sovereignty is apparent in each chapter. It was Herodotus who wrote Xerxes sought consolation in his harem after his defeat at Salamis, which is when Esther became queen.



Haman's disdain and plot against Mordicai

¹ After these events, King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his authority over all the princes who were with him.

² And all the servants of the king, who were at gate of the king, bowed down, and revered Haman: for the king had so instructed concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow, nor did revere him.

³ Then the servants of the king, who were at the gate of the king, asked Mordicai, Why did you transgress the king's instruction?

⁴ Now it happened, when they spoke daily to him, and he did not listen to them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.

⁵ And when Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor revered him, then Haman was filled with rage.

⁶ But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had told him who the people of Mordecai were: therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were throughout the entire kingdom of Ahasuerus.

⁷ In the first month, that is, the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, Pur, that is the lot, was cast before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, until the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

⁸ Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of all the other people; and they do not keep the laws of the king: so it is not in the interest of the king to let them remain.

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⁹ If it pleases the king, let it be decreed that they be destroyed: and I will pay 10,000 talents of silver into the hands of those who carry on the business of the king, to put it into the king's treasuries.

¹⁰ Then the king took his signet ring from his hand, and gave it to Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews.

¹¹ And the king said to Haman, The silver is yours, and the people also, to do with them as you please.

¹² Then the scribes of the king were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman instructed to the satraps of the king, to the governors who were over each province, and to the princes of each people, each province according to the its script, each people according to their language; written in the name of King Ahasuerus, and sealed with the signet ring of the king.

¹³ And letters were sent by couriers to all the provinces of the king, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, both young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to seize their possessions as plunder.

¹⁴ A copy of the edict to be issued as law in every province was published to all the peoples, so that they should be ready for this day.

¹⁵ The couriers went out, driven by the instruction of the king, while the decree was issued in Susa the capital. And while the king and Haman sat down to drink; the city Susa was in confusion.

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