



ESTHER: THE DIVINE REVERSAL



God's Providence

God, in an invisible and inscrutable way, governs all creatures, actions and circumstances through the normal and ordinary course of human life, without the intervention of the miraculous.



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Esther 4:16

When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.

Esther 5:1-5

On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance. ²When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was **PLEASED** with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the

Esther 5:1-5

³Then the king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you." 4"If it pleases the king," replied Esther, "let the king, together with Haman, come today to a banquet I have prepared for him." 5"Bring Haman at once," the king said, "so that we may do what Esther asks."



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Esther 5:14

His wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Have a pole set up, reaching to a height of fifty cubits, and ask the king in the morning to have Mordecai impaled on it. Then go with the king to the banquet and enjoy yourself." This suggestion delighted Haman, and he had the pole set up.

Esther 6:1-3

That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. 2It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.

Esther 6:1-3

3"What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered.

Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.

- C.S. Lewis

Esther 6:6-11

⁶When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" 7So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, 8have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its

Esther 6:6-11

⁹Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!""



Esther 6:6-11

¹⁰"Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended." 11So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights

Esther 6:12-13

¹²Afterward Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief, ¹³and told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, "Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has started, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him—you will surely come to ruin!"

Esther 6:14-7:4 14While they were still talking with him, the

king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared. 1So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet, ² and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

Esther 6:14-7:4

³Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. 4For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the

Esther 7:5-8

⁵King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a thing?" ⁶Esther said, "An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. ⁷The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden.

Esther 7:5-8

But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life. 8 Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining. The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?" As soon as the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

Esther 7:9-10

⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, "A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king. The king said, "Impale him on it!" 10So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king's fury subsided.



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God uses ALL THINGS to accomplish HIS PURPOSES for HIS GLORY.

GOD USES ALL THINGS Good Things Bad Things Coincidences Things we Control Things we Cannot Control

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Good Purposes

Bringing people into an eternal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

History is not the story of God's trial of something good that failed, thus requiring him to come up with an emergency package as an afterthought, God's ultimate creation plan was not Adam and Eve in Eden but Christ in the Gospel.

-Graeme Goldsworthy

Philippians 1:12-14

¹²Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without

How has God's providence worked in your faith story?

Good Purposes To be conformed into the image of Christ.

Romans 8:28-29

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his

All of God's delays are maturings, either of the time or the man. -Derek Kidner

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Philippians 2:10-11

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.