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FROM EVIL TO BLESSING

Chapters 5 through 9 of the Book of Esther tells of Haman's evil plot to get all Jews in the 127 provinces of Babylon killed, thereby exterminating all the Jews. But God had a plan for deliverance.

Mordecai, a Jew, had found favor of the Babylonian King Ahasuerus. He sat at the gate of the city, which was a place of leadership. Mordecai learned of a plan to assassinate the king. He informed Esther, his uncle's daughter [who he had raised] who was now the queen. Esther told her husband, the king, of Haman's plot to kill the king.

Through a series of deceptive events by Haman, King Ahasuerus had signed a decree [law] that would have killed all the Jews. Upon finding out the truth about what Haman had done, the King then killed Haman, his ten sons, and gave all of Haman's wealthy estate to Esther.

Mordecai was then elevated to a high royal position of power. In the month of Adar, [March], on the day that Haman would have killed all the Jews, the tables were turned. The king could not stop Haman's decree but instead allowed every Jew to have a weapon and defend themselves. The Jews slayed 75,000 of their enemies on the 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of Adar. This event of deliverance is still celebrated today as the Jewish Feast of Purim.

God takes care of His own. He never will leave us or forsake us. He still sits on the throne.

His promises are true. He will not forget you, like he didn't forget his people the Jews when there was a plot against them.