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“The Turning of the Tide” by Pastor Dan Stockum



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¹ That night the king could not sleep;
so he ordered the record of his reign to be
brought in and read to him.

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² It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.

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

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⁴ Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about impaling Mordecai on the pole he had set up for him.

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⁵ “Bring him in,” the king ordered.

⁶ When Haman entered, the king asked him, “What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?”

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Now Haman thought to himself, “Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?” ⁷ So he answered the king, ⁸ have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden.

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⁹ Then let them robe the man 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!’”

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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. Do not neglect anything you have recommended.”

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¹¹ So 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 to honor!”

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¹² Afterward Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief, ¹³ and told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him.

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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!”

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¹⁴ While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.

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6:1 So 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."

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³ Then 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.

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⁴ For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated.

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⁵ King Xerxes asked Queen Esther,
“Who is he? Where is he—the man
who has dared to do such a thing?”

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⁶ Esther said, “An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

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⁷ The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

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⁹ Then 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.”

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The king said, “Impale him on it!”
¹⁰ So they impaled Haman
on the pole he had set up for Mordecai.

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The demise of Haman: certain

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The “justice” Haman received:

- 1) **He reaped what he sowed.**
- 2) **He paid what he owed?**

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The mercy Haman foreshadowed: **the cross**

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