

## Chapter Twenty-one

# The King and I<sup>1</sup>

Esther 8:1 to 10a

*(Later that day...)*

Forlorn, and in tears, Ahasuerus thinks back to the lonely days and times he spent with no queen beside him-and even more heartbreaking-no *Esther*. “Oh Esther, to think that I *almost lost you*.” Gently placing his left hand under her head, and embracing her with his right one<sup>2</sup>, he tenderly continues, “*Essy, I couldn’t live without you by my side. Sweetheart,...my love for you is ‘everlasting’<sup>3</sup>*” he swallows hard and continues, “*stay with me-my love..., ‘for ever’<sup>4</sup>!* I’m gonna *prove* my love to you, my precious...you’ll see...”, as he spies Mordecai entering the room, the King suddenly interrupts himself, regaining his composure, and finishing his sentence more like a statesman than a lover, “...ahem, first things *first!* For your unwavering bravery in this matter, I give you ‘...the house of Haman...’!” All of a sudden his facial features change again, as he lets out a big chuckle, mildly striking the table, saying, “he yain’t gonna need *that* no more...!”

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<sup>1</sup> *The King and I*, 1951 Broadway musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein II

<sup>2</sup> Song of Solomon 2:6 and 8:3

<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah 31:3. What’s amazing here, is, that God wrote this verse to His wife Israel *WHILE* (606 B.C.) He was sending her into captivity for her sin and rebellion against Him.

<sup>4</sup> Hosea 2:19

“Ain’t that the truth,” Mordecai interrupts, and then-in the back of his mind, knowing Haman’s *out*, and he’s *in*-proceeds to serendipitously and presumptuously slap the King on the back. “Gooooood day, Your Majesty. What a wonderful day it turned out to be! Harbonah sent word...you needed to see me, O King?”

Esther interrupts Mordecai, “Before you answer, Your Majesty, may I say just *one* thing?”

“Hm, sure my *Love*,” and quickly corrects himself, “my *Queen!*”

“Do you remember me telling you ‘bout my *cousin?*”

“I think so...seems like you said *something* about him...”

“Well then!... *KING* Xerxes,...meet...*COUSIN* Mordecai!!!!!”

### The Man of God’s Own Choosing<sup>5</sup>

Do you realize; Lucifer was God’s *first* choice for the SECOND ruler in His Kingdom? He must have really impressed The Lord *a lot*, for Him to advance him! Now that he’s been exposed and given a future sentence, his Replacement is waiting in the wings to fill the righteous role he never could, himself. May I remind you, AFTER THIS CHOICE; THERE’LL BE NO OTHERS!! *This* Man, will be the “last” (I Corinthians 15:45) one ever chosen!

**“And the king took off his ring** [mentioned four times: 3:10; here; and two together, 8:8-a NEW BEGINNING for these Jews, who were ready to perish, and 8:10.], **which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai.** [Genesis 41:42-Remember from chapter one of this book; A GENTILE King put his RING on A JEW, and made him the second ruler in his kingdom?] **And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.**<sup>6</sup>” Esther 8:2

<sup>5</sup> From, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, by Martin Luther.

<sup>6</sup> And rightfully so, since Mordecai is the *hero* of this story!

Now it was Esther's turn to get all teary eyed. But unlike the King's tears of happiness, *her* tears weren't about *love*-well, love of her *husband* anyway. No, no, these were tears of deep despair. You see; the heart that had just been warmed by her husband was now breaking for the love she had for her doomed race. Keep in mind, that, though the Jews were rid of Haman, his edict was *still in effect!* Something had to be done to change it, and it had to be done right away! "The King's love could wait," she thought, "but not *this!!!*"

Counting on the King's continued favour and generosity, Esther did the only thing she thought she could do under the circumstances. All at once, she slid towards the floor, and began praying out loud to Jehovah. "For thou hast delivered *my* soul from death: wilt not thou deliver *my*<sup>7</sup>... people?" Overhearing that prayer, made Ahasuerus *think* that those words were for him; especially since she "...fell...at his feet"<sup>8</sup>, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief..." that Haman "...devised against the Jews." (Esther 8:3) The *real* truth is, she petitioned them both<sup>9</sup>, *TOGETHER!*

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<sup>7</sup> Psalms 56:13a

<sup>8</sup> *IN TYPE:* Giving *THE* King the worship due *His Name*, the worship, by the way, that Haman (*Satan*) tried to steal.

<sup>9</sup> Given the chance, where would you fall down to beg for help? Wouldn't it be in front of the most powerful man in the world at that time? Esther was so despondent about "...the mischief [that] Haman...had devised against the Jews..." (Esther 8:3), that she begged *both* Jehovah and Ahasuerus to end it, at the *same* time.

**“Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king, And said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour<sup>10</sup> in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written TO REVERSE THE LETTERS DEvised BY HAMAN..., which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the king’s provinces: For how can I endure to see the evil that shall come upon my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred?”** Esther 8:4 to 6

### ...Mightier Than The Sword

“Then the King Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew,...’ look here..., I gave you Haman’s house. And if that doesn’t prove my love for you-and my *bad* choice of leaders,...well, anyway...you two make up whatever kind of document you need to fix this thing, sign my name to it-here’s the royal pen, and seal it with my ring-*you still got my ring don’t you,...a...’ COUSIN’ Mordecai*. You have my complete trust. Just write it down,...And I’ll go along with *whatever* you sign.” (Please read Esther 8:7 and 8.)

The death warrant was already signed and delivered. And it will take a second *WRITTEN*<sup>11</sup> document-a PARDON, to those ready to perish, and a *death SENTENCE*, to those who opposed the change-to reverse it. This time, instead of Haman (Esther 3:12), Mordecai the Jew writes in the King’s name<sup>12</sup>:

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<sup>10</sup> In less than a two-day period, this was the *third* time Esther sought for the King’s favour. (Esther 5:2; 7:3; and, 8:5)

<sup>11</sup> Esther 1:19; 3:9, 12, and 14; 4:8; 8:5, 8, 9, 10, and 13; 9:23, 27, and 32; 10:2.... “Write, wrote, written, writing, and, scribe”: Someone indeed, did some writing in this Book. And someone indeed, RECORDED what they wrote!

<sup>12</sup> Christ spoke with God’s words (John 3:34a); we are to speak with Christ’s words. (I Timothy 6:3 to5)

**“...Unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus’ name, and sealed it with the king’s ring....”** Esther 8:9 and 10a

