

“HAMAN THE HATER: OR HOW HATRED KILLED THE HATER”

Esther 3:1-15

I. THE RESOLUTE RESENTMENT IN HAMAN (1-6)

A. The Advancement Of Haman (1)

1. His Envious Promotion Provided His Earthly Fame (1a)

“After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman...”

2. His Evil Past Programmed His Eternal Future (1b)

“...the son of Hammedatha the Agagite,...”

3. His Elevated Position Preceded His Eminent Fall (1c)

“...and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.”

B. The Anger Of Haman (2-5)

1. A Hollow Courtesy (2a)

“And all the king’s servants, that were in the king’s gate, bowed, and revered Haman:...”

2. A High Command (2b)

“for the king had no command concerning him.”

3. A Holy Conviction (2c)

“...But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.”

4. A Hostile Challenge (3-4)

a. They Resented His Courage (3)

“Then the king’s servants, which were in the king’s gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king’s commandment?”

b. They Realized His Conviction (4a)

“Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them,...”

c. They Reported His Conduct (4b-4d)

(1) Their Pride Was Rebuked (4b)

“...that they told **Haman**,...”

(2) Their Purpose Was Revenge (4c)

“...to see whether Mordecai’s matters would stand:...”

(3) Their Prejudice Was Revealed (4d)

“...for he had told them that he was a Jew.”

5. A Hateful Contempt (5)

a. The Perception Of Haman (5a)

“And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not,...”

b. The Pride Of Haman (5b) “...nor did him reverence,...”

c. The Pouting Of Haman (5c) “...then was Haman full of wrath.”

C. The Anti-Semitism Of Haman (6)