

GOD'S GOT MY BACK

Isaiah 54:17

The Book of Esther

The Book of Esther is a story with two great themes: conflict and concern. The story has a villain, Haman, and a hero, God. The characters of the story are common folks, like us, who live life with daily struggles and joys. Life is always difficult to predict, especially when it's being imposed upon by an enemy intent upon destruction. Hey, NO WORRIES! God's got my back!

1. Haughty Haman

3:1-2

The conflict of good and evil manifests itself in the struggle between Haman, the recently promoted descendent of Esau, and Mordecai, the Jewish uncle of Queen Esther. Haman is galled by the lack of reverence given him by Mordecai. Proverbs 6:16-19 lists seven things the Lord hates, and the first one is a proud look.

2. Hateful Haman

3:3-6, 9-10

Haman's hatred for Mordecai morphs into a plan of destruction for the entire race. God's covenant with Abraham includes a promise to bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you, so, now, Haman has aligned himself not only against Mordecai but against God.

3. Hilarious Haman

3:15, 4:3

The Jews are now living under the very real threat of total extermination while the king and Haman sit down to drink. What does the sorrow of others mean to him? The people of God are praying, and things are about to get interesting.

4. Heartbroken Haman

4:13-16, 5:9-14

Though Haman is gaining everything he has ever longed for, there is still a fly in his ointment, THAT Mordecai. Haman's wife, Zeresh, in an attempt to comfort his pain, suggests a solution that ultimately seals his fate. The devil ALWAYS overplays his hand!

5. Humiliated Haman

6:1-12

Woodrow Wilson said, "I would rather temporarily fail with a cause that will ultimately succeed than to temporarily succeed with a cause that will ultimately fail". GOD'S GOT MY BACK!

6. Hanging Haman

7:1-10

Haman is like a spider trapped in his own web. Galatians 6:7 states, "Be not deceived, for God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap". The mills of God grind slowly but exceedingly fine.