Esther Saves Her People

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Read & think

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MAIN POINTS

- Mordecai's unrewarded report becomes the hinge of the narrative when the royal archive is read during Ahasuerus's sleepless night (Esther 2:21-23; 6:1-11).

- Esther's advocacy unfolds through communal fasting, acceptance of legal danger, strategic delay, disclosure, and a second petition after Haman's death (Esther 4:11, 15-16; 5:1-8; 7:3-6; 8:3-6).

- Haman's device returns upon his own head, moving from the gallows prepared for Mordecai to Haman's execution and the collapse of his decree (Esther 5:14; 7:9-10; 9:25).

- The resolution distinguishes the execution of Haman from the legal answer to his writing: a second decree authorizes defense, while Purim institutionalizes rest, feasting, reciprocity, generosity, and memory (Esther 8:8-13; 9:20-32).

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Esther never explicitly names God. How can readers discuss the story's remarkable timing and reversals while distinguishing the book's reports from theological interpretation?
Esther 2:21-23

2. What does Esther's response show about acting when the danger is real and the outcome is not guaranteed?
Esther 4:11

3. Esther's royal access created both danger and responsibility, and Haman's death did not end her work of petitioning (Esther 4:11, 13-16; 8:3-6). Where does your present access require informed, persistent advocacy rather than silence?
Esther 4:11

MEMORY VERSE / Esther 6:1-3

The chronicles preserved Mordecai's unrewarded report. When the sleepless king heard it as Haman arrived, he ordered Mordecai publicly honored (Esther 2:21-23; 6:1-11).

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On that night, the king couldn’t sleep. He commanded the book of records of the chronicles to be brought, and they were read to the king. It was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king’s eunuchs, who were doorkeepers, who had tried to lay hands on the King Ahasuerus. The king said, “What honor and dignity has been given to Mordecai for this?” Then the king’s servants who attended him said, “Nothing has been done for him.”

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On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king’s chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king’s servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

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