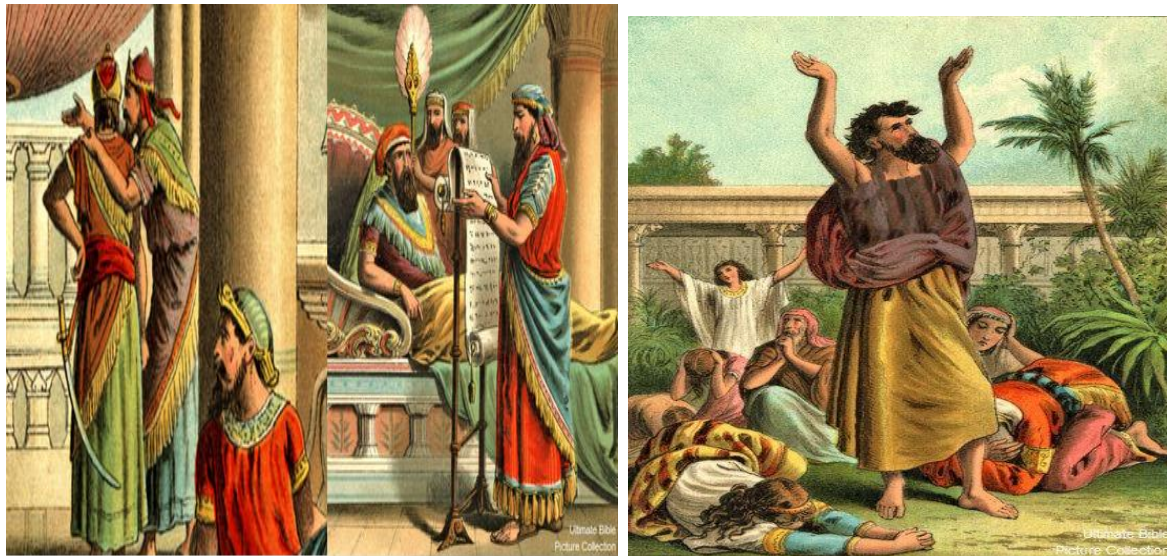


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## Haman's Conspiracy

### Scripture Reading: Esther Chapter 3

King Ahasuerus promoted Haman and set his seat above all the princes who were with him. All the king's servants bowed and paid homage to Haman. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage. Mordecai said that he cannot bow or pay homage because he was a Jew. Haman who heard this sought to destroy all the Jews who were scattered throughout the kingdom. He said to the king, "There is a certain group of people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the province of your kingdom; their laws are different from all the other people, and they do not keep the King's laws". He also tried to deceive the king saying that a huge load of wealth can be looted in destroying them. The king accepted Haman's plea and sent forth a command that all the Jews be destroyed on a single day.



Dear children, what was Haman's problem? He was frustrated because Mordecai did not bow down to him and pay homage to him. Why did he plot to kill and destroy all the Jews? This is the plan of the devil to destroy the entire race of the Jews. Satan uses those in authority and power to fulfil his plans. Mordecai who heard this wept bitterly, wore sackcloth and sat in ashes grieving for his people. He also sent counsel to queen Esther. All the Jews who were scattered throughout the provinces also wept and humbled themselves with fasting and prayer. Mordecai and Esther did not seek ways to save themselves but also sought to save the entire race of the Jews. Dear children, we should always care for others. Our heavenly Father is always mindful of us and cares for us. Similarly, we should love and help others.

***"The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."***  
***Mark 12:31***

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving and helping us in times of trouble and need. Help us to love others and help them without any expectation or hidden motives. Amen



Haman wanted everyone to bow to him. When Mordecai refused because of his faith, Haman devised a plan to kill all of the Jews. - **Esther 3**