



The Harvest

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Purim and Providence Part 3

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START

Start your study by inviting God's presence to meet with you as you study His word.

MAIN VERSES

[Esther 7-10](#)

OVERVIEW

The story of Purim, as found in the book of Esther, reveals the sublime truth of the power of God's hidden providence in bringing about His plans. Note carefully that not once is God mentioned in the entire 10-chapter book. Why? I believe you will find the story and the answer intriguing. More importantly is the meaning and its applications for us today. This series will inspire and strengthen your faith in facing the challenges that are presenting themselves in 2021. Today our focus will be on when, why and how God empowers His people to defend their lives, liberties, and properties from those who would try and take them away.

CONTENT

[Read Esther 7](#)

What was Esther's strategy in bringing her grievances to her authority?

- A. Violent Protests*
- B. Civil disobedience*
- C. Humble and honorable appeal*

Esther humbly and honorably appeals to her authority. She is respectful, and submissive. Through her grace, rectitude, and reverence, she increases her favor with the King. She does not choose the path of mob rule and violence.

Read Esther 8

How does Mordechai gain the attention and favor of the King?

Mordechai has been respectfully appealing to a lower authority – the Queen. He too understands authorities and how to relate to them. Through his honorable and noble behavior, he not only increases his favor with the Queen, he also increases his favor and position with the King.

Read Esther 9–10

Through God's hidden Providence, how are the Jews saved from genocide?

The King granted them the right to freely organize, assemble, and defend their lives, liberties, and properties with deadly force against all their aggressors, even women and children! They were empowered by their authority to take vengeance on all their enemies. This was God's provision for their protection. He was at work on their behalf and expected them to join Him in defending themselves!

TAKE ACTION

Re-read the *Declaration of Independence* and *Bill of Rights*. Note the similarities between the story of Purim and our own struggle with tyranny in our beginnings as a nation. Note our inalienable rights as found in our *Declaration of Independence*. Note especially our 1st and 2nd amendments in our *Bill of Rights*. Our rights come from God, not government. When authorities become tyrants by restricting our freedoms or even eliminating them, we have the right through godly, patient interposition, to remove tyrants from their places of authority. This normally takes weeks, months, and sometimes even years.

Interposition begins with prayer. We are called to intercede for our nation. we are instructed to make petitions and supplications to God, requesting His providence and plans to address the growing tyranny and godlessness all around us. We encourage, even exhort you to commit daily to interposing for our nation through prayer to the King of Heaven. Resist the urge to demean and rail against your authorities. Learn to bless and appeal to them. This is the first step in resisting evil and overcoming it. Set your schedule now to pray daily for our nation and our world. Everything is hanging in the balance of good and evil, life and death! Pray like never before!