



The Day Arrives | vv. 1-4

- Verse 1 –
 - The 13th day of Adar - This day was set by lot in Esther 3:7.
 - **them that hated them** - Through history, there has never been a plot against the Jews that ultimately prevailed.
- Verse 2 –
 - **the Jews gathered...** - Except for rare occasions, the survival of the Jews had been by the human power of the Jewish people which is supported by the supernatural providence of the hand of God. The Jericho kind of victory is rare, and NEVER occurs when the Jews are outside of fellowship with Him. However, even when outside of fellowship, the Jews are protected by the providence of God and will eventually rise in their own defense.
 - **No man could withstand –**
 - This statement is true of the Jews when they are out of fellowship with God but united in resolve.
 - Ultimately, when they are in fellowship with God, He will fight for them "as on a day when a warrior goes to battle."
 - *note:* be careful not to build a "the Lord will fight our battles" theology. <https://www.gotquestions.org/God-fights-our-battles.html>
- Verse 3 - Mordecai was feared because he had come to a place of power. He had come to this place of power by God's providence, but God used Mordecai's political and moral values to keep Mordecai "in the right place at the right time." From a human standpoint, Mordecai's position was due to consistent expression of his own convictions.

The Result | vv. 5-13

- Verses 7-9 –
 - The names of the 10 sons are in vv. 7-9. They did not touch the spoil because it had been given to Eshter, whom they respected.
 - It is interesting and unusual that the word **and** is used so consistently here. In the scroll of Esther (*Megillah Esther*), the **and** along with the names are written in two columns. Jewish sages say that this is an implicit prophecy that not only the one mentioned, but also someone else will be slain. See note on v. 13.
 - "If we examine the list of Haman's sons three letters are written smaller: the taf of Parshandata, the shin of Parmashta and the zayin of Vizata. Those three letters together form taf-shin-zayin, the last three numbers of the Jewish year 5707, which

corresponds to the secular year 1946, the year that those ten Nazi criminals were executed." http://ohr.edu/holidays/purim/deeper_insights/3440

- See picture of Megillah Esther at <http://www.talkreason.org/img/Image5.gif>
- Verse 13 –
 - It is interesting that Haman's sons were declared as **slain and destroyed** in v. 12, but not to be hanged "to morroww."
 - The Jewish rabbis, commenting on this passage, say that "there is a tomorrow that is now, and a tomorrow that is later."
 - It is almost as if this is a hint of implicit prophecy that there is a *future hanging* that relates to this story. The parallels with the Nuremberg trails then become uncanny.
 - Exactly 10 were hanged.
 - Eleven were sentenced, and one committed suicide the day prior.
 - Julius Streicher's last words: *Purim Fest 1946*