

FROM AN ORPHAN TO A QUEEN – her calmness and her confidence...

- 7:1 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther **the queen**
 2 ...What is thy petition, **queen** Esther? and it shall be granted thee.
 3 Then Esther **the queen** answered...
 5 Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther, **the queen.**
 6 ... Then Haman was afraid before the king and **the queen.**
 7 ...and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther **the queen**...
 8 Then said the king, Will he for **the queen** also before me in the house?.

Your background, your past does not hinder your future with God

Esther had a difficult background, but she made right choices - God exalted and used her. Some of Jesus' disciples were humble fishermen, Matthew was a despised tax collector. Our background doesn't determine what God can do with us - our faith in Him does!

Commit your work to Yahweh, and your plans will be established. Yahweh has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. (Prov 16:3-4)

From Chpt 4 to the beginning of Chpt 8 – she was on her own!

**In fact Chapters 3,4,5,6,7
all happened in 7 days!**

- 3:12 “13th day 1st month...
 5:1 “Came to pass on the 3rd day...
 5:4 “come this day
 5:8 “come tomorrow...”
 6:1 “On that night King not sleep..
 7:2 “On the 2nd day”
 8:1 “On that day...”

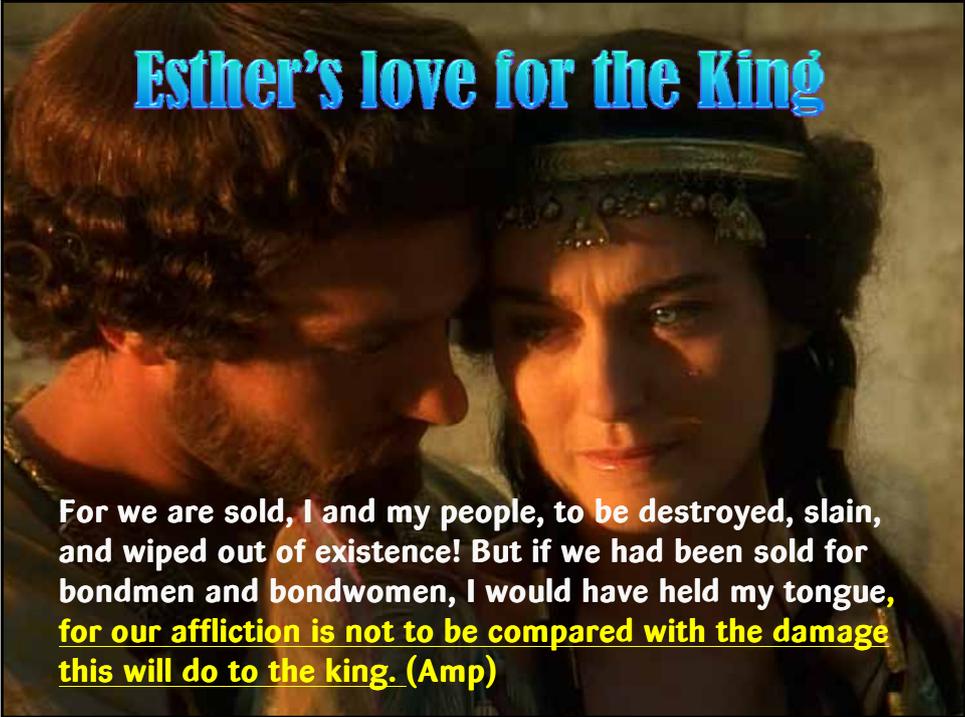
“For such a time as this...” 4:14



Esther's Cautious Appeal to the King

*Before you speak, listen.
Before you write, think.
Before you spend, earn.
Before you criticize, wait.
Before you pray, forgive.
Before you quit, try.
Before you die, give.*

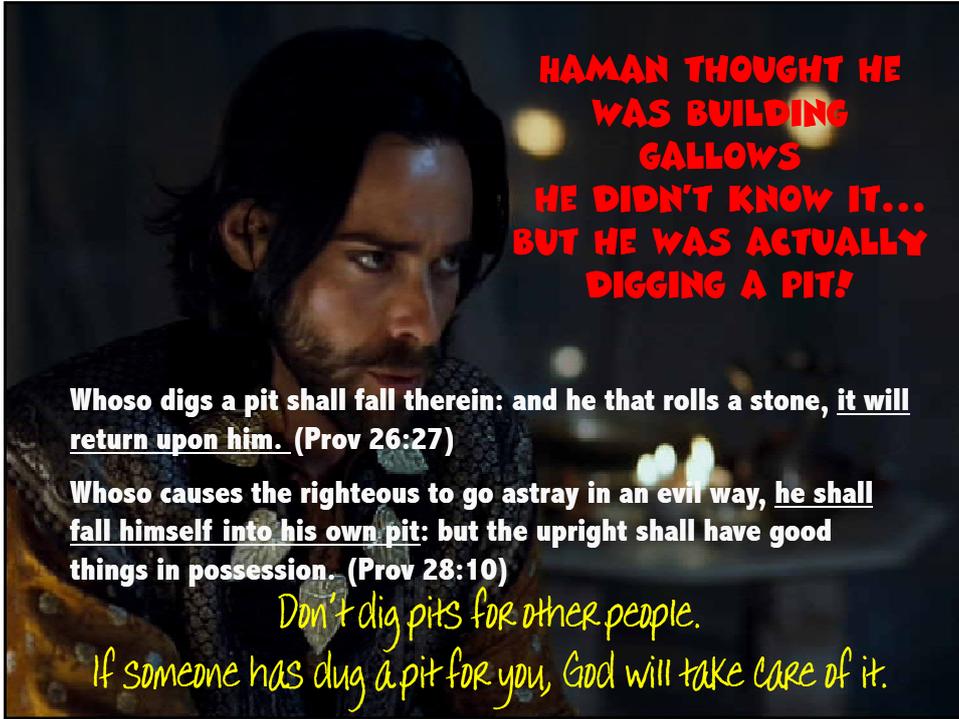
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Esther's love for the King

For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, slain, and wiped out of existence! But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I would have held my tongue, **for our affliction is not to be compared with the damage this will do to the king. (Amp)**





HAMAN THOUGHT HE WAS BUILDING GALLOWS HE DIDN'T KNOW IT... BUT HE WAS ACTUALLY DIGGING A PIT!

Whoso digs a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolls a stone, it will return upon him. (Prov 26:27)

Whoso causes the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession. (Prov 28:10)

*Don't dig pits for other people.
If someone has dug a pit for you, God will take care of it.*



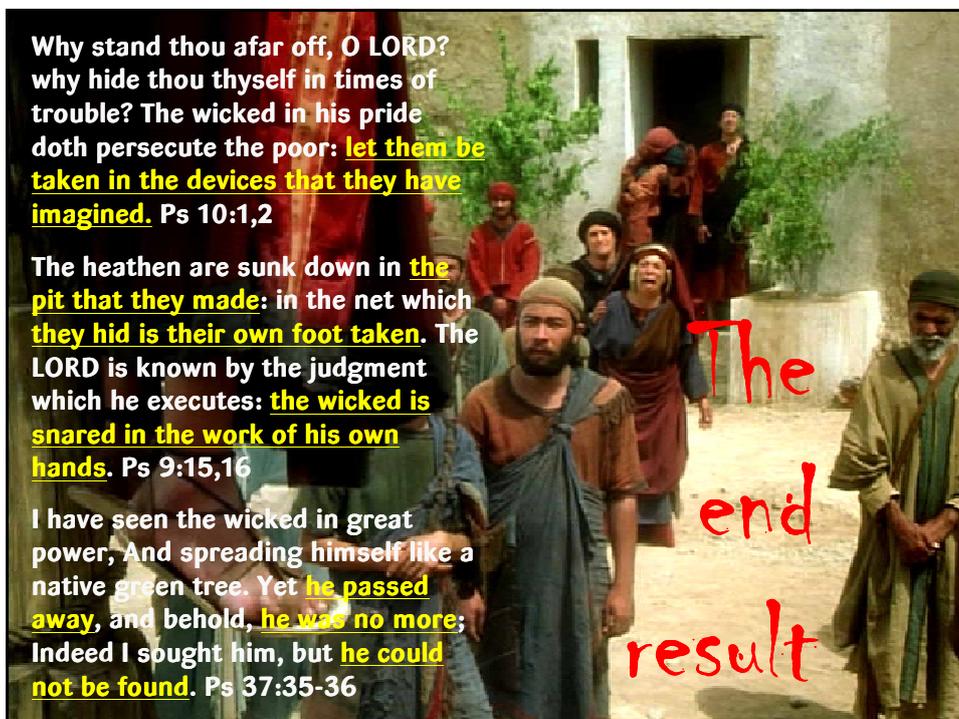
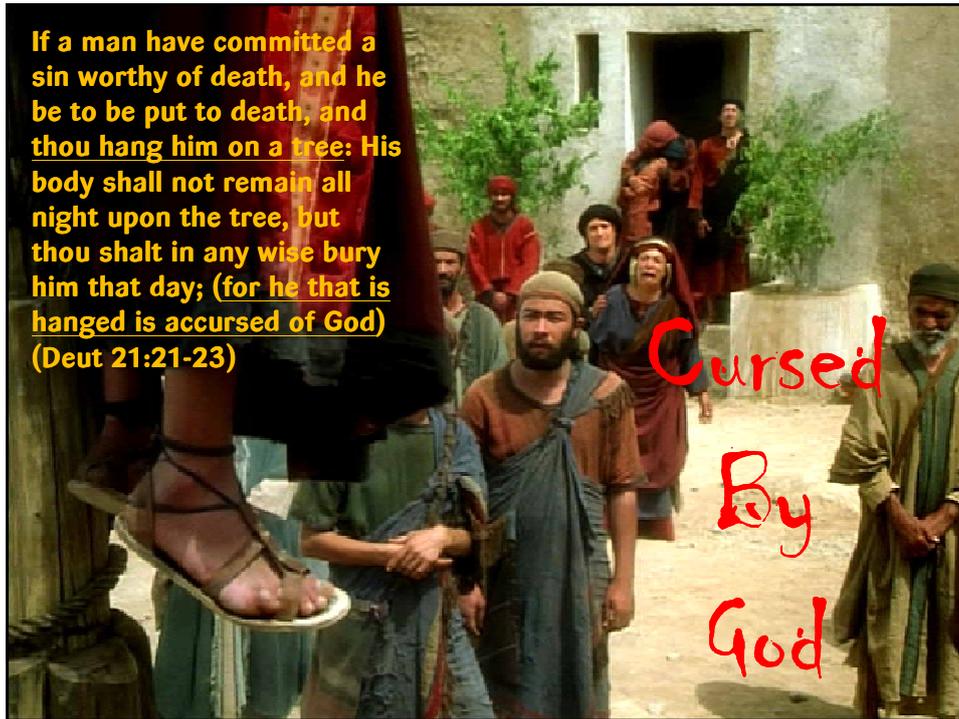
We reap what we sow...

Whoever sows injustice **will reap calamity.** Prov 22:8

Those who plough iniquity and sow trouble **reap the same.** Job 4:8

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, **for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.** For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. (Gal 6:7-10)

Be careful what you sow, it might grow!



13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th

Passover Unleavened Bread 7 days Firstfruits "morrow after sabbath" Lev 23:11

Haman's decree 3v12 (13th Abib)
Shushan perplexed 3v15
Mordecai mourns 4v1 (9am)
Mordecai's 3 day fast 4v16 (3pm)
Esther comes before King, 1st banquet 5v1,4
King can't sleep 6v1
Mordecai's parade/resurrection 6v11 (5am)
Esther's 2nd Banquet "On the 2nd day" 7:2
Mordecai receives the King's ring 8:1,2 "On that day..."

Haman didn't survive 7 days after challenging God

Haman didn't survive more than 7 days after challenging God

520 BC Begins Reign 1st 2yrs overthrowing Gaumates & quelling Babylon

1:3 3rd Year (a year of peace) makes feast

2:16 7th Year, 10th month Esther becomes Queen

3:12 12th Year, 1st month 13th day, (Passover) Haman's edict sent

7:10 Haman hanged after Esther's appeal

9:10 12th Year, 12th month 13-15th day Haman's sons killed, Jews defended



Lessons so far...

- ✓ The story reminds us that **God does what we cannot do, by co-ordinating our actions to achieve His purpose.**
- ✓ It teaches us that **God's timing is always perfect.**
- ✓ It shows us what a **difference a day can make...**
- ✓ It teaches us about **Divine Judgment** and also instructs us concerning **Divine Deliverance**



Chapter 8 Mordecai's elevation

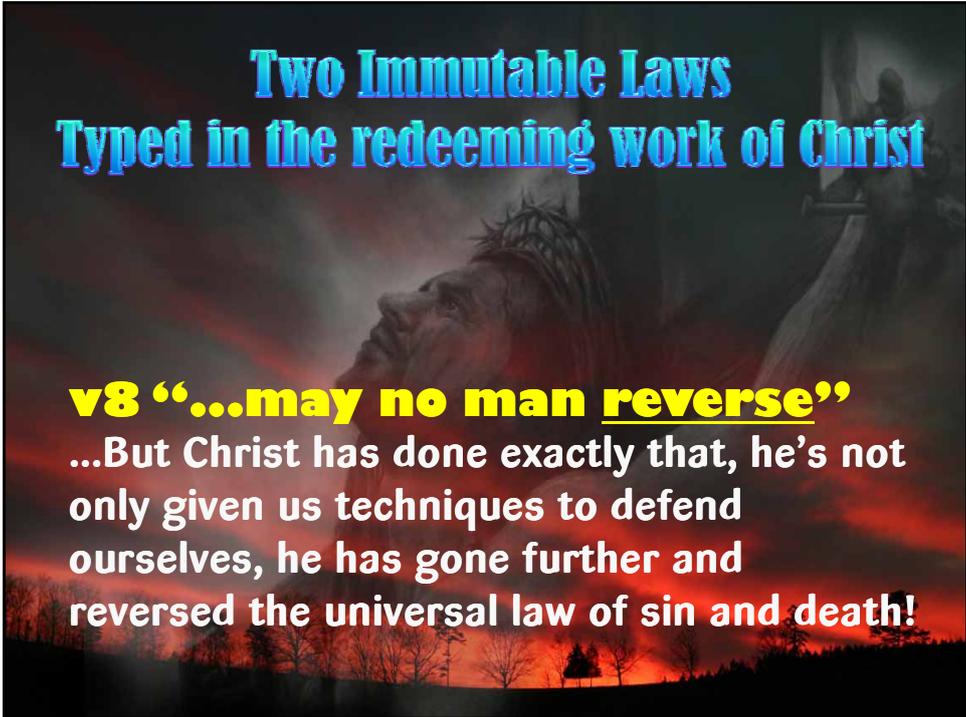
- v1-2 The PROMOTION OF MORDECAI**
- v3-6 THE PETITION OF ESTHER**
- v7-17 THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KING**

Incident	Contrast
<p>3:1 PROMOTION The king did promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.</p>	<p>10:3 For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews</p>
<p>3:10 POWER The king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman</p>	<p>8:2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.</p>
<p>3:12 KING' RESOURCES Then were the king's scribes called on the 13th day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.</p>	<p>8:9 Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month... and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces... unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language Est 8:10 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring</p>

Incident	Contrast
<p>3:13 DECIMATION And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the 13th day of the 12th month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.</p>	<p>8:10 ...and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries: Est 8:11 ...to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey</p>
<p>3:14 CONTRASTING LAWS The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.</p>	<p>8:13 The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.</p>
<p>3:15 SHUSHAN'S REACTION The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was <u>perplexed</u>.</p>	<p>8:14 So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace. Est 8:15 The city of Shushan <u>rejoiced</u> and was glad.</p>

Incident	Contrast
<p>4:1 CLOTHING When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes...</p>	<p>8:15 Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple.</p>
<p>4:3 MOURNING And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.</p>	<p>8:17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day.</p>
<p>5:14 GALLOWS Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet.</p>	<p>7:10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai.</p>
<p>6:6 HONOUR So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?</p>	<p>6:10 Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken.</p>

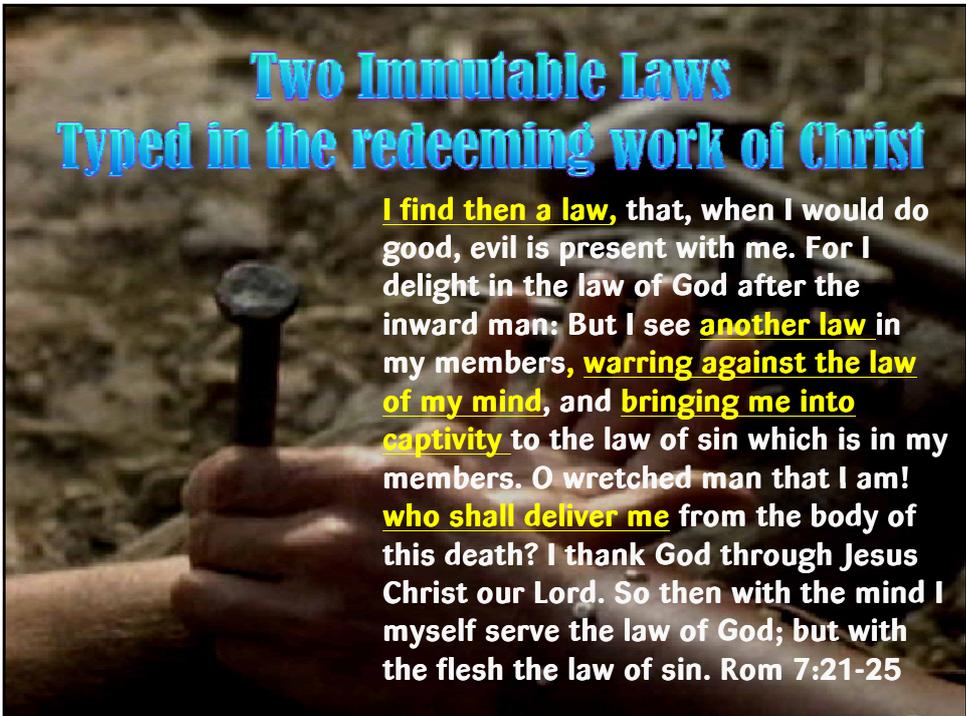




Two Immutable Laws Typed in the redeeming work of Christ

v8 “...may no man reverse”

...But Christ has done exactly that, he's not only given us techniques to defend ourselves, he has gone further and reversed the universal law of sin and death!



Two Immutable Laws Typed in the redeeming work of Christ

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see **another law** in my members, **warring against the law of my mind,** and **bringing me into captivity** to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! **who shall deliver me** from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. Rom 7:21-25

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And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Christ has **erased the charges** that were brought against us with their **decrees that were hostile to us**. He took those charges away when **he nailed them to the cross**. ISV (“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that **was against us, which was contrary to us**, and **took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross**” KJV) Col 2:13,14

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For the **law of the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus hath **made me free from the law of sin and death**. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned (destroyed) sin in the flesh**. Rom 8:2,3

The sting of death is sin; and the **strength of sin is the law**. But thanks be to God, which **gives us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Cor 15:56,57

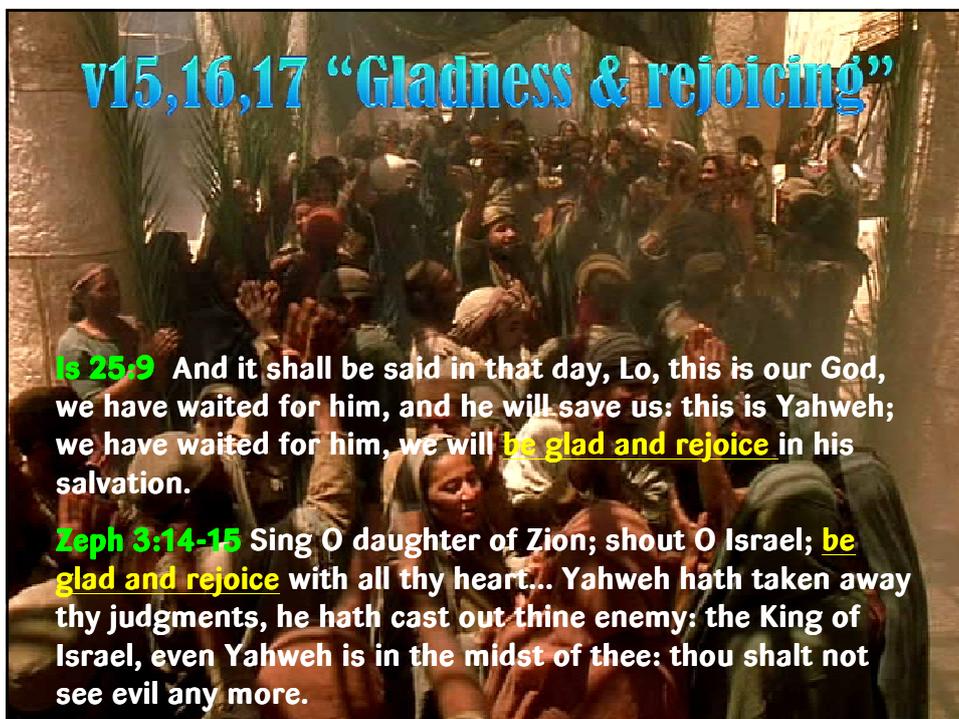
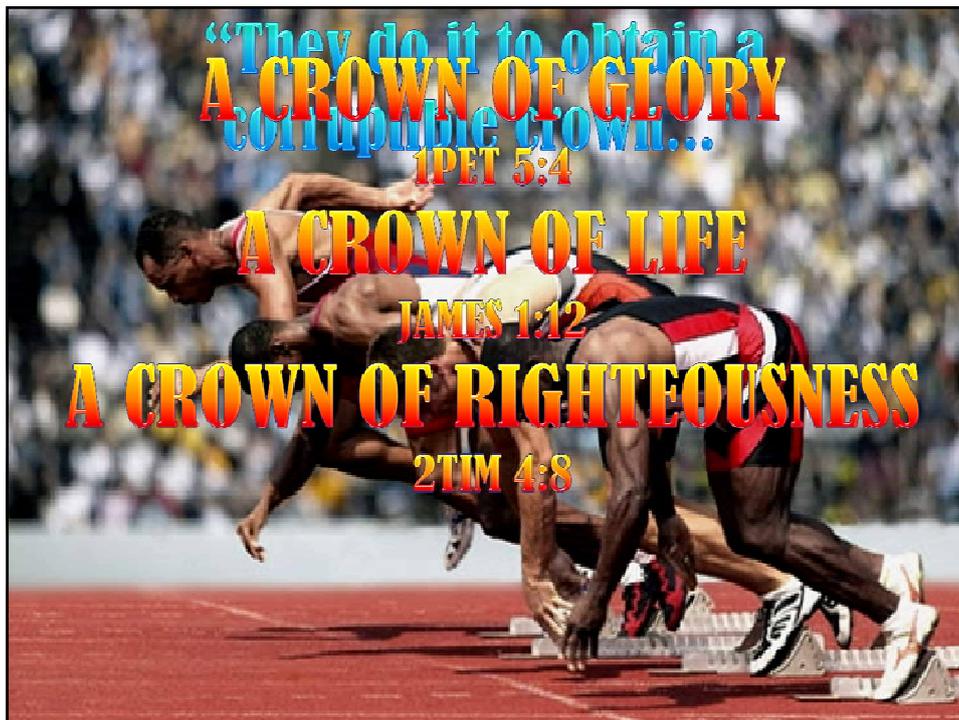


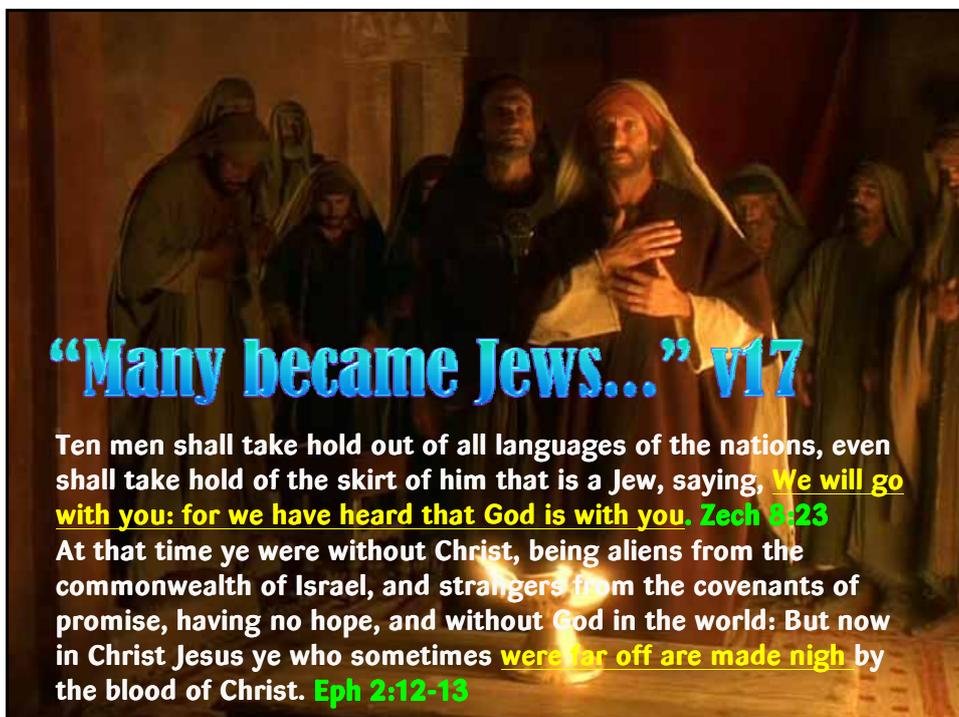
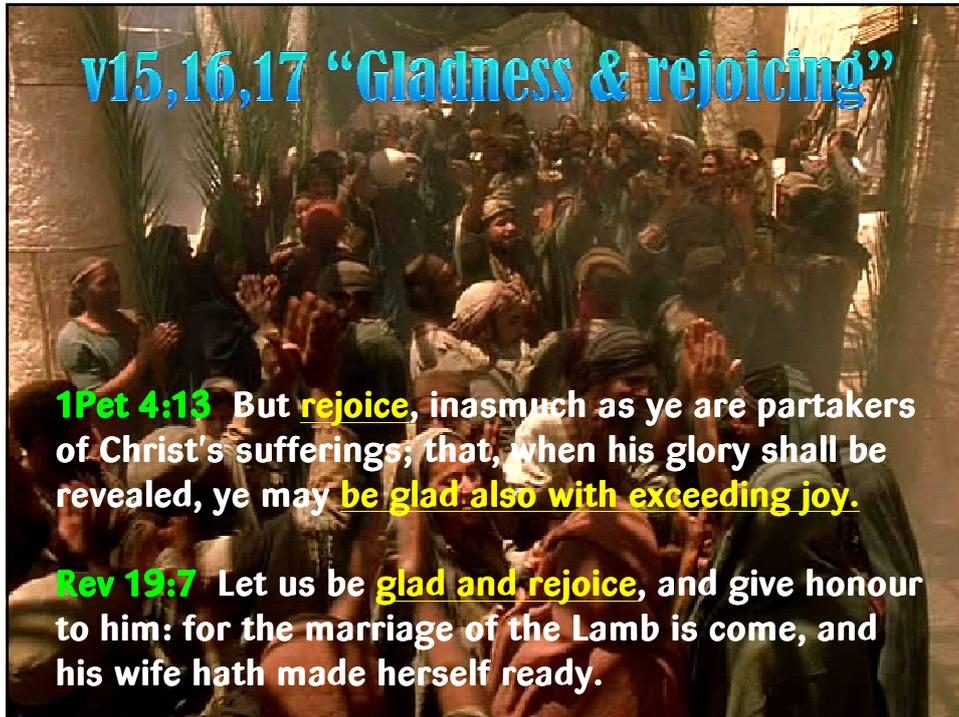
**What would you defend?
What would you destroy?**

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Ps 139:21-22

I will not put anything wicked in front of my eyes. I hate what unfaithful people do. I want no part of it. I will keep far away from devious minds. I will have nothing to do with evil. I will destroy anyone who secretly slanders his neighbor. I will not tolerate anyone with a conceited look or arrogant heart. My eyes will be watching the faithful people in the land so that they may live with me. Ps 101:3-6

Our love of God must be as strong as our hatred of evil...







Vital Lessons...

- ✓ Esther was emotionally involved in the salvation of her people – are we?
- ✓ Despite the immutable Law of Death, God has provided an alternative immutable promise of salvation.
- ✓ The Jews had to group together and actively defend themselves – do we?
- ✓ Mordecai humbly received a crown because of his consistent integrity – do we illustrate this in our lives?
- ✓ Many people became Jews – is the Truth seen as an attractive, beneficial, positive display in our lives?