

the casting of lots (pur is the word) to determine actions through the year, etc., The meeting is in the first month, Nisan, and the action is to get the guidance of some form of deity for the future of the year.

3:8....Haman uses the occasion to denounce the Jewish people to the king! Look at the charges he sets against them and ask yourself if you have heard this sort of thing before?

3:9....He proposes the people be destroyed...their properties taken and their wealth, etc., be confiscated to the king. He will need a lot of silver to pay the workers for their carnage but it will be a money raising project for the kingdom.

3:10...Note how casual Ahasuerus is about this.....careless is probably the better word....he simply slips of the royal ring, hands it to Haman and---

3:11...tells him he can have the needed funds and he should go ahead with the matter and complete it in any way that pleases him. With such an arrogant and thoughtless manner the king agrees to the elimination of the Jewish people on the whole.

3:12...Haman issues the decree and has it sent to all the provinces in the 13th day of the first month.

3:13...the order is to be executed on the 13th day of the 12th month (Adar) and the spoil of the Jews (getting all of their stuff) is the object of the affair.

3:14...the letter is sent everywhere so that all were prepared and you must know that the Jews will be considerably perplexed by it as well.

3:15...Shushan is in a state of perplexity...the actual date is nearly a year away and in the meantime, Haman and the king just sit down and have a drink together. Wickedness, you see, knows no season.

III. Conclusion:

The harshness of this plot is hard to conceive. How little it affected the conscience of the king or his people is rather interesting. But God is working and making use of the plans laid by the enemy to bring about his own downfall. Thanks for listening today and may the Lord bless you by His Word daily.