

## **God is The Commander, Even In Times of Chaos**

Commander means one who has authority and knows how to use it and will use it to bring order.

- A Commander is a higher authority who leads forces to vanquish a foe.
  - Like Gen. George Washington, Gen. Patton, Gen. Eisenhower.
  - Commanders lead troops to victory by implementing strategies of change and force at all levels to set captives free or liberate a territory or nation from an occupying force.

God reveals Himself as Commander of the Chaos, controller of the wind and the waves, and the seas. When the earth was completely covered by waters, He is the One who commanded the seas and oceans they could only go thus far.

The book of Esther can be a parallel for our times now.

It's a book about God's people facing horrific, chaotic, dark messes of a government of tyranny.

483 BC of the Persian Empire, 127 Provinces were leading the then known world.

Israel – God's people were then captivity to the Persians.

They were despised.

Haman, who had become the highest ranking person in the nation under King Ahasuerus/Xerxes, was of the Agagites, whom King Saul was supposed to have killed under the order of Samuel the Prophet. Due to Saul's failure to obey God's Word to kill the Agagites, Haman was now placed in a position of authority in the Persian Empire.

- Haman developed a plan to exterminate the Jewish people and brought the plan to King Ahasuerus claiming the Jews were rebellious and refused to honor his kingship. Esther 3:8-11
- The Jews customs were different from the rest of the kingdom. They refused to follow the Kings orders and they did not align themselves with the king's decrees.
- Ahasuerus, under a false assumption, granted Haman the authority to exterminate the Jews from the Empire.

Haman called God's people deplorables [sound familiar] because they would not align themselves with the pagan kingdom of Persia.

We see Esther's uncle Mordecai, who refused to bow to Haman at the city gates and show honor to him. Haman hated Mordecai and all the Jews and vowed to exterminate them.

The accusation was the Jews honored God's Law over the Persian law.

Haman said to Mordecai: "Your dogma lives deep in you!"

- The Jews cling to their God and their faith stronger than they revere the kingdom of Persia.
- They need to be eradicated from the nation, they are ruining our progressive agenda, our adultery of Baal worship and the sacrifice of children, and they want to expose the corruption in government and our misuse of kingdom treasure; so they must go.

Esther 3:13-15: "Bulletins were sent out by couriers to all the king's provinces with orders to massacre, kill, and eliminate all the Jews – youngsters and old men, women and babies – on a single day, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods. Copies of the bulletin were to be posted in each province, publicly available to all peoples, to get them ready for that day. The couriers went out impelled by the kings' command while the decree was issued at the citadel in Susa; and while the king and Haman sat down to drink, the city of Susa was in confusion."

This was godless politicians attempting to control and exterminate God's people.

- Attempting to control the church: don't meet together, don't sing, don't have pray for your family within the confines of your own homes, or you will be fined and jailed for your stand.
- It seems as though those politicians are sitting back with their drinks and smugness forgetting that **the Supreme Commander is watching**:
  - Prov. 5:21 "The ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He watches all his paths."
  - Prov. 15:3 "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, watching the evil and the good."
  - Psa. 10:11 "He says to himself, God has forgotten; He has hidden His face; He will never see it."
  - Psa. 94:11 "The Lord knows the thoughts of man, that they are a mere breath."

What were God's people to do? They were a tiny remnant and the situation was critical.

- They did not know the Commander over Chaos had a plan and He was not taken off guard by this plot to destroy them.
- In times like this, God has always had a remnant people that He prepares to help Him change history.
- He begins to raise up "history makers/changers"

- God has always brought forth people for certain occasions throughout history – they are born to change things.

There was a young Jewish girl named Hadassah now called Esther who had a difficult background of losing her parents and being adopted by her uncle Mordecai.

- Her life was healed and she was in a good place with Mordecai who loved her as his own daughter.
- Mordecai was one of the young Jewish men who had been captured and taken to serve in the Persian government along with Daniel and other young men.

In time, Esther became the Queen of Ahasuerus:

- She was prepared by being soaked and bathed in anointing oils and perfumes for one year until her skin absorbed the aromas.
- Her natural beauty won King Ahasuerus’s heart. Esther 2:15.
- She needed no perfumes, for who she had become was enough!

They kept it quiet of who her lineage was of the Jews – for they were of the deplorables.

- The Commander over Chaos was beginning His plan.

Mordecai hears about Haman’s plan to eradicate the Jews, kill the men, women and children, and to take their possessions.

- Mordecai dressed himself in sackcloth and ashes and wept, mourned and grieved on behalf of his people.
- Esther heard about it and summoned him to the palace, but Mordecai refused to stop!
- It was time to reveal who she was to the King, but the law said if she came before the king without being summoned by him; she could be killed.
- It was imperative she make an appeal on behalf of her people – “For perhaps you came into the Kingdom for such a time as this and for this very occasion!” Esther 4:13.
- Her response was: “To proclaim a fast for 3 days, I will go to the King and if I die, I die.” Esther 4
- It was a reality she could be killed.

God brings people into situations for just such a time as this.

**Queen Esther faced a decision that we, as God’s people, are facing right now!**

- Would she dare to stand and uncover evil in her nation or keep quiet?
- Would she get involved in the political debates of her time, the harm and persecution of people because of their faith?
- Would she sit back and watch the plunder and confiscation of her people's wealth and the transfer to godless agendas?

How would she respond and how will you respond?

- Would she say something, even if it meant death or would she hide her identity?
- What will you and I do in such a time as this – remain silent and hide our identity out of fear of a godless government?

Esther did not shrink back in fear – the anointed Bride went into the King's throne room to make intercession for her people.

Heb. 10:38-39 “But My righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the persevering of the soul.”

**The anointed Bride – The Church, must go to the King's Throne Room and make requests.**

- The guards reacted with their swords and spears to arrest Esther, but King Ahasuerus intervened and welcomed her as she touched the top of his scepter acknowledging his sovereignty.
- Esther began to uncover the plot of evil Haman towards the Jews – God's people.

The tables were turned as Haman's plot was revealed:

- The order to hang Haman on the gallows he had built for Mordecai was given.
- The property and riches of Haman were given to Queen Esther.
- All of Haman's family was executed; thus fulfilling God's original order given through Prophet Samuel to King Saul.
- New laws were written that now protected God's people and honored the God they served.

The Commander of Chaos had a plan that had started years before to undo the evil schemes of the enemy of God's people and righteousness.

In Genesis – the earth was in chaos from the enemy being cast onto the earth after his rebellion against God in heaven.

- But God, the Commander of Chaos, brought order to it and created a place where His representatives could live and rule and reign to bring His Kingdom to come on earth as it is in Heaven.

In Judges, when God’s people were impoverished for seven years from the attacks of the Midianites during harvest times, the Commander over Chaos raised up Gideon to lead God’s people to freedom with just 300 warriors.

Gideon was raised up for such a time as that to bring deliverance for God’s people. They were able to get all their possessions back plus the spoil of the enemy.

God had a plan when Israel, under King Saul’s corrupt/weak/carnal leadership, was struggling under the oppression of the Philistines to raise up a shepherd boy to be a warrior to lead them to freedom with great anointing and courage.

David stared into the eyes of the giant Goliath and declared “I was born for such a time as this to take your head off.”

Esther’s question is for you and me to answer today:

**“Why Are You Here?”**

- You could’ve been born in any time in history, why now?
- Obviously HE wanted you here and now – Acts. 17:26 “God ordains our time and place.”
- You’re here now to make a stand for reformation like Esther and others have made stands for reformation and revival.
- It’s not to be silent and passive. You weren’t born to do nothing.
- You were born to stand with Christ’s Church and see revival and to change a nation.

What we’re seeing happening around us is part of our destiny that you’re here to help change.

- You’re here to promote laws that free rather than burden.
- You’re here to take a stand for God and His ways.
- You’re here to be a watchmen on the wall, a guardian of America’s walls like Ezekiel was for Israel – praying, obeying, and warning of potential judgment if God continues to be mocked.
- You’re here to be a part of His Bride, the Bride of Christ which has been soaking in His presence for years now, preparing her to come into the King’s Throne room and make a request ask for help in the time of need.

The Commander of Chaos has been planning and preparing for such a time as this for His people to come and see His golden scepter offered to grant the request they make of Him.

- To stand against the high ranking power of evil leaders with an anti-Christ agenda to pull this nation into disobedience against the Covenant America has with the Lord.
- The Commander of Chaos has been preparing His people for such a time as this to change evil laws.
- We are anointed to stand against those who stand against God's ways. We are not called to be silent or ashamed.
- The Commander of Chaos knows how to bring order to the courts.
- He knows how to hang the evil Haman's on their own gallows, but it does require the involvement of His Bride/The Church.

If we persist in staying silent in a time like this, our way of life could be taken from us.

God always brings forth people on occasions like this – He always does.

You were born to change the times, will you arise and let yourself be heard?

The Lord could have had you born in the Dark Ages, in the times of the Wild West or Colonial times, but no, you are here now.

He wanted you here now because there is something He put in you that makes you an important and effective member of the Bride of Christ for this hour.

You and I have a part in this and its time we partnered with the Commander of Chaos trusting His plan to bring order into the land.

As in other times, the Command of Chaos can bring us back if we will partner with Him.

Can we and will we enter into His Throne Room and make our voices/request known?