

# The Book of Esther – Part Eight

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## 1). Esther 3:1

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him. 2 And all the king's servants who were within the king's gate bowed and paid homage to Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage.

a). We saw in our study last week how Haman's promotion within Ahasuerus's kingdom, 'above all the princes who were with him' – is a picture for us of the future day when God will allow Antichrist to be seated upon Satan's throne, for the purpose of bringing to completion God's plans and purposes for Israel.

b). The events of Esther chapters 3-9 deal specifically with the final outpouring of God's wrath during this time, and even more specifically with events very close to the end of this time when the Jewish people are brought to repentance and cry out to the God of their fathers.

d). In this respect, the events in Esther would coincide with the events of the opening of the 7th seal recorded in –

## Revelation 8:1

When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

e). Within the 7th seal are the 7 trumpet judgments, and within the seventh trumpet are the 7 vial judgments – giving us 3 sets of 7, pointing to the completeness of God's judgments manifested at this time with respect to Israel and the earth dwellers.

f). We also saw last week how Haman's introduction in Esther forms an association between him and the Amalekites through the Amalekite king, 'Agag' – 'Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite'.

g). And we had seen that rather than a direct family connection between Haman and Agag (for the Amalekites had ceased to exist as a people group), the association teaches spiritual truth concerning Haman's purpose with respect to Israel, and by extension, to the purpose of the one that Haman typifies, the man of sin, Antichrist. (This association

also draws attention to God's dealings with the Amalekites, which we saw specifically had to do with the battle between the flesh and the spirit, with a kingdom at stake.)

2). Let's also notice that Agag and the Amalekites are not the only ones from past history *who no longer exist as a people* who are linked to the one Haman typifies – Antichrist. The same is also true of the Assyrians. With Antichrist himself being called an Assyrian.

a). Isaiah 10:5

"Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hand is My indignation. 6 I will send him against an ungodly nation, And against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, To seize the spoil, to take the prey, And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

b). Isaiah 14:24

The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand: 25 That I will break the Assyrian in My land, And on My mountains tread him underfoot. Then his yoke shall be removed from them, And his burden removed from their shoulders. 26 This is the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth, And this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. 27 For the LORD of hosts has purposed, And who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, And who will turn it back?"

3). The previous scripture passages are but a sampling of the numerous places in which God speaks through His prophets concerning a 'last stand,' so to speak, with Assyria and Israel. Historically speaking, however, it was the Assyrians who began the captivity of God's people by taking the northern 10 tribes of Israel captive a considerable number of years before Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians took away the southern tribes of Judah. But as we know, Scripture is multi-layered in that prophecies usually have multiple meanings.

a). In fact the Assyrian association in Biblical typology goes back even further to the days of Moses when an Assyrian Pharaoh attempted the destruction of the Jewish people within the boundaries of Egypt –

Acts 7:18

"...till another king arose who did not know Joseph. 19 "This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live.

Isaiah 52:4

For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

b). And Moses, typifying Christ, was sent back to deliver the people from their affliction.

c). So in the same way we see Nebuchadnezzar & Babylon typifying Antichrist and his kingdom, and Pharaoh & Egypt typifying Antichrist and his kingdom, we can see Assyria and "the Assyrian" doing the same thing. Let's take a look at another prophecy from the Book of Micah –

Micah 5:1

"Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; They have laid siege against us; With a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek. 2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, [Too] little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." 3 Therefore, He will give them [up] until the time When she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren Will return to the sons of Israel. 4 And He will arise and shepherd [His flock] In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth. 5 And this One will be [our] peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men. 6 And they will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, The land of Nimrod at its entrances; And He will deliver [us] from the Assyrian When he attacks our land And when he tramples our territory.

7 ¶ Then the remnant of Jacob Will be among many peoples Like dew from the LORD, Like showers on vegetation Which do not wait for man Or delay for the sons of men. 8 And the remnant of Jacob Will be among the nations, Among many peoples Like a lion among the beasts of the forest, Like a young lion among flocks of sheep, Which, if he passes through, Tramples down and tears, And there is none to rescue. 9 Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries, And all your enemies will be cut off. 10 "And it will be in that day," declares the LORD, "That I will cut off your horses from among you And destroy your chariots. 11 "I will also cut off the cities of your land And tear down all your fortifications. 12 "I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you will have fortunetellers no more. 13 "I will cut off your carved images And your [sacred] pillars from among you, So that you will no longer bow down To the work of your hands. 14 "I will root out your Asherim from among you And destroy your

cities. 15 "And I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath On the nations which have not obeyed."

While this morning we won't be dissecting the bulk of this prophecy, take note of a couple things:

- The Assyrian will attack Israel, but the One will deliver Israel from him.
- This prophecy concerns "that day" where Israel's enemies will be cut off from them.
- This prophecy concerns the removal of all idolatry within Israel.
- This prophecy speaks about all the Gentile nations receiving judgment for their actions against Israel.

d). The Assyrian empire and the people group known as Assyrians has not existed for thousands of years – and presumably because of that, Antichrist won't technically be an Assyrian. So why the connection?

e). For exactly the same reason as Amalek. Because of what is contained within the designation, Assyria, with respect to complete opposition to God's plans and purposes, expressed through anti-Semitic persecution.

f). So Israel's last great enemy, Antichrist, is associated with Israel's previous great enemies. The Assyrian Pharaoh, Amalek, Haman all provide for us the same picture of Gentile persecution towards Israel in an attempt to annihilate the nation. And all of these types then come together in fulfillment in Israel's last great enemy, who is the culmination of all that has gone before.

i). And in the oracle in Balaam's prophecy in Numbers, in the same context as Amalek, we see this concerning Assyria –

Numbers 24:22

Nevertheless Kain shall be burned. How long until Asshur [Assyria] carries you away captive?" 23 Then he took up his oracle and said: "Alas! Who shall live when God does this? 24 But ships shall come from the coasts of Cyprus, And they shall afflict Asshur [Assyria] and afflict Eber, And so shall Amalek, until he perishes."

j). The same end as promised to Amalek is promised to Assyria at Christ's return at the end of the Tribulation, *even though* Assyria, as Amalek will not have existed for millenniums when this event occurs.

4). And because of these associations, all having to do with Gentile world power at its fullest, the type picture of Haman as Antichrist points to the absolute certainty of the utter destruction of the kingdom of Antichrist, bringing about the complete overthrow of Gentile world power. Just as happened with each of these world powers in past history and each of the individuals within those powers, so with Antichrist in the future –

Daniel 7:25

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time. 26 'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever.

5). So let's continue with Haman by looking at the circumstances that bring about his actions. Because, as it is in the type, so it will also be in the antitype.

a). Because the events recorded concerning Haman and Israel in Esther present in a type the final stage of the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation, we can see that these events may well coincide with the opening of the seventh seal in Revelation Chapter 8.

b). These would be the events that take place after this –

Revelation 12:7

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

c). Because it is at this point that Satan gives to Antichrist his power, his throne and great authority.

d). However, Antichrist will have already been on the world stage before this event. We can see him in –

Revelation 6:1

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

i/ And he is also referenced within the same timeframe in –

Daniel 9:27

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;

e) At the beginning of the Tribulation, after the rapture of the Church, Antichrist will appear on the world stage, and make a covenant with Israel, which seemingly resolves a problem that has been intractable for generations. His world presence at the beginning here will be seen as him going out ‘conquering and to conquer,’ yet before he becomes world ruler. And we can know that he is not yet world ruler at this time because of the ‘crown’ we see given to him in Revelation Chapter 6.

f). The Greek language uses two different words that are both translated ‘crown’ in English – one is ‘stephanos’, referring to a victor’s crown. And the other is ‘diadema’, referring to regal authority or kingly power.

g). It is the word ‘stephanos’ that is used to describe the crown of thorns prior to the Lord’s crucifixion, and ‘stephanos’ is the word used by Paul to describe the crowns awaiting faithful Christians.

h). The word ‘stephanos’ is used to describe someone in anticipation of their exercise of regal power, but prior to their having that power.

i). Antichrist here in Revelation 6 is given a ‘stephanos’.

j). But, when we see him in Revelation 13 there is a change –

Revelation 13:1

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns,[diadema] and on his heads a blasphemous name. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

k). Here we see him, through the use of the word ‘diadema’ with regal power exercising Satan’s power on Satan’s behalf. He at this point has all authority as world ruler.

l). And this is the middle point of the Tribulation, and this is where we are with Haman in the type at the beginning of Esther Chapter 3.

6). So going back into verse 2 of our opening scripture, we find all the kings servants bowing and paying homage to the newly promoted Haman, who typifies Antichrist seated on Satan's throne as world ruler. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage.

a). Clearly there is something more going on here than just honor being given to someone in a position of authority. Recognizing authority and giving deference to the position held is common in scripture, and would be the practice of the Jews -

2 Samuel 14:4

And when the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and prostrated herself, and said, "Help, O king!"

i/ Scripture teaches this -

1Pe 2:17b

...Honor the king.

b). And then in conjunction with this there is Haman's reaction to Mordecai -

Esther 3:5

When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath. 6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus-the people of Mordecai.

c). Haman is filled with wrath not because of the actions of Mordecai alone, but because Mordecai's actions are representative of the attitude of the entire Jewish nation towards him. All the Jews within Ahasuerus's kingdom would refuse to bow down and pay Haman homage and so will the Jews in Antichrist's kingdom for exactly the same reason.

d). Exodus 20:1

And God spoke all these words, saying: 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

e). We can conclude that within Haman's promotion within the kingdom, he is to be perceived as deity - he is to be considered as a god. A practice common among pagan rulers. And therefore the homage that he expects is not the simple giving of honor, but divine worship.

7). We can see exactly the same scenario that is presented here in Esther played out in a complimentary type occurring during the days of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, recorded in –

Daniel 3:12

"There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up." 13 Then Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. So they brought these men before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? 15 "Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" 16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 "But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." 19 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

- a). We have here 3 Jews whom Nebuchadnezzar, the world ruler of his day, had 'set over the affairs of the province of Babylon' prefiguring for us the position of rulership as God's adopted firstborn son that has been intended for the Jewish people since the nations inception. This is comparable in the picture of Mordechai sitting at the gate in the Book of Esther.
- b). With rulership and the Jews in view, we then have an attempt to overthrow the Jews position by insisting that they worship a god other than Jehovah – something that is impossible for a faithful Jew to do.
- c). As a result of their refusal, the 3 Jews are then persecuted by the Gentile world power of the day, with the purpose of destroying them. We can understand that, in the large picture of who is behind all Gentile world powers, this typifies Satan's attempts to prevent God's purpose for Israel being accomplished.

d). So we have 3 Jews – God’s number of Divine perfection – pointing to the whole of the nation of Israel within God’s perfect purpose, being thrown into the fiery furnace heated 7 times more than usual -- a description taking us back to God’s promises in Leviticus 26 and forward to the last 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation.

e). And just as we see in the foundational type of Noah and the flood and the type of Haman and Mordecai – out of the persecution comes Divine deliverance.

f). Daniel 3:20

And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed- Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." 25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

8). And this is exactly what we see in the Book of Esther – Mordecai, who sits in the king’s gate, refuses to worship Haman, resulting in Haman’s wrath being vented on the entire Jewish people throughout Ahasuerus’s kingdom –

Esther 3:8

Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain. 9 "If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king's treasuries." 10 So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. 11 And the king said to Haman, "The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you." 12 Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and a decree was written according to all that Haman commanded- to the king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province, to the officials of all people, to every province according to its script, and to every people in their language. In the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and

sealed with the king's signet ring. 13 And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions. 14 A copy of the document was to be issued as law in every province, being published for all people, that they should be ready for that day.

a). But it is not just the refusal to worship that is Haman's problem, it is Mordecai's location that portends rulership that is the real issue -

Esther 5:13

"Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."

b). And as it is in the type, so will it be in the antitype - Antichrist will declare himself to be God and demand worship as God. The Jewish people will refuse to worship him, resulting in his attempt to annihilate the entire nation - but the real issue will be Israel's position as God's firstborn son.

c). This is what we find in -

Daniel 9:26

"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

2 Thessalonian 2:3

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

Revelation 13:4

So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies,

and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

9). Antichrist's actions against the Jewish people steps into a realm beyond even genocide - as he moves against times and law, as he seeks to bring change and alteration to that which is recorded in God's unalterable and unchangeable Word - as we have already seen in -

Daniel 7:25

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law.

a). This is the very thing we saw in Esther -

Esther 3:8

Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain.

b). In doing so, Antichrist attempts to do something that is only within the hand of God - to circumvent that which has been set in place from the foundation of the world. In effect, not only does he declare himself to be God, he seeks to exalt his throne above God, just as Satan had done.

c). This aspect of Antichrist's actions exploiting the conflict between the law of the Jews and the law of the Gentiles is also given to us in another complimentary type in the Book of Daniel -

Daniel 6:4

So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God." 6 ¶ So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever! 7 "All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and

advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 "Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." 9 Therefore King Darius signed the written decree. 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. 11 ¶ Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." 13 So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

d). Again we see an attempt to exploit the difference in the law of Daniel's God and the law of the Gentiles in order to remove Daniel from his position of rulership and bring about his destruction. There is persecution followed by Divine deliverance –

Daniel 6:22

"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him;

e). What we can conclude here is that the law of Daniel's God is different from the law of the Medes and Persians – both laws are unalterable – and neither can accommodate the other.

f). The law of the Jewish people during Daniel's day and during Esther's day is the old Mosaic covenant, and along with the new covenant that God will make with the Jewish people yet future, these laws will always remain apart from and in conflict with the law of the Gentiles.

g). And this attempted change of times and law will be a major facet of Antichrist's plan to destroy the Jewish nation.

10). If we go back into Esther Chapter 3 we will remember that it is recorded –

Esther 3:10

So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. 11 And the king said to Haman, "The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you."

a). We see that the king gives the Jewish people into Haman's hands to do with them as he wishes.

b). And of course in the antitype, God will give the Jews into Antichrist's hands to do with them as he wishes. But what we find, by comparing scripture with scripture, is that this is not an open ended arrangement. It has specific boundaries.

c). Let's go back again to -

Daniel 7:25

He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

d). Here the boundary is expressed as 'a time and times and half a time.'

e). In -

Revelation 13:5

And he[Antichrist] was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

f). And here in revelation that same time from Daniel is shown to be 42 months - in other words 3 1/2 years - 'a time and times and half a time'.

g). There is a set timeframe then that is given to Antichrist by which he is completely bound - the terminal point of this timeframe the Lord draws attention to in -

Luke 21:24

"And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

h). It is this time, the allotted 42 months/3 1/2 years, that Antichrist will attempt to change, thereby seeking to prolong the times of the Gentiles that began with Nebuchadnezzar, in order that the Jews would remain in his hands long enough for

him to bring about their complete annihilation. In doing this he will also seek to extend the period of Gentile law so as to prevent the implementation of God's law.

j). Here is arrogance and here is futility.

k). What God has said with regards to Gentiles, Jews and Christians – both the positives and the negatives – will be accomplished precisely as he has said it within the time frame He has established. This cannot change.

l). Let us not be deceived into thinking that there can be a change in times and law on our behalf because we are a special case... because of our circumstances. Let's remember what scripture says –

1Peter 1:17

And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;

Isaiah 46:9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

Isaiah 14:27

For the LORD of hosts has purposed, And who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, And who will turn it back?"

11). Antichrist, in his attempt to change times and law, will be a complete failure and he will be brought to the same end as the Assyrians and the Amalekites, the Gentile nations in Daniel's image, and Haman.

a). God has established times and law which are inextricably linked with His plans and purposes for the Jewish people in respect of rulership of the earth, and man, even with angelic intervention, can no more bring about a change in these than he can bring about the destruction of the Jews.

b). Even though seated on Satan's throne, exercising Satan's authority, Antichrist will poignantly demonstrate both the futility and the foolishness of that which characterizes Satan and fallen man by raising his hand against God, against His word and against the Jewish people.

c). The experience of Haman, typifying the above, will inevitably be the experience of Antichrist. For as God has said it, so shall it be –

Esther 7:10

So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided. 8:1 ¶ On that day King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her. 2 So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai; and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman.

Daniel 7:26

'But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' 28 "This is the end of the account.