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Numbers

Thirteen

The Curse Reversal

In the book of Esther, during the days of the reign of King Ahasuerus, the king of the Medes and the Persians, there was a wicked man in the realm of King Ahasuerus who desired to destroy all the Jews that were in the captivity: Est. 3:12 "Then were the king's scribes called on the **thirteenth 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. 13 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 **thirteenth day** of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey."

This wicked Haman hated Mordecai because he refused to bow down and worship him. When he found out that he was a Jew, he conspired to have all the Jews put to death. What Haman did not know was that Esther, the King's wife was also a Jew. Because of the righteous deeds of Mordecai in that he was the cause of saving the King's life, and because Esther the Queen was Mordecai's niece, they were able to turn the mind of the king to reverse the curse that had gone forth and that the enemies of the Jews would be destroyed on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month:

Est. 9:1 "Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;) 2 The Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people. 3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man

Mordecai waxed greater and greater. 5 Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them."

God had told Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee, and will curse him that curseth thee." Haman thought to bring a curse upon the Jews and the curse was reversed and brought upon Haman, his family, and the enemies of the Jews.

There is a greater reversal of a curse that is taught in the word of God. Man was under the curse of sin and Satan thought to destroy the Lamb of God who came into the world to deliver his people from their sins. Satan thought that by moving the people to crucify Jesus he would forever be rid of Jesus and have rule over all mankind. Yet, we find that God turned the Devil's curse into a blessing for the elect of God. On the cross, Jesus was made to be sin for the elect and thus delivered them from the curse of sin and imputed unto them his righteousness. Also, with his death, burial and resurrection, Christ was not destroyed as the Devil had hoped, but Christ delivered the elect children of God and destroyed the Devil and the enemies of the Lord's people: Heb. 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Thus, the Devil has been destroyed as far as his ability to destroy the elect of God. Rom. 8:33 "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

In conclusion, through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the curse against the Lord's elect has been reversed so that they have been delivered from the curse of sin and the Devil and the enemies of the Lord's people (sins) have been destroyed.