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Esther saves her people!

Exalting CHRIST among the Deaf

Personally from Billy

We apologize for being far behind in our schedule, but we are working to catch up.

In this issue we present part 2 of our comics adaption of the book of *Esther*. Your editor was the penciller and 80-year-old Emma Farmer the inker. We thank her for her help and are looking forward to more work from her.

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Good reading!

Warmly yours in Him,
Billy Leavell
Editor



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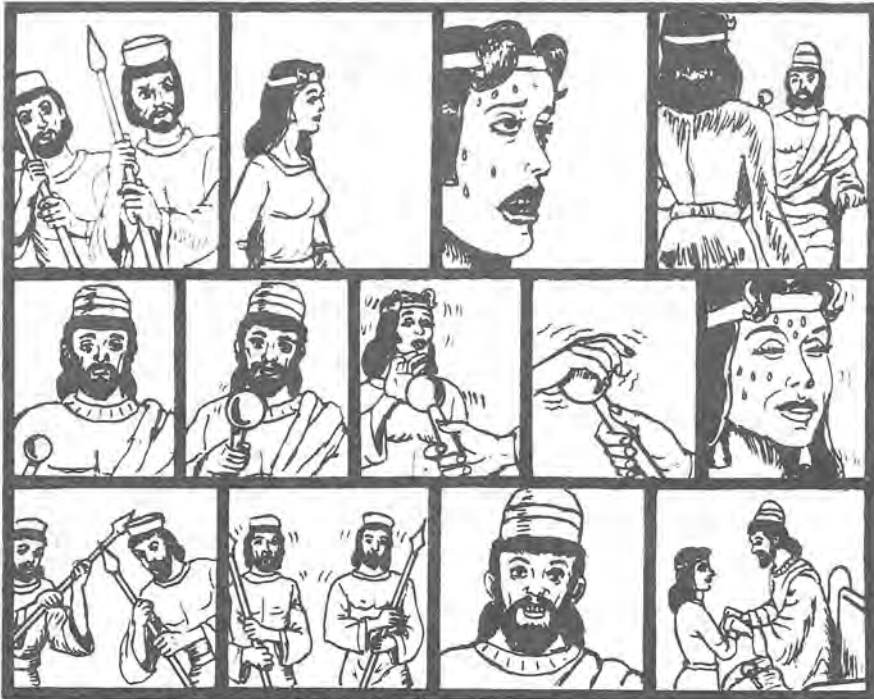
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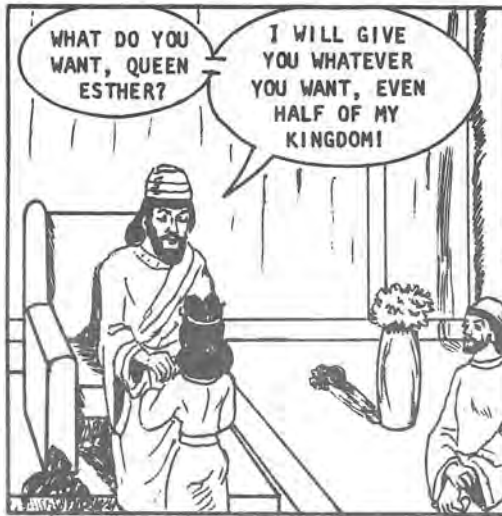
The Story of Esther

PART 2

Recap: King Ahasuerus has appointed Haman as an important leader in his Persian Empire. But he does not know that Haman is evil and that he (Haman) has become angry at the Jew named Mordecai. Why is Haman so angry against Mordecai? Because Mordecai has refused to bow to Haman!

Haman has tricked King Ahasuerus into allowing him to put the king's seal on a new law-- all the empire's Jews are to be put to death on a certain day! There is only one hope-- Mordecai's adopted daughter Esther the queen of Ahasuerus must enter the king's court and get the king's attention. But in doing so, Esther risks death because she has not been invited into the king's court!





WHAT DO YOU WANT, QUEEN ESTHER?

I WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT, EVEN HALF OF MY KINGDOM!



IF... IF IT PLEASURES THE KING...

LET THE KING AND... AND HAMAN COME TODAY TO THE BANQUET THAT I HAVE PREPARED FOR HIM.



AND THEN I WILL GIVE MY REQUEST.



WOW, THE QUEEN INVITING ME TO A BANQUET WITH THE KING! I MUST'VE HIT IT REAL BIG!

AND SO...



WHAT DO YOU WANT, QUEEN ESTHER? WHAT IS YOUR REQUEST? IT WILL BE GIVEN YOU, EVEN HALF THE KINGDOM!

IF...



IF THE KING IS PLEASED WITH ME, THEN LET HIM AND HAMAN COME TO THE BANQUET THAT I WILL PREPARE TOMORROW.

THEN I WILL MAKE MY... MY REQUEST.



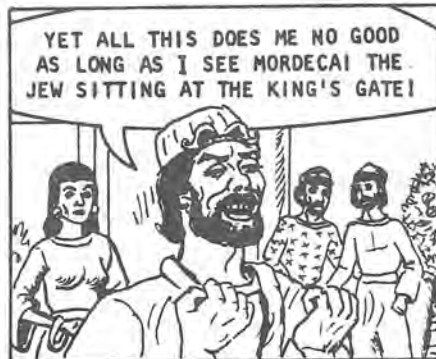
HAMAN ARRIVED HOME AND SPOKE TO HIS WIFE ZERESH AND FRIENDS...



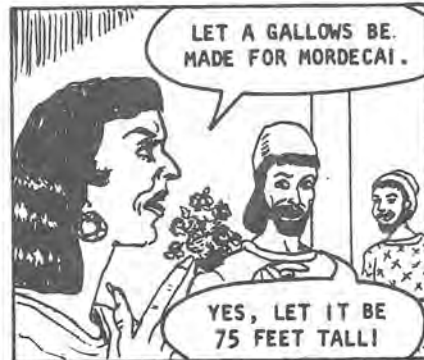
HAVE I NOT GOTTEN MANY RICHES? MANY CHILDREN? SEE HOW THE KING HAS PROMOTED ME, EVEN ABOVE HIS OFFICIALS AND SERVANTS!

AND TO ADD TO THAT, QUEEN ESTHER INVITED NO ONE EXCEPT ME TO COME IN WITH THE KING TO HER BANQUET!

TOMORROW I AM INVITED IN WITH THE KING TO ANOTHER BANQUET THE QUEEN HAS PREPARED.

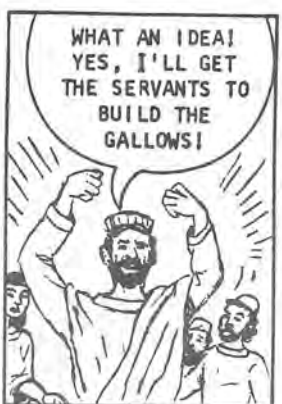


YET ALL THIS DOES ME NO GOOD AS LONG AS I SEE MORDECAI THE JEW SITTING AT THE KING'S GATE!



LET A GALLOWS BE MADE FOR MORDECAI.

YES, LET IT BE 75 FEET TALL!



BUT THAT NIGHT KING AHASUERUS COULD NOT SLEEP.



IT WAS NOW EARLY MORNING, AND HAMAN WAS RUSHING INTO THE KING'S COURT...



WONDERFUL! HURRY, GET THE ROBE AND HORSE AS YOU HAVE SUGGESTED, AND DO ALL THESE THINGS FOR **MORDECAI**— THE JEW WHO SITS AT THE KING'S GATE!

WHAT! ER... UM... GULP... Y-YES.



THIS WAS DONE...



ME AND MY BIG MOUTH!

BUT HAMAN BURNED WITH EMBARRASSMENT AND ANGER, AND HE WENT HOME...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, HAMAN?



HAMAN TOLD HIS WIFE AND FRIENDS WHAT HAD HAPPENED.



THIS IS **BAD NEWS!**

THIS SUDDEN HONOR FOR MORDECAI IS LEADING TO YOUR **DOWNFALL!**

AND HE'S A **JEW** TOO! YOU WON'T WIN AGAINST HIM!



AFTER THE BANQUET...





THE KING HAD BEEN IN THE GARDEN FOR A FEW MOMENTS, VERY UPSET AND ANGRY...



AND WHEN HE CAME BACK INTO THE HOUSE, HE SAW HAMAN PLEADING ESTHER FOR HIS LIFE.

HE THOUGHT HAMAN WAS TRYING TO HARM ESTHER!



WILL HAMAN DARE ASSAULT THE QUEEN WHILE I'M IN THE HOUSE??

THE KING ORDERED THE SERVANTS TO TAKE HAMAN OUT...

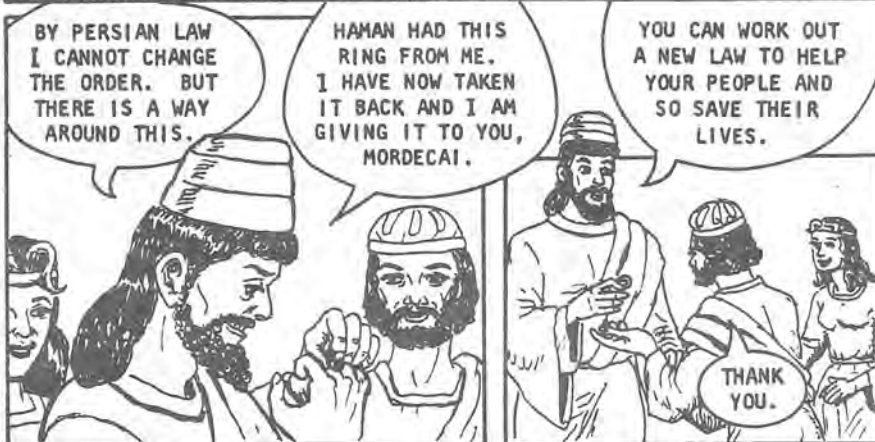


ALL RIGHT, HARBONAH! HANG HAMAN ON IT INSTEAD!

LOOK! HAMAN PREPARED THAT GALLOWS FOR MORDECAI! HE MEANT TO HANG MORDECAI ON IT!

THIS WAS DONE...





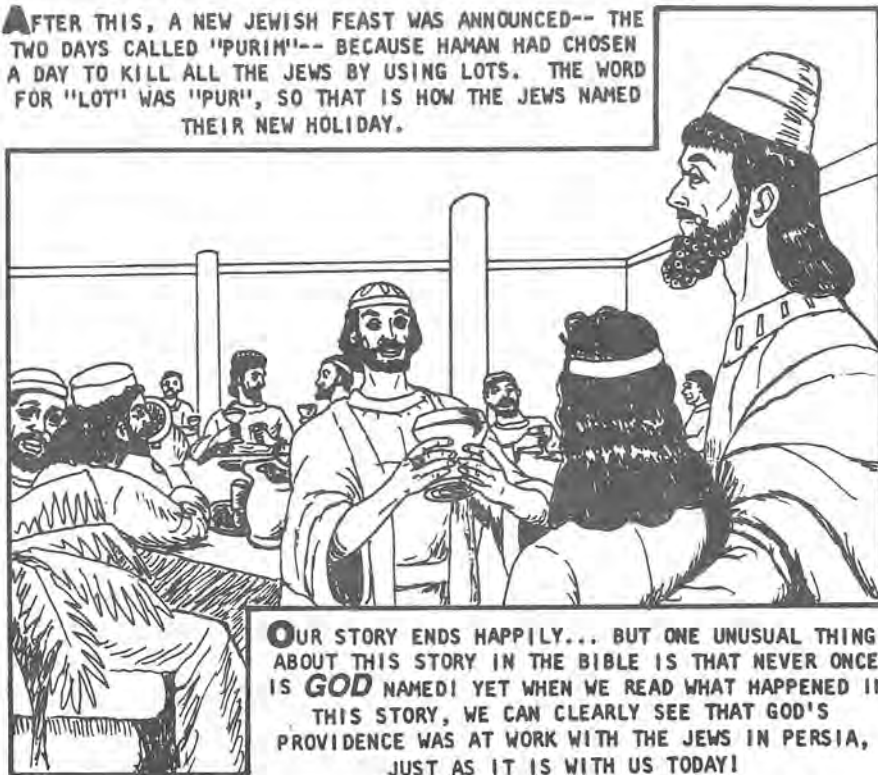
AND SO, WITH THE SEAL FROM THE KING'S RING, A NEW LAW WAS ANNOUNCED...



ON THE DAY WHEN THE ENEMIES
OF THE JEWS WERE SUPPOSED TO
DESTROY THE JEWS...



AFTER THIS, A NEW JEWISH FEAST WAS ANNOUNCED-- THE
TWO DAYS CALLED "PURIM"-- BECAUSE HAMAN HAD CHOSEN
A DAY TO KILL ALL THE JEWS BY USING LOTS. THE WORD
FOR "LOT" WAS "PUR", SO THAT IS HOW THE JEWS NAMED
THEIR NEW HOLIDAY.



OUR STORY ENDS HAPPILY... BUT ONE UNUSUAL THING
ABOUT THIS STORY IN THE BIBLE IS THAT NEVER ONCE
IS **GOD** NAMED! YET WHEN WE READ WHAT HAPPENED IN
THIS STORY, WE CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT GOD'S
PROVIDENCE WAS AT WORK WITH THE JEWS IN PERSIA,
JUST AS IT IS WITH US TODAY!

CORA DAVEPORT

We were so saddened to learn of the sudden death of our dear friend and sister in Christ, *Cora Elizabeth Davenport*, on September 29, 1990. After a hearty meal Cora had with her sister Nancy Morris, they went shopping in the mall, then Cora stumbled to the floor and was taken from us due to a heart attack. She was 79 years old.

Memorial services were conducted at 10 a.m. October 2, 1990, in the Woodlawn Chapel of Roses. The graveside services were held the following afternoon at Mount View Cemetery in McMinnville.

An opportunity to write about Cora is both an honor and a humble assignment. I know that I could not give all the details of her services she did for the church and the Lord. It was 46 years of labor she had done at Central which I could not mention all in this bulletin. It is totally objective in dealing with one you love and respect.

Cora had been a member of Central since September 17, 1944. Since then she had been involved in so many activities the church has to offer. She was respected for her work, patience, endurance and love for the Lord. She was known and respected in both the deaf, as well as the hearing community of Nashville. For many years Cora had helped out with her interpreting services in many different aspects the community had to offer for many years until she "retired" some several years ago. But she did not want to sit on a rocking chair. She wanted to continue to be busy doing the Lord's work. She often assisted in the secretary's office as the need arose; she helped with the benevolence committee, worked with some ladies quilting, worked with and interpreted for the deaf as well as reverse interpreted for the hearing and some other good works. She was a great asset with her contribution to the deaf congregation for many years. Because of her, her association with the deaf preachers since the deaf work launched at Central in the year of 1945 had helped the deaf work get going. She had been working with the late *Owen Pryor*, *Billy Leavell*, *Gary Chadwick* and me. We all will miss her fellowship with us, but we will have a beautiful reunion with her above some day.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of this faithful servant of Christ. The Christian life she lived will continue to be an influence upon her loved ones and all who knew her. We pray they will be comforted by the words of our Savior, and memories that grow dearer as years go by.

--**Frank Rushing**, *Central Deaf Bulletin*, October 16, 1990,
Nashville, Tennessee

Some of you, especially almost all the deaf who know her as "Cora", has departed this life Saturday, Sept. 25 with a heart failure. She was active in the deaf work at Central Church, Nashville, for 46 years. She had the unique talent as interpreter to the deaf. Those who knew Cora was to love her. She always had a cheerful smile, as well as a love for God. This gracious Christian lady will be missed by the Central Church, especially the deaf. Cora lived faithfully the Christian life and has met an appointment

to reunite with our Mary Holladay (December 29, 1981) in eternity. Thanks to God for the example of love Mary and Cora brought to us.

--**Janes Floyd**, *Hermitage Church of Christ* bulletin, October 4, 1990, Hermitage, Tennessee

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Cora Davenport truly was an influence on my launching as a minister of the gospel. Many were the times when she reverse inter-preted for me. After my family and I left Nashville to move to Memphis, we continued to visit her from time to time. She will be missed, but we are happy she is now in the Lord's hands.*

PETER K. LINLEY

We were asked by *Glenda Kilgore* to report on the recent passing of *Peter K. Linley*, 1950-1970. She wanted friends in Alabama to know about Mr. Lindley.

Glenda supplies this information: "Peter Linley was originally from Alabama and moved to California where he helped with some of the very first ASL classes in Sacramento in 1976.

"A quiet man with a pleasant smile and a ready eye for a good joke Peter also assisted with small handyman projects and was known for his wonderful sense of humor.

"About a year ago Peter found that he was a diabetic. During a check-up in the hospital he found out that he had lung cancer. After undergoing an operation he never regained his total health. He died of a heart attack three weeks after the surgery.

"According to his wishes, Peter was laid to rest at home in Alabama."

We are not familiar with Mr. Linley, but our sympathies are certainly with his friends and family.

MISPLACED?

by **Roy Price**

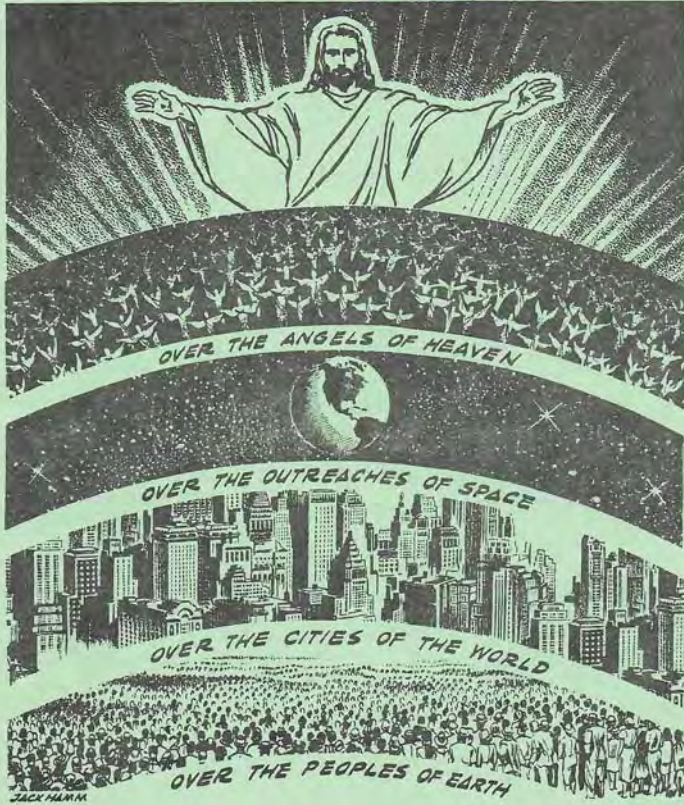
Have you ever misplaced something that is valued highly to you? This morning my wife phoned me to inform me that I had misplaced my checkbook at SouthTrust Bank. At first I thought I had lost it, but it was just misplaced. It was supposed to be in my pocket.

Speaking of the word "misplace", it means to put something in a wrong place. We all have done this one at one time or another in our lives. We can misplace spiritual values in our Christian life. For instance, Jesus said, "For what will a man be profited, if

he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26)

Obviously, many people do misplace their faith in some things. Now the question is this: how do we straighten the act of misplacing? The apostle Paul said, "Keep seeking the things above, where Christ, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on things that are on earth." This is something to think about.

LORD OF HOSTS (Psa.103:19-22)



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