

# Haman

When we read the story of Haman's life in God's Word, the Christian Bible, it is easy to just write him off as an evil man, but the Creator God wanted us to learn from his life; mostly what we need to personally avoid in ours.

**Haman achieved great power in his life**, second in rank to Persia's King Xerxes, [Esther 3:1].

**This caused him to have a great desire to control others and to receive honour was his highest goal.**

Haman's pride made him extremely arrogant and when Mordecai refused to bow in submission to him, Haman wanted to destroy him.

**Haman was already filled with racial hatred for all the Jewish people because of a long standing hatred between the Jews and Haman's ancestors, the Amalekites, [Numbers 14:45; Judges 6:1-3]. Amalekites is the collective name for the sons of Esau, [Genesis 36].**

**Haman saw the Jews as a threat to his power.**

Our initial response to the story of Haman's life in the Book of Esther is to say he got what he deserved, but we need to ask deeper questions, such as:

**How much of Haman is in me?**

**Do I desire to control other people?**

**Am I threatened when others do not appreciate me as I think they should?**

**Do I seek revenge when my pride is attacked?**

**Am I blinded to my real character by arrogance and self-importance?**

**Do I realise that a thirst for power and prestige is self-destructive?**

**Proverbs 16:18** [New King James] *"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."*

**This is what happened to Haman.**

**Proverbs 26:27** [New King James] *"Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him."*

**Haman was hanged on the gallows he had built for his hated enemy, Mordecai.**

**Satan [the king of Tyre] lost his job as a cherub at the throne of God when pride caused his fall from that elevated position in the government of the Creator God, [Ezekiel 28:12, 14-15, 17] until pride caused him to become the adversary of the Creator God, [Isaiah 14:12-15].**

Read of Satan's ultimate end in **Revelation 20:10**; this is where his arrogant pride ended.

**If we, on meditation, see any of the attributes of Haman in our life, confess them to the Creator God and seek His mercy and forgiveness.**