

# **Security Check:**

**The Protecting  
Providence of God**

**Esther**

# **Esther 3:1-4**

**After these events, King Xerxes honored Haman son of Hammed-atha, the Agagite, elevating him and giving him a seat of honor higher than that of all the other nobles. <sup>2</sup> All the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had com- ...**

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manded this concerning him. But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor. <sup>3</sup> Then the royal officials at the king's gate asked Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?" <sup>4</sup> Day after day they spoke to him but he refused ...

# **Esther 3:1-4**

**to comply. Therefore they told Haman about it to see whether Mordecai's behavior would be tolerated, for he had told them he was a Jew.**

# **Esther 3:5-6**

**When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged. <sup>6</sup> Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman...**

# **Esther 3:5-6**

**looked for a way to destroy all  
Mordecai's people, the Jews,  
throughout the whole kingdom of  
Xerxes.**

# **John 10:10**

**“The thief comes only to steal  
and kill and destroy...”**

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**“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”**



# **1 Peter 5:8**

**“Be alert and of sober mind.  
Your enemy the devil prowls  
around like a roaring lion looking  
for someone to devour.”**

# **Proverbs 3:33-35**

**The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the home of the righteous. <sup>34</sup> He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed. <sup>35</sup> The wise inherit honor, but fools get only shame.**

# **1 Peter 5:8-9**

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith...**