



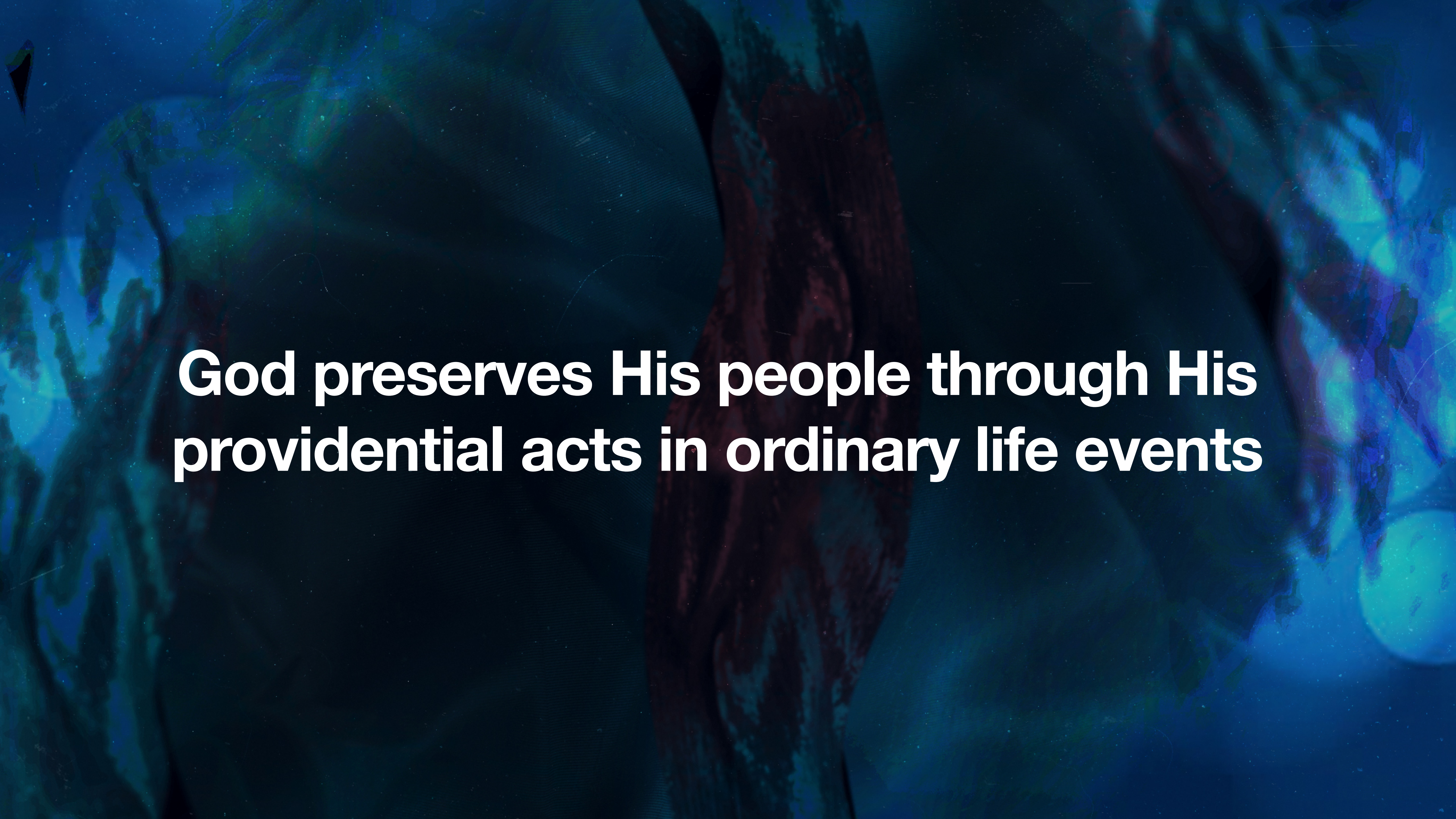
# Esther

Week 7

Purim - Celebration of Deliverance

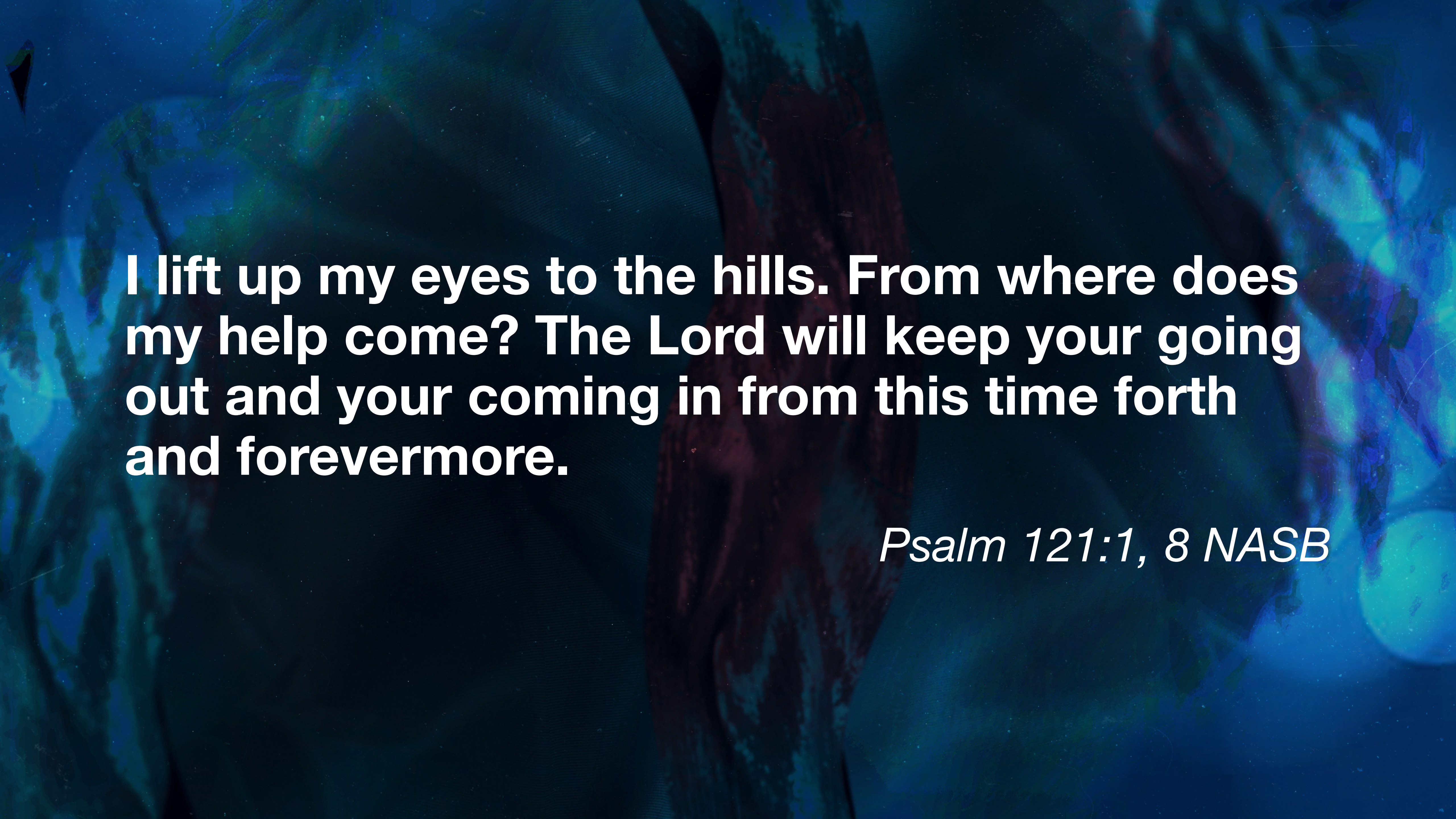
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**I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does  
my help come? The Lord will keep your going  
out and your coming in from this time forth  
and forevermore.**

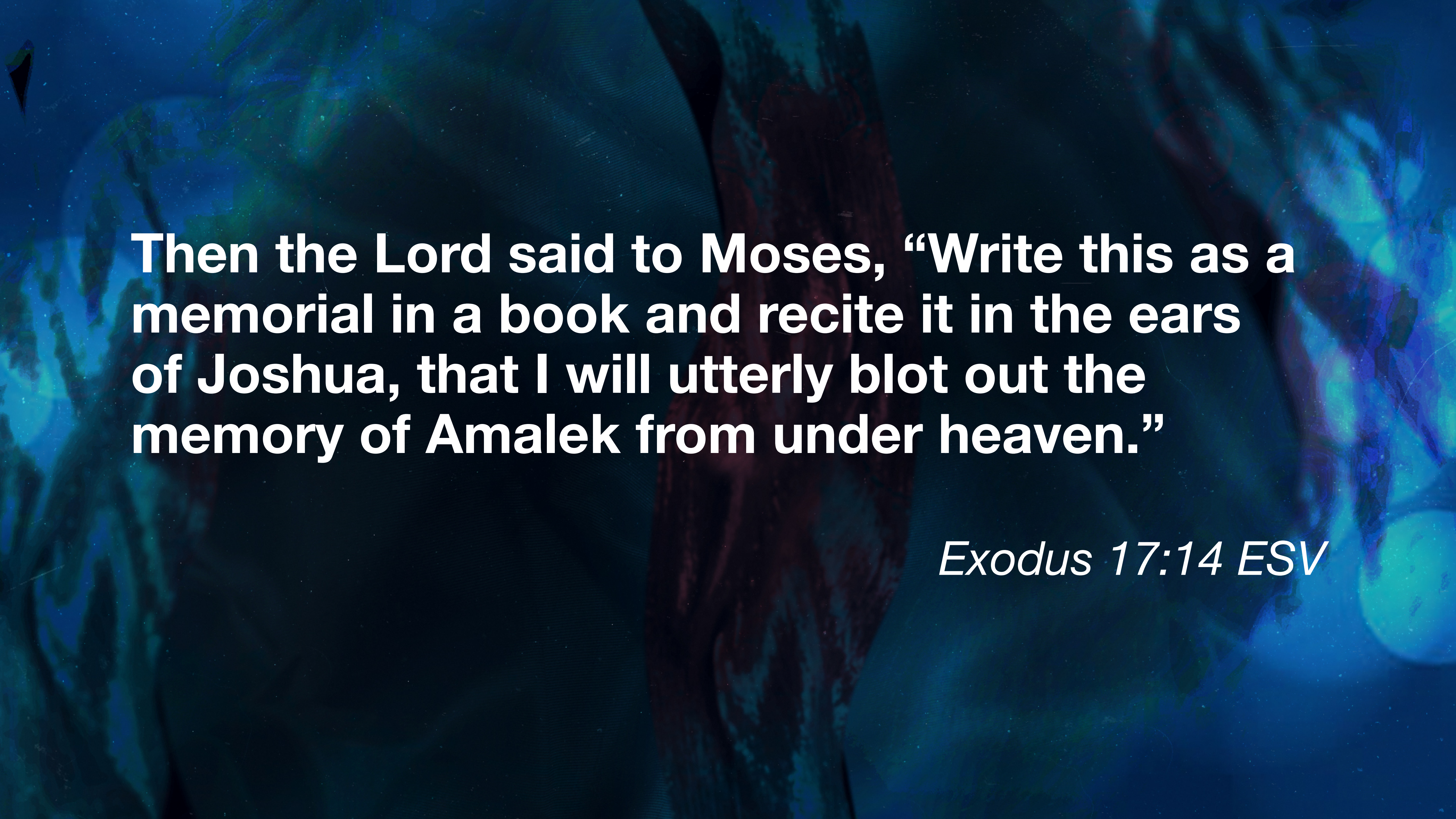
*Psalm 121:1, 8 NASB*





# **Purim – Celebration of Deliverance**





**Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”**

*Exodus 17:14 ESV*



**“Rather than being imposed on the people from above as God’s Commandment, Purim began as the spontaneous response of God’s people to his omnipotent faithfulness to the promises of the covenant.”**

*Karen H Jobes, NIV Application Commentary*



# **1. The Feast of Purim Inaugurated**

**And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies,**



**and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.**

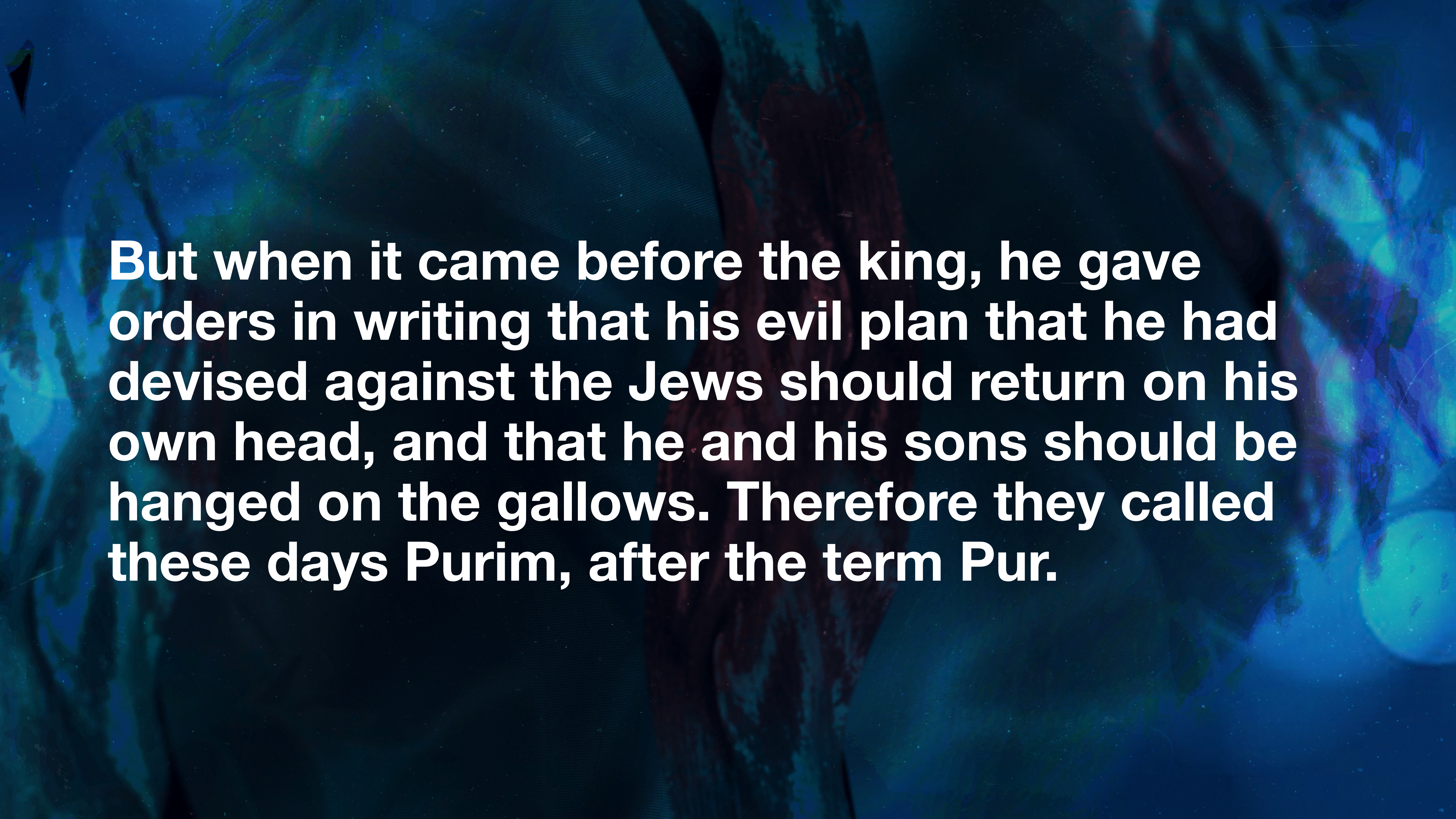
*Esther 9:20-22 ESV*



## **2. The Feast of Purim Received**

**So the Jews accepted what they had started to do, and what Mordecai had written to them. For Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur (that is, cast lots), to crush and to destroy them.**





**But when it came before the king, he gave orders in writing that his evil plan that he had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. Therefore they called these days Purim, after the term Pur.**



**Therefore, because of all that was written in this letter, and of what they had faced in this matter, and of what had happened to them, the Jews firmly obligated themselves and their offspring and all who joined them, that without fail they would keep these two days according to what was written and at the time appointed every year,**



**that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, in every clan, province, and city, and that these days of Purim should never fall into disuse among the Jews, nor should the commemoration of these days cease among their descendants.**

*Esther 9:23-28 ESV*



### **3. The Feast of Purim Reinforced**

**Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew gave full written authority, confirming this second letter about Purim. Letters were sent to all the Jews, to the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, in words of peace and truth, that these days of Purim should be observed at their appointed seasons, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther obligated them**



**and as they had obligated themselves and their offspring, with regard to their fasts and their lamenting. The command of Esther confirmed these practices of Purim, and it was recorded in writing.**

*Esther 9:29-32 ESV*



# Process of Lament

- 1. Praise to God**
- 2. Complaint**
- 3. Request**
- 4. Expression of Trust**



## **4. The King Supports the Jews**

**King Ahasuerus imposed tax on the land and on the coastlands of the sea. And all the acts of his power and might, and the full account of the high honor of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?**



**For Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Ahasuerus, and he was great among the Jews and popular with the multitude of his brothers, for he sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to all his people.**

*Esther 10:1-3 ESV*



# Review

- **Trusting God in Your Darkest Hour**
- **Doing the Right Thing with Disregard to the Perceived Outcome**
- **Valued as Instrument of God to be Used Right Where You are**
- **Resist the Consuming Power of Anger**



# 1. Maintain A Rhythm Of Remembrances

**“... that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord ... So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever.”**

*Joshua 4:6-7 ESV*



**Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, “Till now the Lord has helped us.” So the Philistines were subdued and did not again enter the territory of Israel. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.**

*1 Samuel 7:12-13 ESV*



## 2. Leverage Our Civic Responsibility

**Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.**

*1 Peter 2:13-14 ESV*





**For there is no authority except from God, and  
those that exist have been instituted by God.**

*Romans 13:1 ESV*





### **3. God Preserves His People Through His Providential Acts In Ordinary Life Events**



# **Purim Teaches Us To**

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