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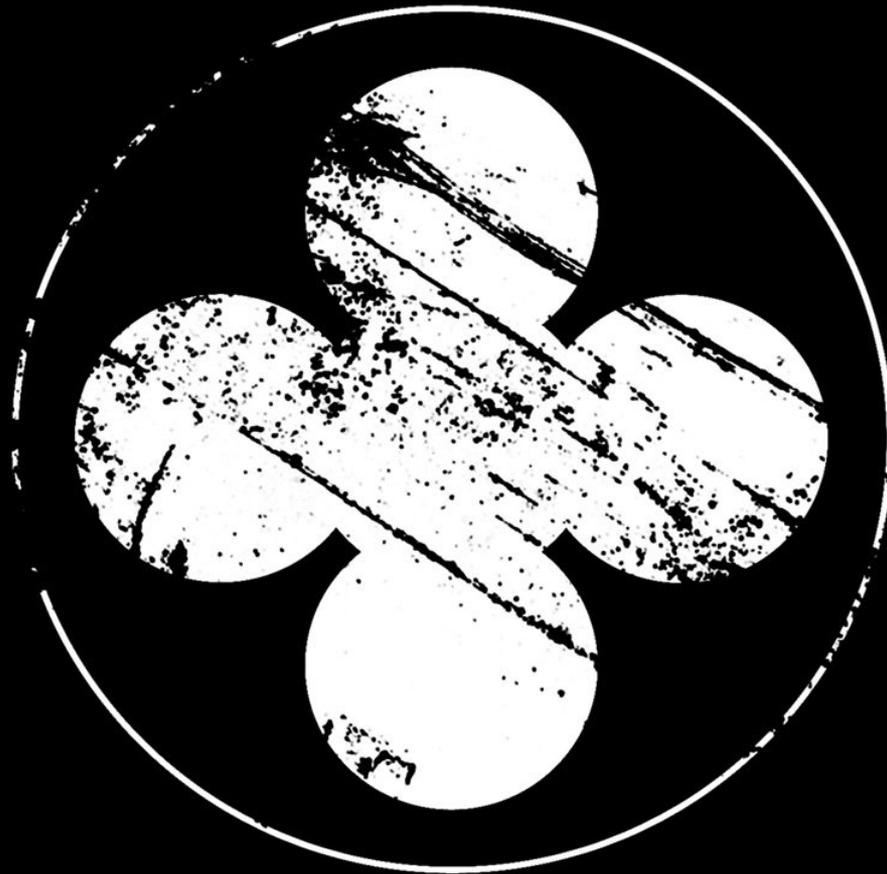
What is one big takeaway for you from the book of Esther?

To read all passages for today's sermon, please see the screen or grab a pew Bible.

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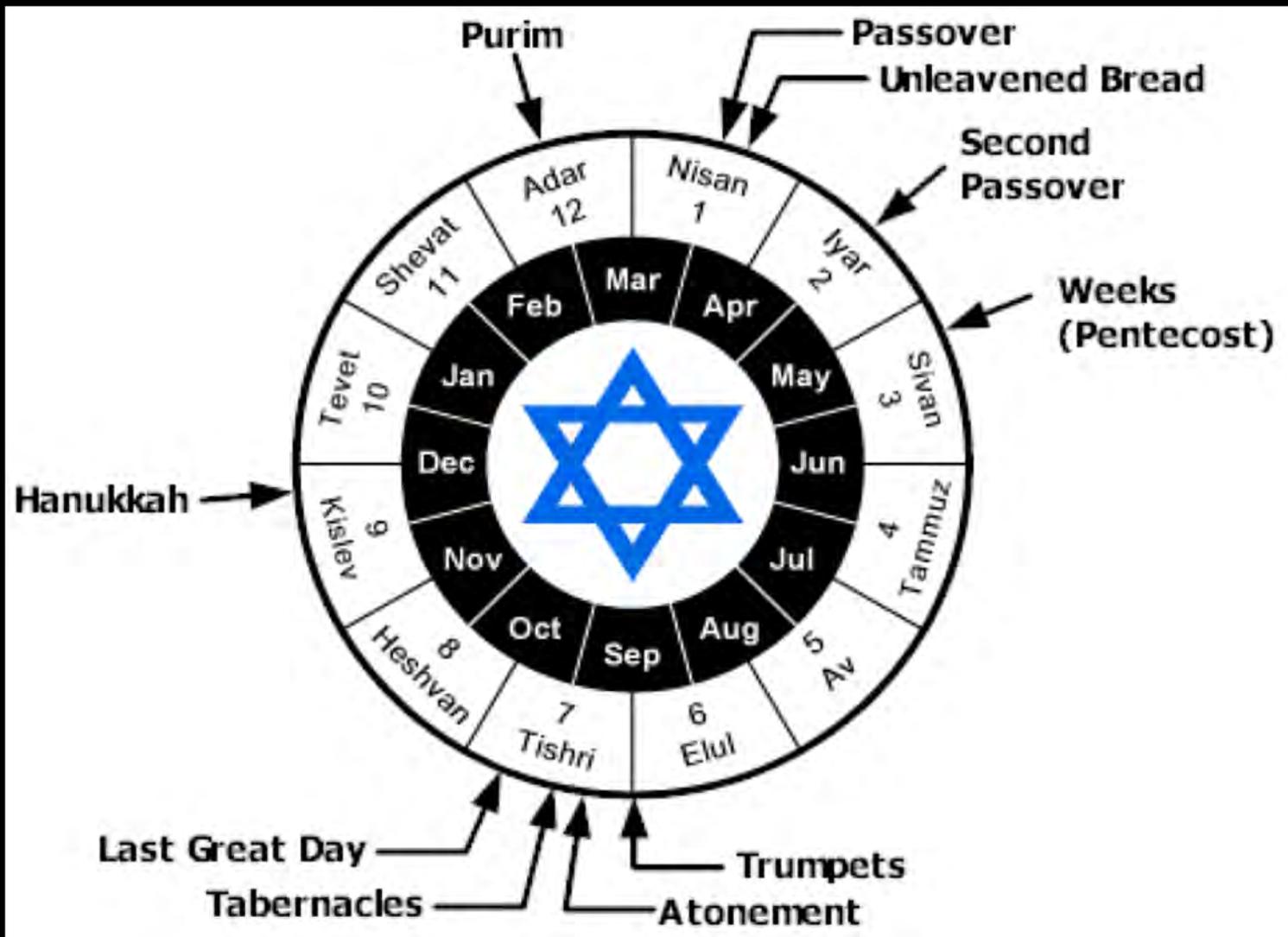
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The Day of Reckoning is Here!

Esther 9:1-32

1 On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, the edict commanded by the king was to be carried out. On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them. **2** The Jews assembled in their cities in all the provinces of King Xerxes to attack those determined to destroy them. No one could stand against them, because the people of all the other nationalities were afraid of them.

The Reputation of Mordecai

Esther 9:1-32

3 And all the nobles of the provinces, the satraps, the governors and the king's administrators helped the Jews, because fear of Mordecai had seized them. 4 Mordecai was prominent in the palace; his reputation spread throughout the provinces, and he became more and more powerful.



Striking down their enemies

Esther 9:1-32

5 The Jews struck down all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and they did what they pleased to those who hated them. **6** In the citadel of Susa, the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. **7** They also killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, **8** Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, **9** Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai and Vaizatha, **10** the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not lay their hands on the plunder. **11** The number of those killed in the citadel of Susa was reported to the king that same day.

Xerxes: Anything else?

Esther 9:1-32

12 The king said to Queen Esther, “The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men and the ten sons of Haman in the citadel of Susa. What have they done in the rest of the king’s provinces? Now what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? It will also be granted.”



Esther: One more day

Esther 9:1-32

13 “If it pleases the king,” Esther answered, “give the Jews in Susa permission to carry out this day’s edict tomorrow also, and let Haman’s ten sons be impaled on poles.” 14 So the king commanded that this be done. An edict was issued in Susa, and they impaled the ten sons of Haman. 15 The Jews in Susa came together on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar, and they put to death in Susa three hundred men, but they did not lay their hands on the plunder.

Reports from elsewhere

Esther 9:1-32

16 Meanwhile, the remainder of the Jews who were in the king's provinces also assembled to protect themselves and get relief from their enemies. They killed seventy-five thousand of them but did not lay their hands on the plunder. 17 This happened on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth they rested and made it a day of feasting and joy.

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Esther 9:1-32

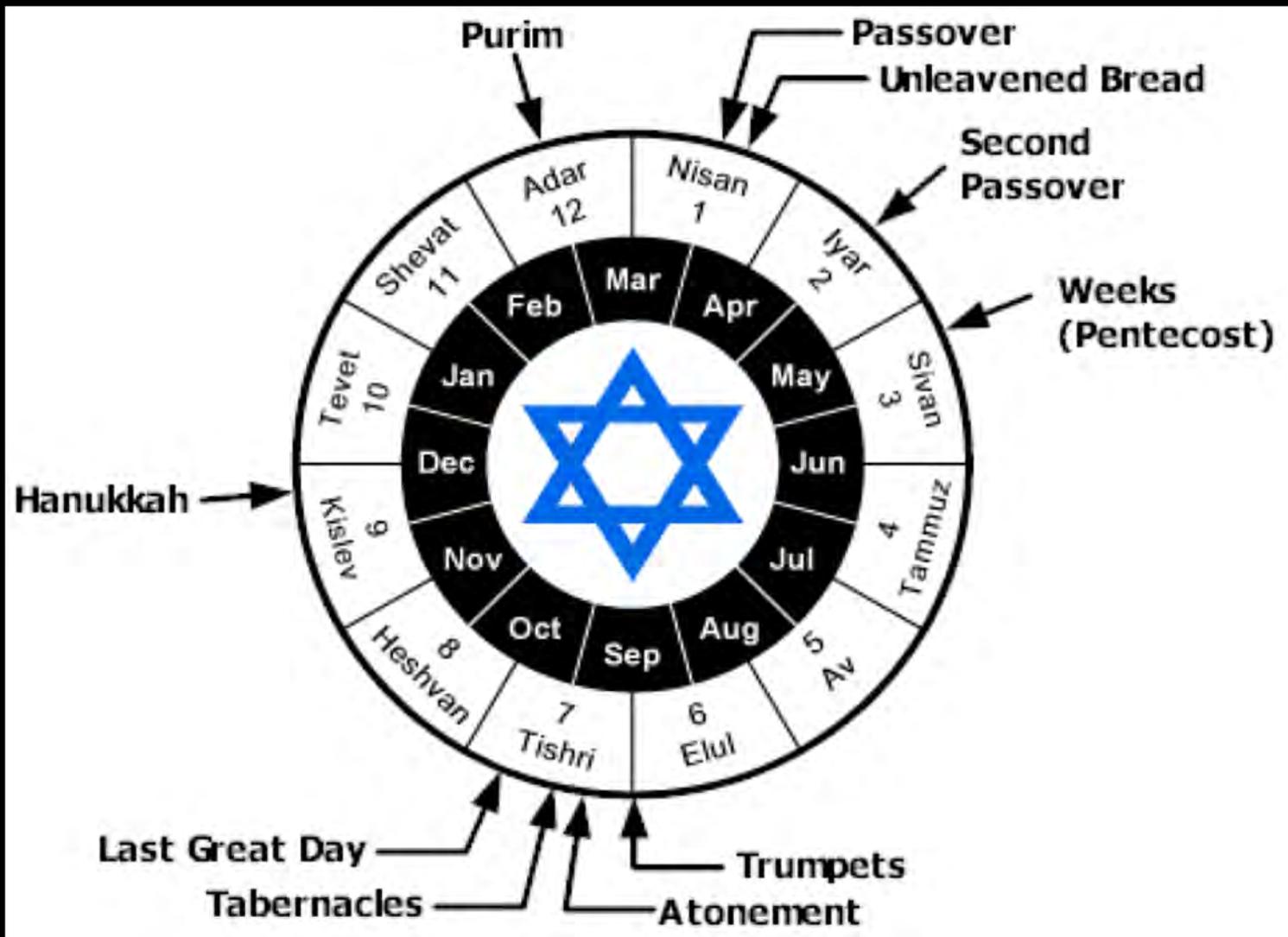
18 The Jews in Susa, however, had assembled on the thirteenth and fourteenth, and then on the fifteenth they rested and made it a day of feasting and joy.

19 That is why rural Jews – those living in villages – observe the fourteenth of the month of Adar as a day of joy and feasting, a day for giving presents to each other.

Day of Celebration established

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Purim Celebration

Esther 9:1-32

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The Legacy of Mordecai

Esther 10:1-3

1 King Xerxes imposed tribute throughout the empire, to its distant shores. 2 And all his acts of power and might, together with a full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whom the king had promoted, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Media and Persia? 3 Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Xerxes, preeminent among the Jews, and held in high esteem by his many fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.

A quick summary of 9:1-10:3

With help of internet memes

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ESTHER

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A Complete Reversal of Fortunes
In the Book of Esther
Esther 1:1-3, 9

1 This is what happened during the time of Xerxes, the Xerxes who ruled over 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush: 2 At that time King Xerxes reigned from his royal throne in the citadel of Susa, 3 and in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials... 9 Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the royal palace of King Xerxes.

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Jesus is a BETTER Reversal

THE
GOSPEL

A Complete Reversal of Fortunes In the Gospel

**God's holy war against sin and evil
Genesis 2:17**

You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.

A Complete Reversal of Fortunes In the Gospel

God's holy war against sin and evil
Ecclesiastes 7:20, 29

20 Indeed, there is no one on earth who is
righteous, no one who does what is right and never
sins....

29 This only have I found: God created humanity
upright, but they have gone in search of many
schemes.

A Complete Reversal of Fortunes In the Gospel

God's holy war against sin and evil Ephesians 2:1-3

1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

A Complete Reversal of Fortunes In the Gospel

**God's holy war against sin and evil
Ephesians 2:4-5**

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

A Complete Reversal of Fortunes In the Gospel

**God's holy war against sin and evil
2 Corinthians 5:21**

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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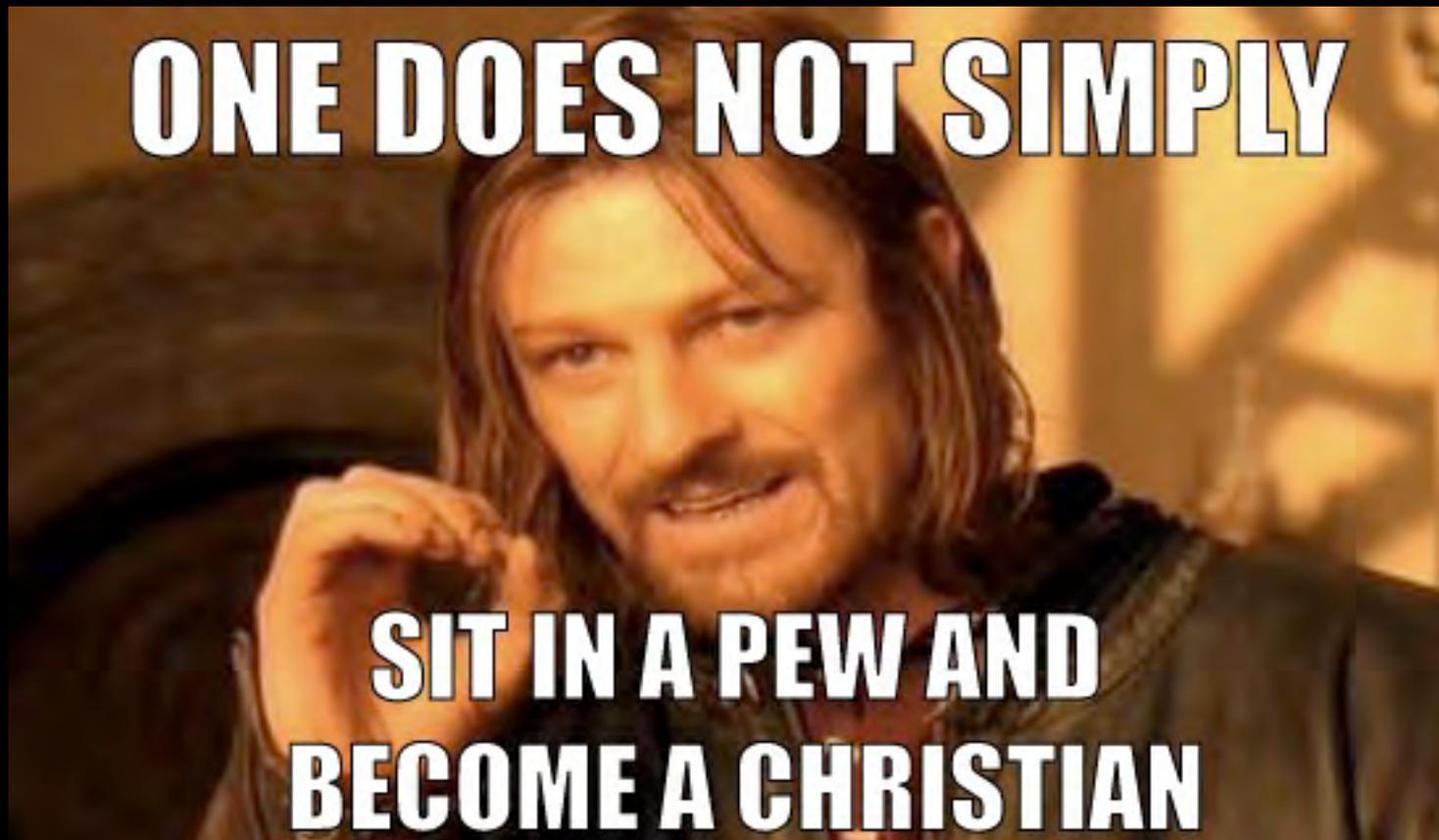
**God's holy war against sin and evil
Revelation 21:4-5**

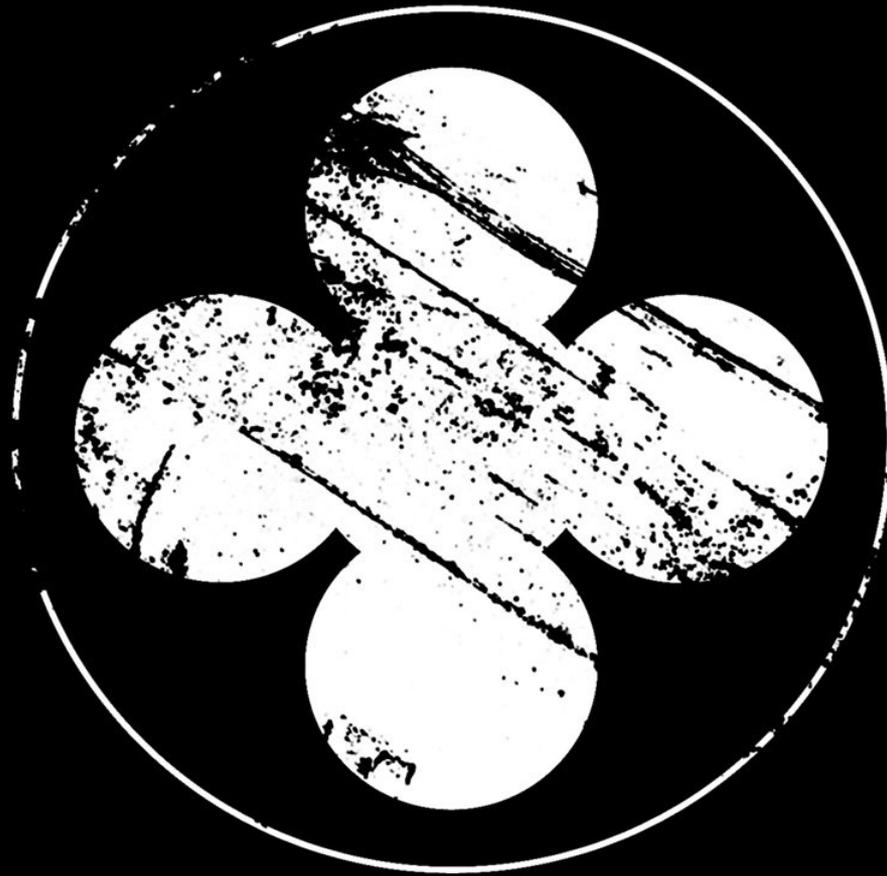
4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

ONE DOES NOT SIMPLY

**SIT IN A PEW AND
BECOME A CHRISTIAN**





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In the Church
Isaiah 57:14-15

14 And it will be said:

“Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.”

15 For this is what the high and exalted One says —
he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.

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In the Church
Revelation 2:1-5**

2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place

The Conversation that will change Esther's Life

Part Three: Mordecai's Plea

Esther 4:12-14

¹²When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Gospel Application

What's your one big takeaway from this book?

