

Lives in Danger

Esther 2.19-3.15

Mordecai – a government official 2.19
Esther's ears and eyes
- a valued adviser 2.20
2 Kings 12.2; Prov 19.20

1. The King's Life in danger, 2.21-23

- **disenchanted officials v21**
no leader can please everyone -
every leader will have enemies
- **a diligent detective vs22-23**
- a vital intelligence report
- **leaders are to be respected**
secular ones 1 Pet 2.17; Rom 13.1f
pray for them 1 Tim 2.1-4
God will act Luke 1.52
Dan 5.24-31; Acts 12.21-23
church ones, too 1 Thess 5.12-13;
Heb 13.17; 1 Sam 24.1-7; 26.7-11

2. The Lives of God's People, 3.1-15

- **a longstanding feud v1**
Ex 17.8-16; Dt 25.19;
1 Sam 15.2-33; 1 Sam 30.1-19
- **drawing the line vs2-4**
respect, but not worship
obedience, but not compromise
Acts 4.19-20; Dan 1.4,7,8; 3.18
- **differences can cause resentment**
a perceived threat v5-6
trapped by superstition v7
misrepresentation vs 8-9
- **intolerance seeks total destruction**
a complicit king vs 10-11
an evil plan vs 12-15
- **timeless lessons**
beware of self-importance
beware of intolerance
beware of grudges
Lev 19.18