"The Rise of Hitler's Twin"

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The contrast found in verse 1:

Mordecai was not recognized and rewarded for his noble act, but Haman, the bad guy, was recognized and rewarded for doing nothing.

Point I: The Bible never says life is going to be fair.

Question: If Matthew 20:1-16 bugs you, will you allow me to offer you some advice?

Answer: Stop looking at the other guy and keep your eyes on the Lord. You just do your job and remain faithful

to King Jesus because that's what He's called you to do!

Point 2: Peer pressure is <u>alive</u> and real. Question: Where do we draw the line?

Answer: God's Word

Point 3: Sometimes not bowing means you will have to stand alone.

Point 4: Pride is a cancer that will destroy everything that is Godly.

Point 5: Don't mess with horoscopes!

Haman's Plan:

Haman wants to use 10,000 talents of silver to pay <u>assassins</u> to <u>completely massacre</u> all the Jews. He wants the assassins to bring all the <u>confiscated property</u> of the Jews into the king's treasure.

Two lessons we can learn concerning King Ahasuerus' authority:

The job of the person in authority is <u>never</u> to be taken lightly.

If you are in authority, be careful who you promote into leadership.