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Turn it around

Have you ever been in a situation & asked "Where is God in this?"

Tomorrow is the start of the Jewish festival - Purim

Such festival's remind of what God has done & give hope for the present & future

This festival is such a reminder

Its a story of a moment when destiny turns - a great reversal!

Purim celebrates one of the most dramatic reversals in Scripture.

It refers to the dramatic turning of events where what was meant for destruction becomes deliverance, and the one who sought to destroy ends up undone by his own scheme.

Providence (Gods hand) Working Behind the Scenes In Esther, God is never mentioned.

No miracles. No burning bushes. No parted seas.

Yet a collection of events were orchestrated - It is quiet providence.

Purim encourages us:

Just because heaven is silent does not mean it is still.

A decree of annihilation becomes a day of victory.

(Esther 9:1) ES: "the very day when the enemies of Gods people (the Jews) hoped to gain mastery over them, the reverse occurred."

Theres a pattern of reversals throughout scripture

But here's what's crucial:

The Great Reversal did not begin in chapter 9 with celebration. It began in chapter 4 with a decision.

Reversal is not random — it often happens at the point of:

- Courageous alignment
- Faithful obedience
- Revealed identity



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Esther steps into who she truly is, and history turns.

In the Book of Esther, history doesn't turn when Esther gains more power.

It turns when she embraces who she already is.

Up until that moment:

She is queen — but silent.

She is Jewish — but hidden.

She has influence — but it's unused.

Then comes Mordecai's piercing question:

“Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

That's the hinge of the story.

And notice — nothing external changes immediately.

The king is still volatile.

Haman is still powerful.

The decree is still active.

But internally, Esther shifts...the real Esther starts to stand up

“If I perish, I perish.”

It's not reckless. It's **resolute surrender to divine call** That's identity alignment.

And once identity aligns, courage flows.

Once courage flows, action follows.

Once action follows, history bends.

The Pattern of Turning

The Great Reversal begins before the public miracle.

It begins in the private surrender. History turns

because:

- A hidden identity **becomes** a revealed identity.
- A passive position **becomes** active .
- A palace resident **becomes** a covenant representative.



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God doesn't need to import something new into the story...He activates what was already positioned.

Esther was always queen.

But she becomes Esther when she owns it.

"History doesn't turn when you gain more authority, or assets...It turns when you embrace the authority already entrusted to you."

In the Book of Esther, the Great Reversal doesn't begin with Haman's fall — **it begins with Esther's becoming.**

History turns the moment she stops surviving the palace and starts stewarding it.

Up until then:

- She is positioned — but not yet purposeful.
- She is crowned — but not yet conscious.
- She has influence — but not yet ownership of identity.

She shifts & aligns internally first

And once she becomes who she was destined to become, events begin to rearrange.

Heaven doesn't always intervene randomly — it partners with alignment.

Insight

The Great Reversal in Esther shows us:

Destiny is not about acquiring something new....It is about stepping into covenant identity at personal cost.

The reversal happens when:

- Fear no longer governs decisions.
- Self-preservation yields to purpose.
- Call overrides comfort.

"History turned when Esther stopped hiding who she was and stepped into who she was destined to become."

*"The Great Reversal began the moment **Esther became Esther.**"*

Purim isn't just an ancient story in the Book of Esther....It reveals a pattern that repeats in individual lives.

The Great Reversal becomes personal when someone steps into who they truly are — **especially at the point where fear says "protect yourself."**

Jesus was born King...but he also became king > **faced "save yourself" moments**

Personal "Purim" Moment

Before reversal, there is usually:



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- A looming decree (pressure, diagnosis, accusation, limitation).
- A hidden identity (you know who you are, but you're not living from it).
- A moment of confrontation ("For such a time as this...").
- A choice between self-preservation and obedience.

Esther's turning point was not the banquet...It was the decision. History turned when she said yes internally.

The external shift usually follows the internal alignment.

Reversal doesn't begin with God changing the environment...It begins with you aligning with who God says you are.

*"Your Purim moment is not when God changes everything around you. It's when you **decide to stop hiding who you are within it.**"*

In the Book of Esther, Esther doesn't hesitate because she lacks faith. She hesitates because the cost is real.

The hesitation before the Great Reversal is always the same tension: Self-preservation vs. Self-giving.

And the turning moment comes when identity & call outweighs fear. Esther becomes Esther when:

- She stops negotiating with fear.
- She accepts the cost.
- She aligns with her covenant identity.

And once she does, unseen things begin moving.