

Street Evangelist for Women's Equality

Speaking up for women wherever I am



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Dear Dr. Floyd,

It is doubtful that those who authored the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and the Danvers Statement of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood would see the comparison of their actions to the story we find in the Book of Esther 3. But you might, when told this way:

There was a man who sought to lord it over those under him. When one man, a Jew, would not bow down to him, he became outraged and decided to take vengeance over all Jews. He went to the King and told him:

"There is an odd set of people scattered through the provinces of your kingdom who don't fit in. Their customs and ways are different from those of everybody else. Worse, they disregard the king's laws. They're an affront; the king shouldn't put up with them. If it please the king, let orders be given that they be destroyed. I'll pay for it myself."

The King issued the edict.

"Bulletins were sent out by couriers to all the king's provinces with orders to massacre, kill, and eliminate all the Jews—youngsters and old men, women and babies— and to plunder their goods. Copies of the bulletin were to be posted in each province, publicly available to all peoples, to get them ready for that day."

"By force of argument, by use of facts, by careful exegesis, by the power of the clear word of God, by the truth, I expected the entire church would be persuaded, the battle for the purity of the church would be won, and egalitarian advocates would be marginalized and have no significant influence.

But it has not completely happened yet! I still believe it will happen. Jesus Christ is building and purifying his church that he might present it to himself without spot or wrinkle. But on this issue Christ's purification process is taking much longer than I expected!"

-Wayne Grudem, CBMW Journal April 2012

(purifying His church by eliminating women? My God! Who will help us?)

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