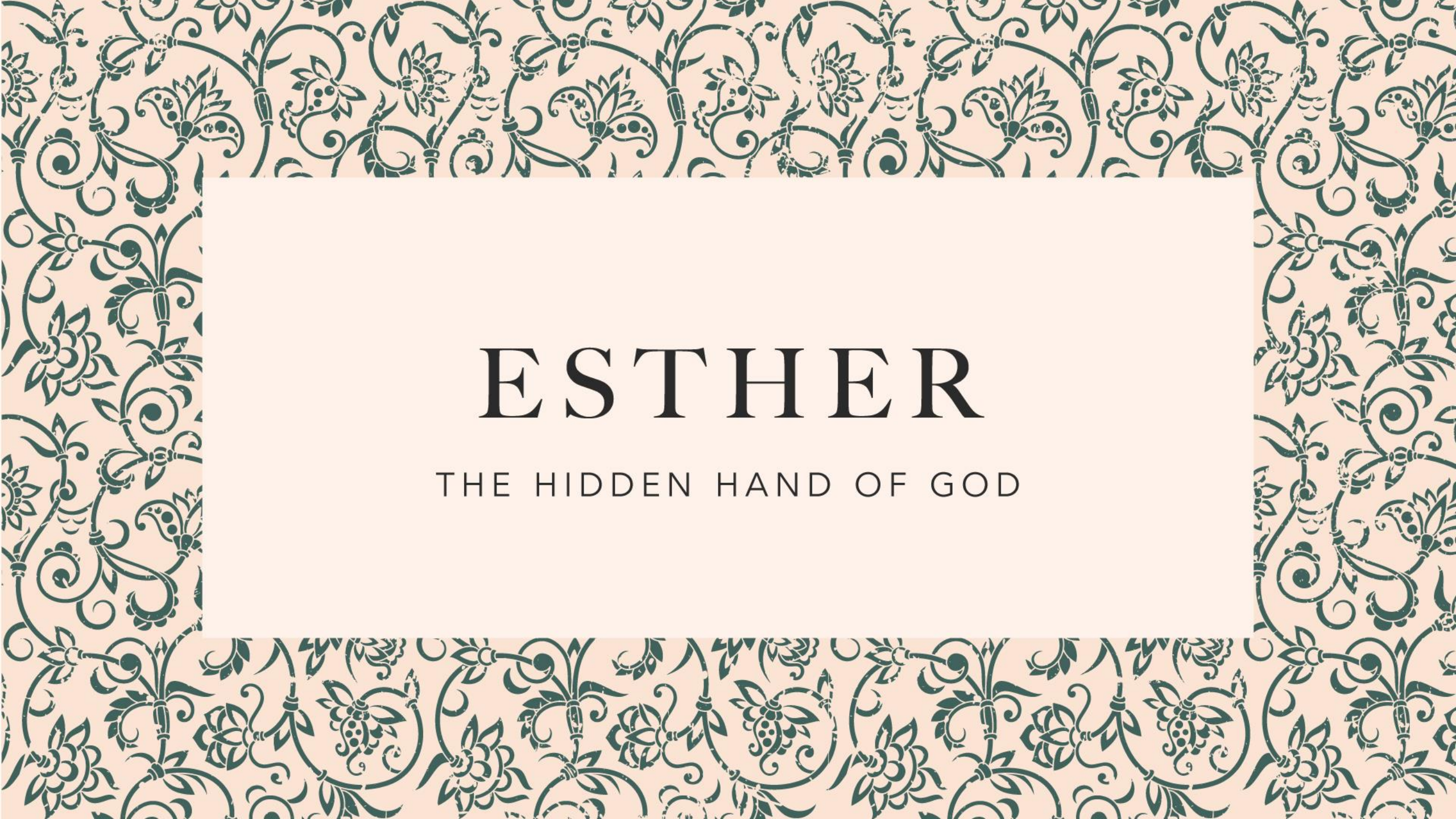




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An Evil Man with an Evil Plan
or
The Not So Hidden Hand of Satan



Who is this evil man?



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How it started



Genesis 25:22-27:41

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“Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

Edom may say, “Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins.”

But this is what the LORD Almighty says: “They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD.

Malachi 1:2-5



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“If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you do not belong to the world, but I chose you out of the world, for this reason the world hates you.

John 15:18-19



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The lot is cast into the lap,
but every decision is from the Lord.

Prov 16:33



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“Build houses and settle there. Plant gardens and eat their produce. Marry and have children; find wives for your sons and husbands for your daughters. And seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf: for in its welfare you will have welfare.”

Jeremiah 29:5-7



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Susa is thrown into confusion



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*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, (**ME**) shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Rom 8:38

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