

# Esther 6:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.** As the chronicles were read to the sleepless king (v. 1), they came to the account of Mordecai's exposure of the assassination plot (2:21-23). The passive voice "it was found written" emphasizes providential orchestration—of all the records in the royal archives, this specific account was read this specific night. The timing is perfect: just as Haman enters the palace to request Mordecai's execution (v. 4), the king discovers Mordecai saved his life. God's providence works through record-keeping, insomnia, reading choices, and timing to position pieces for deliverance. The "coincidence" of this particular record being read this particular night when Haman seeks Mordecai's death demonstrates that God governs even apparently random events.

## Historical Context

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Persian kings maintained extensive official chronicles documenting significant events, as confirmed by biblical references (Ezra 4:15; Esther 10:2) and extra-biblical sources. These annals recorded both threats to the king and notable services by subjects. That Mordecai's deed was recorded but unrewarded (2:23) seems unusual—kings typically rewarded those who saved their lives. The oversight, however, proved providentially perfect: the delayed reward came precisely when needed to elevate Mordecai and humiliate Haman. Ancient

administrative practices of detailed record-keeping, designed for historical preservation and governance, became divine instruments of redemption.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does the 'chance' reading of this specific record at this specific time demonstrate God's sovereignty over details we consider random?
2. What does Mordecai's delayed reward teach about God's perfect timing in honoring faithful service?

## Interlinear Text

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וּמָצָא א	כָּתוּב וּב	אֲשֶׁר	הָגִיד	מֶרְדֵּכַי	עַל	בִּגְתָּנָא
And it was found	written	H834	had told	that Mordecai	H5921	of Bighthana
H4672	H3789		H5046	H4782		H904
וְתֵרֶשׁ	שְׁנֵי	סָרִיסִים	בְּמֶלֶךְ	מְשֻׁמְרֵי	הַסֵּף	אֲשֶׁר
and Teresh	two	chamberlains	of the king's	the keepers	of the door	H834
H8657	H8147	H5631	H4428	H8104	H5592	
בְּקִשׁוֹ	לִשְׁלֹחַ	יָד	בְּמֶלֶךְ	אַחַשְׁוֵרֻשׁ:		
who sought	to lay	hand	of the king's	Ahasuerus		
H1245	H7971	H3027	H4428	H325		