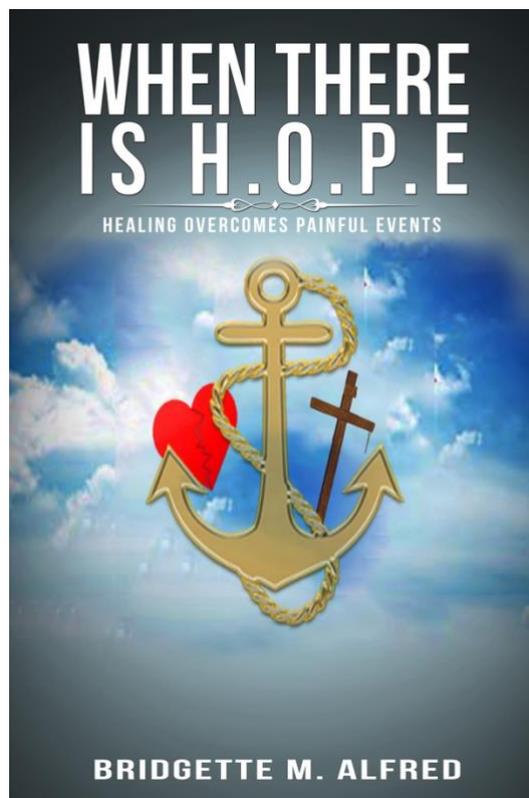


# **When There Is H.O.P.E. (Healing Overcomes Painful Events)**

**BIBLE STUDY GUIDE - Week Ten,  
Thursday, August 19, 2021**



**Charles Duplantier, Ahab and Haman**

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## CHARLES DUPLANTIER, AHAB, AND HAMAN

**For Charles, Hope was in his wealth, power, and control over everyone. This excerpt shows his self-serving decisions which affective so many people.**

Quicker than a bolt of lightning, Councilman Duplantier leapt from his chair, grabbed my father, and started strangling him. The bodyguard pulled him off.

Councilman Duplantier looked at the bodyguard and said, “This is your fault! You’re fired, now get out!”

Immediately, Councilman Duplantier called in two other bodyguards.

Councilman Duplantier had also threatened to put him in jail for rape. He also told him that he could ruin Uncle James and his shrimp business. My father couldn’t let that happen.

The bodyguard was demoted to being Councilman Duplantier’s groundskeeper. He was not fired only because he had one and two-year-old sons. His wife had died and all he had was his boys. Councilman Duplantier sympathized with the bodyguard because Gwendolyn’s mother was dead also.

**Reflection:** What happens if we continue in rebellion, rejecting God’s Word, relying on oppression, and depending on deceit?

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# AHAB

**Read 1 Kings 16:29-33**

**Reflection:** Why do you think Ahab knowing the ruin of other wicked kings and their families sinned against God?

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**Reflection:** Describe how Charles Duplantier and Ahab lives are similar.

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# HAMAN

**Read Esther 3:5-7**

**Reflection:** Do you think Haman's conduct toward Mordecai and his people was rooted in pride or race hatred?

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**Read Esther 3:8-15**

**Reflection:** If Haman plans came to fruition, and the Jewish nation perished, how could the prophecies concerning the great Redeemer of the world have been fulfilled?

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**Read Esther 5:9-14**

**Reflection:** Why do you think Haman consulted with his wife and friends in regards to Mordecai?

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**Read Esther 7:4-8**

**Reflection:** How should we like Queen Esther pray for the salvation of our relatives, friends, and all around us from enemies like Haman?

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**Read Esther 7:9-10**

**Reflection:** Do you think Haman brought his own destruction upon himself?

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**Reflection:** Describe how Charles Duplantier and Haman lives are similar.

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