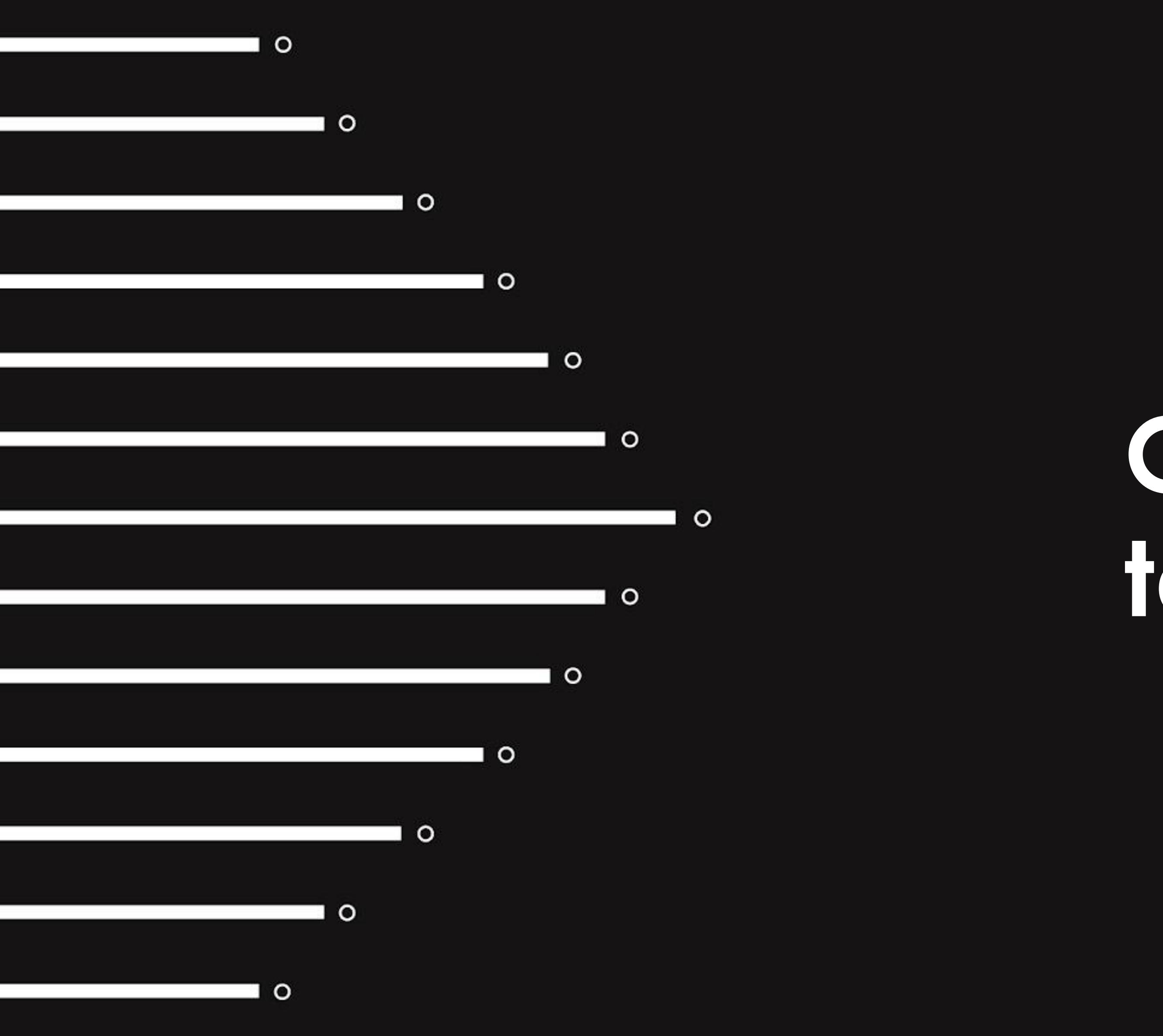
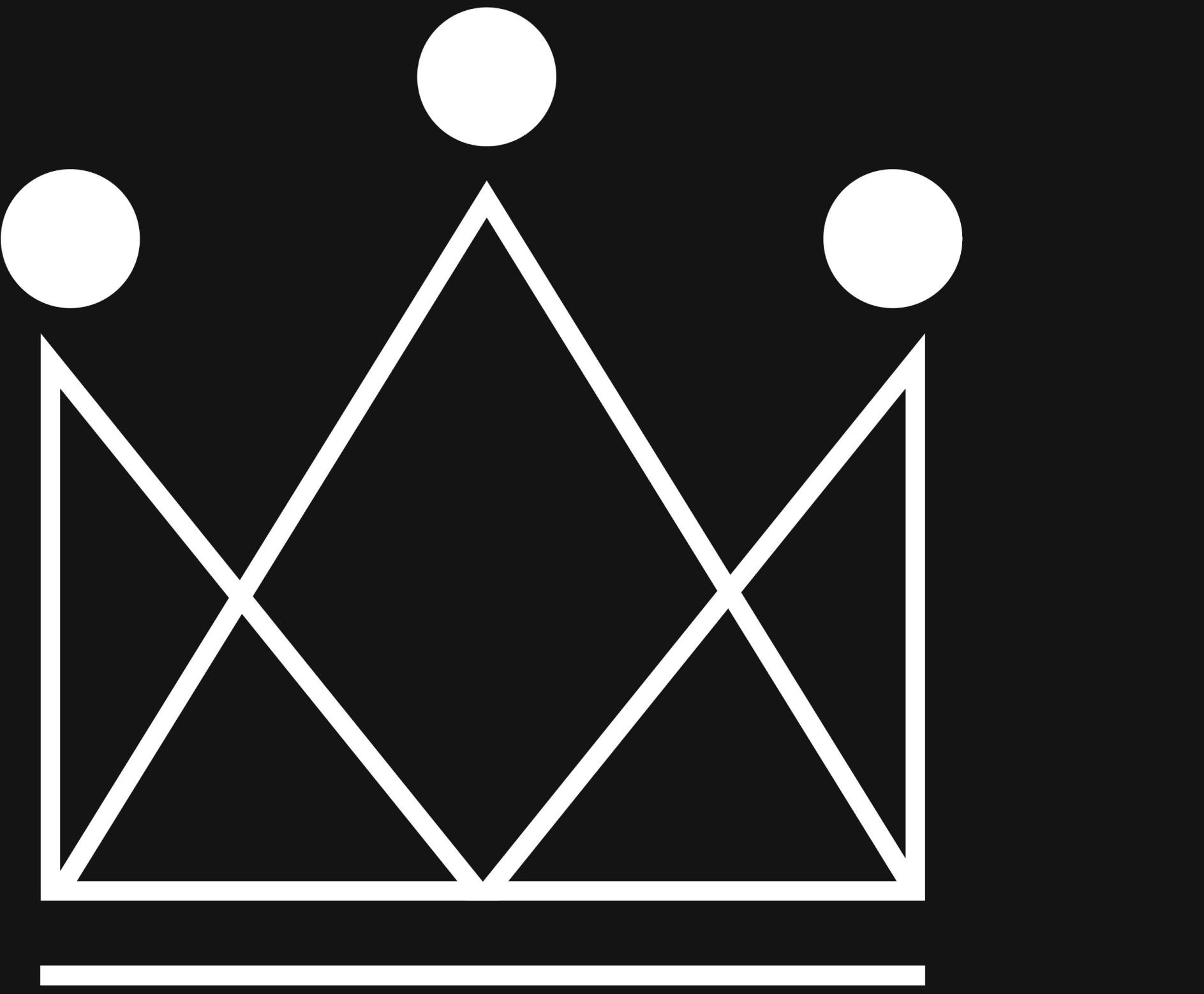


“Turn the tables”

Turning a position of disadvantage into one of advantage.



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tables for our good.**



ESTHER

Turning the tables

Vashti: Queen → Banished

Esther: Orphan → Queen

Mordecai: Hated → Honored (Prime Minister)

Haman: Elevated → Executed

The Jews: Annihilation → Retribution

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Esther 9:1 NIV

On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar,
the **edict** commanded by the king was to be carried out...

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The King's Edicts

Esther 3:13-14 NIV

Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with the order to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews—young and old, women and children—on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods.¹⁴ A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as law in every province and made known to the people of every nationality so they would be ready for that day.

Esther 8:11 NIV

The king's edict granted the Jews in every city the right to assemble and protect themselves; to destroy, kill and annihilate the armed men of any nationality or province who might attack them and their women and children, and to plunder the property of their enemies.



Week One
Esther 1-3

Esther 9:1 NIV

On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, the edict commanded by the king was to be carried out. On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, **but now the tables were turned** and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them.

Week Two
Esther 4

Week Three
Esther 5-8

Week Four
Esther 9-10



Week One
Esther 1-3

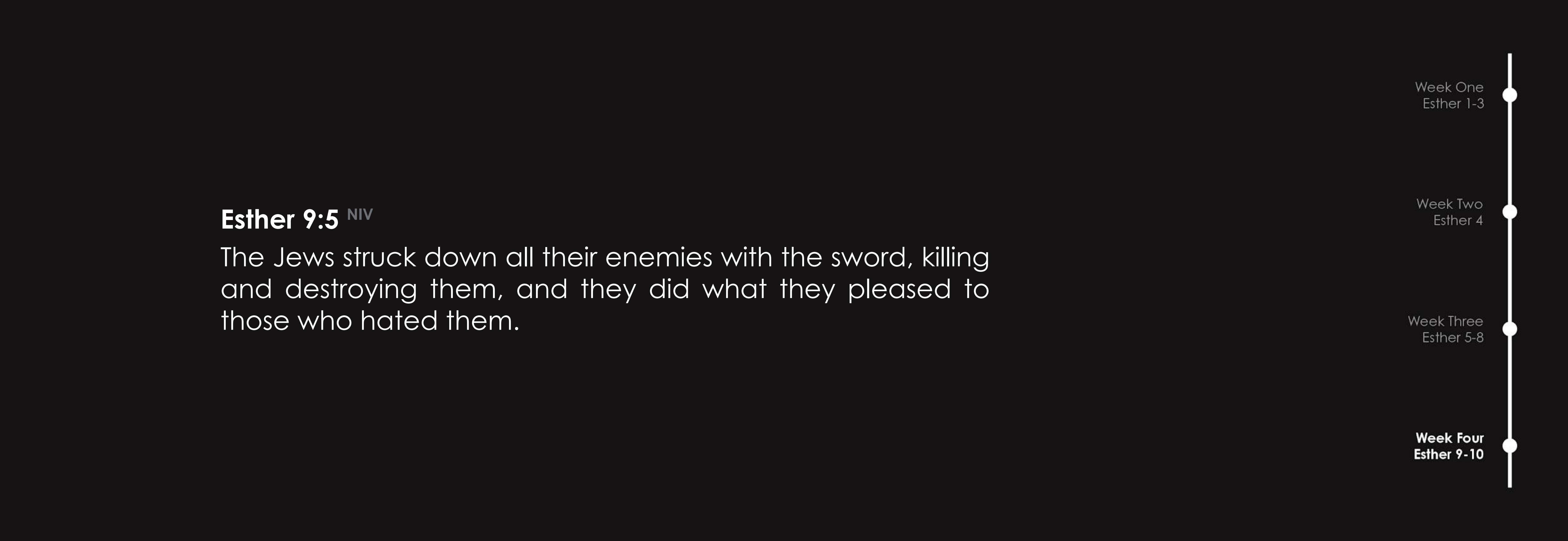
Esther 9:2-3 NIV

The Jews assembled in their cities in all the provinces of King Xerxes to attack those determined to destroy them. No one could stand against them, because the people of all the other nationalities were afraid of them.³ And all the nobles of the provinces, the satraps, the governors and the king's administrators helped the Jews, because fear of Mordecai had seized them.

Week Two
Esther 4

Week Three
Esther 5-8

Week Four
Esther 9-10



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Esther 9:5 NIV

The Jews struck down all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and they did what they pleased to those who hated them.



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Esther 9:20-22 NIV

Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far,²¹ to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar²² as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

Esther 9:23-26 NIV

So the Jews agreed to continue the celebration they had begun, doing what Mordecai had written to them.²⁴ For Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them and had cast the pur (that is, the lot) for their ruin and destruction.²⁵ But when the plot came to the king's attention, he issued written orders that the evil scheme Haman had devised against the Jews should come back onto his own head, and that he and his sons should be impaled on poles.²⁶ (Therefore these days were called Purim, from the word pur.)

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Week Three
Esther 5-8

Week Four
Esther 9-10



Week One
Esther 1-3

Esther 9:27-28 NIV

The Jews took it on themselves to establish the custom that they and their descendants and all who join them should without fail observe these two days every year, in the way prescribed and at the time appointed.²⁸ These days should be remembered and observed in every generation by every family, and in every province and in every city. And these days of Purim should never fail to be celebrated by the Jews—nor should the memory of these days die out among their descendants.

Week Two
Esther 4

Week Three
Esther 5-8

Week Four
Esther 9-10

The Feast of Purim

March 6-7 2023

- Fast on March 5
- Read the book of Esther
- Feast on special foods
- Exchange of gifts
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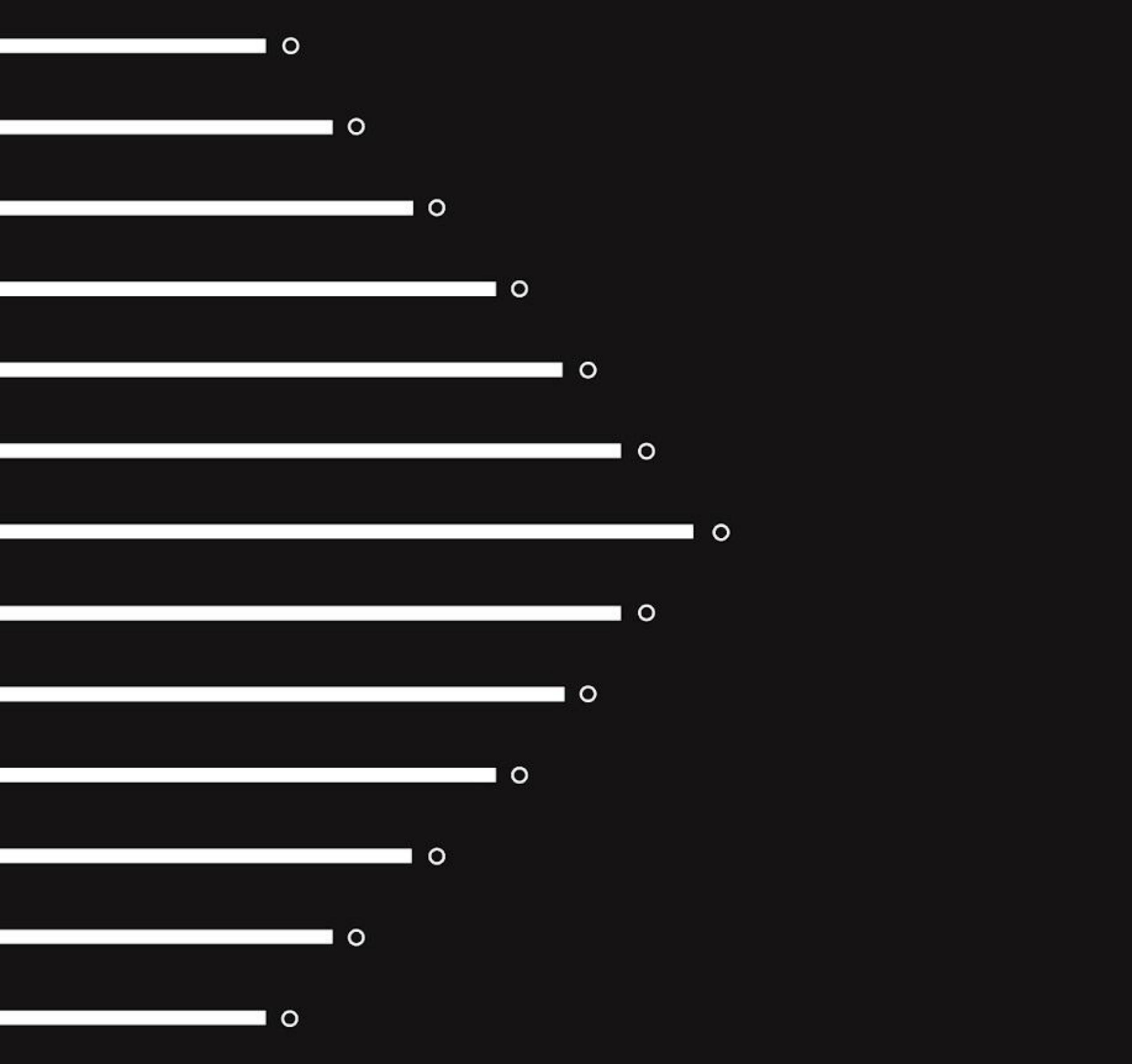
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Esther 4

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Esther 9-10

Esther 10:1-3 NIV

King Xerxes imposed tribute throughout the empire, to its distant shores.² And all his acts of power and might, together with a full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whom the king had promoted, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Media and Persia?³ Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Xerxes, preeminent among the Jews, and held in high esteem by his many fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.



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Romans 5:8 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Week Three
Esther 5-8

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Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

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