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Abimelech (Gideon's son) **plotted** against his 70 brothers. (He then murdered them.)

- **Judges 9:1-2, 5:** "And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. ... And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself."

Saul accused Ahimelech of **plotting** with David to kill him (which was a lie).

- **1 Samuel 22:11-13:** "Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king. And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord. And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?"

Even though Solomon told Adonijah that he would be killed if wickedness was found in him, Adonijah still **plotted** against Solomon anyway and looked for a way to overthrow him. (Adonijah wanted to marry the former wife of David, in hopes of using that marriage to claim the throne of Israel.)

- **1 Kings 2:13, 17, 23:** "And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. ... And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. ... Then king Solomon swore by the Lord, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life."

When Adonijah went to see Bathsheba, he told her that God had given Solomon the kingdom of Israel. (Yet Adonijah still **plotted** against Solomon anyway.)

- **1 Kings 2:13, 15:** "And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. ... And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD."

When the king of Syria **plotted** against Israel, Elisha knew it and warned the king. (It seems God told Elisha what was going on.)

- **2 Kings 6:9:** "And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for

thither the Syrians are come down."

Jehu (the king of Israel) told Bidkar that when the two of them were captains who served Ahab, God said that He would repay Ahab in the **plot** of land that he had stolen from Naboth.

- **2 Kings 9:25-26:** "Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the Lord laid this burden upon him; Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD."

Bignath and Teresh were the chamberlains who **plotted** against King Ahasuerus.

- **Esther 2:21:** "In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus."
- **Esther 6:2:** "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."

Esther told King Ahasuerus that news of the assassination **plot** against him came from Mordecai.

- **Esther 2:22:** "And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told it unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the

king thereof in Mordecai's name."

The information about the assassination **plot** against king Ahasuerus, and Mordecai's role in uncovering it, was written in the book of the chronicles of the king.

- **Esther 2:23:** "And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king."
- **Esther 6:1-2:** "On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. 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."

Haman devised a **plot** to kill the Jews.

- **Esther 9:24:** "Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;"

The wicked **plots** of the rulers of this world, who seek to overthrow God Himself, aren't a threat to God at all. God isn't in any danger.

- **Psalms 2:2-4:** "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that

sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision."

Because the wicked plot against God, He will make them turn back. (The wicked will never succeed in overthrowing God.)

- **Psalm 21:11-12:** "For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform. Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them."

There are times when the wicked **plot** to kill the righteous.

- **Psalm 31:13:** "For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life."
- **Psalm 37:12:** "The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth."
- **Psalm 37:14:** "The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation."

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There are times when people **plot** to deceive us.

- **Psalm 38:12:** "They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long."

When people **plotted** against David, he cried out to God.

- **Psalm 56:4-5:** "In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil."

There are times when the wicked **plot** in secret.

- **Psalm 64:2:** "Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:"

Psalm 74 seems to refer to a time when the enemies of God made Israel desolate, burned the temple, burned the synagogues, and **plotted** to utterly destroy the Jews.

- **Psalm 74:7-8:** "They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land."

There are times when the wicked **plot** against Israel and seek to utterly destroy the entire nation.

- **Psalm 83:4:** "They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

David said that violent men had **plotted** to destroy him.

- **Psalm 140:4:** "Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings."

It's wrong to listen to people **plot** terrible things, but then do nothing about it and allow the evil to come to pass.

- **Proverbs 29:24:** "Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not."

Jeremiah prayed that he would be allowed to see God's vengeance upon the people who **plotted** to kill him.

- **Jeremiah 11:19-20:** "But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause."

When people **plotted** against Jeremiah, he didn't avenge himself. Instead he prayed that God would avenge him.

- **Jeremiah 18:19, 22:** "Give heed to me, O Lord, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. ... Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to

take me, and hid snares for my feet."

It's wrong for us to imagine evil against others, or to **plot** evil.

- **Zechariah 8:17:** "And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD."

The scribes, elders, and religious leaders of Israel were part of the **plot** to arrest Jesus.

- **Matthew 26:57:** "And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled."

Judas had **plotted** in secret to betray Jesus. (When Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray Him, none of them guessed that it was Judas.)

- **Mark 14:18-19:** "And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I?"

When Paul's nephew heard the **plot** against Paul, he went into the castle where Paul was being held and told Paul.

- **Acts 23:12-13, 16:** "And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy. ... And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and

entered into the castle, and told Paul."

When Paul heard about the **plot** against him, he didn't tell the soldiers or the centurions. Instead he asked that his nephew be brought to the chief captain, so he could deliver the message personally.

- **Acts 23:16-17:** "And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him."

It seems the only people Paul's nephew told about the **plot** to kill Paul was the apostle Paul himself, and the chief captain.

- **Acts 23:16, 19-20:** "And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul. ... Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me? And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly."

The chief captain commanded Paul's nephew to not tell anyone else the news about the **plot** to kill Paul.

- **Acts 23:22:** "So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me."

The chief captain believed what Paul's nephew said about the **plot** to kill Paul. (Since the chief captain had already seen the Jews attack Paul several times by this point, it probably seemed plausible to him.)

- **Acts 23:23-24:** "And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor."

The Roman soldiers treated Paul far more professionally than the Jews. The chief captain respected Paul's rights and acted professionally, while the Jews tried to physically tear Paul apart *in a court of law* and then **plotted** to illegally assassinate him.

- **Acts 23:26-30:** "Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting. This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman. And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council: Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell."