

## FINDING JESUS IN THE BOOK OF ESTHER

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Continuation of Chapter 5

### Outline For Esther 5:1-14

I. Plan 2: Choosing to Be used For \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Fuel \_\_\_\_\_ rather than forsake it (5:9) - ***Haman was a happy man as he left the banquet! But when he saw Mordecai sitting at the palace gate, not standing up or trembling nervously before him, Haman became furious.***

B. Be convinced of your own \_\_\_\_\_ (5:10-13) -

***<sup>10</sup> However, he restrained himself and went on home. Then Haman gathered together his friends and Zeresh, his wife, <sup>11</sup> and boasted to them about his great wealth and his many children. He bragged about the honors the king had given him and how he had been promoted over all the other nobles and officials.***

***<sup>12</sup> Then Haman added, "And that's not all! Queen Esther invited only me and the king himself to the banquet she prepared for us. And she has invited me to dine with her and the king again tomorrow!"***

***<sup>13</sup> Then he added, "But this is all worth nothing as long as I see Mordecai the Jew just sitting there at the palace gate."***

C. Surround yourselves with voices of \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ (5:14)

D. \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of others and eliminate anyone in the way (5:14)

***<sup>14</sup> So Haman's wife, Zeresh, and all his friends suggested, "Set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet[a] tall, and in the morning ask the king to impale Mordecai on it. When this is done, you can go on your merry way to the banquet with the king." This pleased Haman, and he ordered the pole set up.***

### REFLECTION

1. Describe a time when you followed a plan that was determined by your will rather than God's Word. How did this turn out for you (and others)?

2. How does the gospel answer our need for true significance?

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### ESTHER CHAPTER 6

**Main Idea:** Through a king's \_\_\_\_\_ problem and Haman's crave for \_\_\_\_\_, God will initiate the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jewish people's biggest enemy & eventually bringing their \_\_\_\_\_!

☞ **I. God's Provision through \_\_\_\_\_ (6:1-2)**

☞ **II. God's Provision in delayed \_\_\_\_\_ (6:3)**

☞ **III. God's Provision in Divine \_\_\_\_\_ (6:4-5)**

**Main Idea:** Through a king's sleepless problem and Haman's Crave for honor, God will initiate the downfall of Jewish people's biggest enemy & eventually bringing their deliverance!

☞ **IV. God's Provision in the \_\_\_\_\_ (6:6-11)**

☞ **V. God's Provision For The \_\_\_\_\_ (6:12-14)**

### Esther 6:1-14

#### I. God's Provision through Sleeplessness (6:1-2)

1. Once again, God shows up in the ordinary \_\_\_\_\_ of life. The king thinks that being read boring facts will put him to sleep.
2. Once again, the book just " \_\_\_\_\_ " to be the one which contains the details where Mordecai uncovered a plot to kill the king. The timing of all of these events is perfect. God is at work through \_\_\_\_\_!
3. When we can't sleep, He has a \_\_\_\_\_. He works in and through the \_\_\_\_\_ details. God works things out through the \_\_\_\_\_ events of life.

#### II. God's Provision in delayed Paybacks (6:3)

1. The records showed that Mordecai was worthy, but somebody didn't follow through with an honor. Ultimately, God, in His providence, allowed the \_\_\_\_\_ to occur, so that when the \_\_\_\_\_, Mordecai would be honored for his service, and it would contribute in the destruction of Haman's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If you are forgotten, sometimes it can be a time for \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_!

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### III. God's Provision in Divine Timing (6:4-5)

1. The events here are indeed ironic. Haman is about to ask for Mordecai's \_\_\_\_\_ and complete humiliation. Instead, he is party to Mordecai's honor and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ could not be more wrong for him, nor more right for God's destruction of His \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Here again, God is orchestrating His behind the scenes plan, placing Haman at the \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ to begin his undoing. Here he was, on his way to ask for Mordecai to be hanged, and the tables were about to turn.

### IV. God's Provision in the unexpected (6:6-11)

1. Haman has to be one of the proudest people who has ever lived! He assumed in his mind that the king was talking about him. Who else could it be? The Bible tells us, *"The heart is more deceitful than anything else, and incurable—who can understand it?"* -- Jeremiah 17:9.
2. Haman was convinced in his heart and mind that the king had to be talking about him. His narcissistic attitude was the beginning of his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. *Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.* (Prov. 16:18)
4. Dr. Wiersbe tells us that God was extending \_\_\_\_\_ to Haman. He was giving him time to repent and consider his actions. By allowing him to be part of honoring Mordecai, he was allowing him to \_\_\_\_\_ what was happening.
5. Haman loved attention. He craved it. This is why he got so mad when Mordecai would not bow to him. He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ honor and glory (v.7-8)
6. Haman's suggestion of how one should be honored was his own fantasy. He wanted to be treated like a \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)
7. Commentators tell us that the crown on the horse was to signify its role as a horse of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)
8. What an ironic situation--the man whom he desired with all his heart to destroy he had to honor with his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. He had to be sick with envy and bitterness! (v.10-11)

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### V. God's Provision For The Future (6:12-14)

1. Mordecai returned to \_\_\_\_\_!-- back to the king's gate. He did not go home to celebrate or brag like Haman did the last time he was honored by the king. (v.12).
2. Mordecai did not jump in joy and proclaimed the end of destruction is over. He watched the \_\_\_\_\_ to see if God is behind all these.
3. Looks like the tables are turning! God is \_\_\_\_\_ His enemy and slowly, but surely, bringing about his destruction (v.13)
4. Perhaps the most interesting thing about what happens here is . v.13-- His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, *"Since Mordecai is Jewish, and you have begun to fall before him, you won't overcome him, because your downfall is certain."*
5. They were starting to realize that the Jewish people had \_\_\_\_\_--or \_\_\_\_\_--special about them. They were able to get the upper hand on their enemies, and there was nothing they could do about it.
6. The Persian people were known for their belief in superstition and the twists of fate. To them, this day was definitely a "\_\_\_\_\_."8 But, God transcends all of the " \_\_\_\_\_" and in His providence, protects the nation of Israel from her enemies.
7. Had the Jewish nation been wiped out, the plan of the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus Christ, would have been destroyed. God would not allow His plan to be derailed!
8. He arranged all of the circumstances and events to fulfill His plan, thereby saving His people from destruction. Haman's wife and his friends had no idea \_\_\_\_\_!
9. Haman was rushed off for the second banquet by Queen Esther for him and the king (v.14)
10. The day of gladness and joy Haman had hoped for was turning into a day of depression, and ultimately, \_\_\_\_\_ -- The future is \_\_\_\_\_!

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