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# ESTHER

The Hiddenness of  
God

In a Sleepless Night

# Book of Esther

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## REVIEW

**Then Haman said, Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king. 13 Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. 14 Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast. This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.**

**Esther 5:12-14**

**5 Months  
Jews**



**24 Hours  
Mordecai**

## Esther 6:1-14

**1 On that night the king could not sleep. And he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, and they were read before the king. 2 And it was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. 3 And the king said, What honor or distinction has been bestowed on Mordecai for this? The king's young men who attended him said, Nothing has been done for him. 4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about having Mordecai hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 5 And the king's young men told him, Haman is there, standing in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. 6 So Haman came in, and the king said to him, What should be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? And Haman said to himself, Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?**

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**7 And Haman said to the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor, 8 let royal robes be brought, which the king has worn, and the horse that the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown is set. 9 And let the robes and the horse be handed over to one of the king's most noble officials. Let them dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and let them lead him on the horse through the square of the city, proclaiming before him: Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor. 10 Then the king said to Haman, Hurry; take the robes and the horse, as you have said, and do so to Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Leave out nothing that you have mentioned. 11 So Haman took the robes and the horse, and he dressed Mordecai and led him through the square of the city, proclaiming before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor.**

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**12 Then Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house, mourning and with his head covered. 13 And Haman told his wife Zeresh and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and his wife Zeresh said to him, If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of the Jewish people, you will not overcome him but will surely fall before him. 14 While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried to bring Haman to the feast that Esther had prepared.**

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And this came to the knowledge of Mordecai, and he told it to Queen Esther, and Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai. 23 When the affair was investigated and found to be so, the men were both hanged on the gallows. And **it was recorded in the book of the chronicles** in the presence of the king.

Esther 2:22-23

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One wished to **correct** a moral injustice - Ahasuerus

One wished to **commit** a moral injustice - Haman



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### Application:

*The scope of God's divine providence, extends to and includes everything that is. It is not that God is merely interested in the "big picture." His management of His creation is micromanagement, concerned with and involved with the smallest of details. Grounded in His wisdom.*

**R.C. Sproul**

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**It's all about Haman**

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# **A Single Thought**

## **CELEBRATING TOO EARLY!**

**Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18**

**When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom. Proverbs 11:2**



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#### **Peripety:**

**a sudden and complete change in a situation, especially in a story**

## Literary structure of Esther

“. . . their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration” (9:22)

“The night the king could not sleep...”

6:1

Esther’s 1st banquet 5:4

Esther’s 2nd banquet 7:1

The king celebrates

2 banquets

1:4,5

The Jews celebrate

2 feasts days

9:16-18

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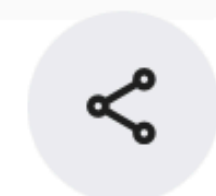


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