

## **THE PROTECTION OF GOD IN A BANQUET OF CONSEQUENCE**

### **Esther 7**

#### **God Protects His People:**

##### **1. Through His Sovereign Plan**

*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."*

*While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried to bring Haman to the feast that Esther had prepared. (6:13-14)*

##### **2. Through His Subtle Working Hand**

*So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, "What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." (1-2)*

##### **3. Through His Revealing Truth**

*Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?" And Esther said, "A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. (5-6)*

##### **4. Through His Righteous Wrath**

*And the king arose in his wrath from the wine-drinking and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm was determined against him by the king. (7)*

##### **5. Through His Redeeming Gospel**

*So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated. (10)*