



The curious
story of

**Esther &
Xerxes &
Mordecai &
Haman & ...**

Esther
Chapter Seven

The Good News about Evil

HAMAN'S LAST SUPPER

[1] So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.

[2] 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." [3] Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request.

[4] For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king." [5] Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?"

Esther 7:1-5

THE REVEAL

[6] And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!”
Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Esther 7:6

A COMPROMISING POSITION

[7] 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.

[8] And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face.

Esther 7:7-8

HANG HIM ON THAT!

[9] Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.”

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

Esther 7:9-10



The background features a complex, layered design. It consists of several overlapping circular shapes in shades of purple, magenta, and red. The surface of these shapes has a rough, textured appearance, similar to a stone or wood grain, with darker and lighter patches. The overall effect is a rich, multi-toned composition with a sense of depth and movement.

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An evil man is ensnared in his transgression,
but a righteous man sings and rejoices.

Proverbs 29:6

Behold, the wicked man conceives evil
and is pregnant with mischief
and gives birth to lies.

He makes a pit, digging it out,
and falls into the hole that he has made.

His mischief returns upon his own head,
and on his own skull his violence descends.

Psalms 7:14-16

THE DEATH OF SIN IN THE DEATH OF CHRIST

[10] For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. [11] **So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

[12] Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. [13] Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Romans 6:10-13

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