

Esther - Lesson 07

Esther Chapter 7

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Introduction: We continue our study on the book of Esther this week as we see the Jews are still in danger of the law to have them killed although the wicked Haman has been executed.

I. HAMAN IS HANGED .

Est 7:1 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen.

Est 7:2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom.

Haman heads to the banquet with the king. Had he known that Esther was a Jewess, he could not have been dragged to the banquet.

Prov. 16:5 "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished."

Eccl. 8:11 "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

The king was ready for the queen's petition. God's ear is always open and ready for our petitions.

1Jn 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

1Jn 5:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Est 7:3 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request:

Est 7:4 For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

Queen Esther presents her petition. She petitions not only for herself, but also for her people, the Jews. It is doubtful that the king had any idea that she was a Jewess. But she comes boldly to the king and petitions for her people. God tells us to do the same thing in our time of need.

Psa 122:6 "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Est 7:5 Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?

Est 7:6 And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

The king wanted to know the source of this death sentence. Esther spares no time in identifying the wicked Haman as the man who was their adversary and enemy.

Job 18:8-10 "For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare. The gin shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him. The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way."

Est 7:7 And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king.

Est 7:8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

Haman sees his predicament and makes a request for his life to the queen. But she was not in the mood to pacify the one who wanted to destroy her and her people. Rather, Haman now faces the wrath of the king.

John Gill said this about verse 7.

Est 7:7 And the king, arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, went into the palace garden,... Not being able to bear the sight of Haman, who had done such an injury both to himself and to the queen; as also that his wrath might subside, and he become more composed and sedate, and be able coolly to deliberate what was fitting to

be done in the present case:

and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; hoping that her tender heart might be wrought upon to show mercy to him, and be prevailed on to entreat the king to spare his life; and this request he made in the most submissive manner:

for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king; he perceived it both by the king's countenance, by the rage he went out in, and by the threatening words which he very probably uttered as he went out.

***Prov. 19:12** "The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass."*

***Prov. 16:14** "The wrath of a king is as messengers of death: but a wise man will pacify it."*

***Prov. 20:2** "The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul."*

The plea of Haman fell on deaf ears. It is now too late to seek mercy. So sad is it that many will come to the end of their life and never accept Christ as their Savior. A day is coming also when the Lord comes back and the world will face a horrible time of tribulation.

***Rev. 6:16** "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."*

***Luke 23:30** "Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us."*

Funny how things change very quickly. A day before, Haman had been enraged when a Jew would not bow to him, but he now falls prostrate before a Jewish woman. The king misinterprets the action of Haman when he petitions Esther. The covering over Haman's head, indicated that he was about to die.

***Est 7:9** And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.*

***Est 7:10** So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.*

Haman is sentenced to be hanged on the gallows he had made. His intention was to hang Mordecai, but now he suffers the gallows himself.

Psa. 7:15 "He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made."

Prov. 11:5 "The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness."

Prov. 11:8 "The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead."

Verse 10 says that Haman was hanged, and this pacified the wrath of the king.

Psa. 37:35-36 "I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found."

Prov. 13:15 "Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard."

Prov. 15:10 "Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die."

I think there is a lot to learn from this story. If things are going really good for you and you are involved in evil, judgment is likely at the door or will be soon coming. However, if you are doing good and living righteously, and things are not going well, God can change it for you overnight. Here the hated enemy of the Jews is brought to justice when it appeared all the Jews would soon be put to death. King Solomon sort of summed it up in Ecclesiastes Ch. 8.

Ecc 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Ecc 8:12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him:

Ecc 8:13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

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Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

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