













# Esther

# Raising Godly Generations

- 4. How the people reacted to the decree —3:15
  - There was indifference on the part of the king and Haman. They sat down to drink.
  - The city of Shushan was perplexed.
- *Esther 4:*
  - We see the sorrow of Mordecai and his action.
- 5. Great mourning by the Jews —4:1-4
  - (1) Mordecai’s mourning and sackcloth —4:1-2
    - 1. In the midst of the city —4:1
      - He rent his clothes and put on sackcloth.
      - He went out into the midst of the city crying loudly and bitterly.
    - 2. He could not enter the king’s gate. —4:2
      - No one could enter that gate clothed in sackcloth.
  - (2) Mourning throughout the provinces —4:3
    - There was great mourning among the Jews.
    - They fasted, wept, and wailed.
    - Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.
  - (3) Esther grieved —4:4
    - But she did not know yet.
    - She sent clothing to Mordecai to replace his sackcloth.
- 6. Esther then sent word to Mordecai by Hatach —4:5-9
  - (1) Hatach was her personal attendant (a chamberlain – eunuch). —4:5a
  - (2) Her query of Mordecai —4:5b-6
    - She wanted to know what and why.
    - Hatach found him in the street before the king’s gate.
  - (3) Mordecai’s answer by Hatach —4:7-8
    - 1. He told him what had happened —4:7
      - He told him of the sum of money provided *out of the king’s treasuries*.
    - 2. He gave Hatach a copy of the decree —4:8a
      - This was for Esther to see.
    - 3. He charged her to appeal to the king. —4:8b
      - He asked that she make supplication before the king for him (Mordecai) and her people.
    - 4. Hatach delivered Mordecai’s message. —4:9
- 7. Esther’s response to Mordecai’s message —4:10-11
  - (1) Esther again sent Hatach to Mordecai. —4:10

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Esther 4 — Note the different responses to this decree and what they tell us about their concept of God.







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15. Haman was warned by his family —6:12-14
- (1) After Mordecai was honored —6:12
- Mordecai went back to the king’s gate.
  - Haman went to his house mourning.
- (2) He reported his misfortune. —6:13a
- He told them all that had befallen him.
- (3) Zeresh, Haman’s wife prophesies ill to Haman —6:13b
- Gen. 12:3, “And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee ...”
  - Zech. 2:8, “For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath He sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye.”
- (4) Haman was that moment called to Esther’s banquet. —6:14
- *Imagine how Haman must have felt at this moment.*
- *Esther 7:*
- Esther’s second banquet —
16. The king gave Esther another opportunity —7:1-2
- It was the same offer as given in 5:6.
  - His heart had been prepared by the LORD.
- 17 Esther reveals the plot of Haman —7:3-6
- (1) Appeal for her life and that of her people —7:3-4
- This was her request.
  - They were sold to be destroyed and slain. —7:4a
    - If they had been sold into slavery she would have kept quiet about it, but she must speak out.
  - It would be a loss to the king. —7:4b
    - “countervail” = compensate or make up for – Lit., “the enemy is not equal to the damage to the king.”
- (2) The king wanted to know “Who?” —7:5
- (3) Esther identified who it was. —7:6
- “... this wicked Haman”
  - Haman was afraid before the king and queen.
18. The king’s wrath and Haman’s execution —7:7-10
- (1) The king, in his wrath, went into the garden. —7:7-8
- Haman pleads, falling upon the couch with the queen, and the king interprets that Haman is forcing the queen.
    - That increased the king’s anger.
- (2) Haman was hanged —7:9-10
- He was hanged upon the gallows that he prepared for Mordecai.
    - Cf. Judges 1:7. Also, see Psalm 9:16, “The LORD is known by the judgment which He executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion Selah.”

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Esther 7 — What further insight do we gain here about making wise appeals?









