

ESTHER

Pt. 4 - "Hang 'em High Or Anticipation"

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ESTHER'S FIRST BANQUET

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

^[18] Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

HAMAN'S RAGE

Esther 5:13 (NIV)

^[13] But all this gives me no satisfaction as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate."

HANG'EM HIGH

Esther 6:1 (NIV)

^[1] That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him.

ASSASSINATE KING XERXES ANTICIPATION

Esther 6:3-4 (NIV)

^[3] "What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered.

^[4] The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows he had erected for him.

ESTHER'S SECOND BANQUET

Esther 7:1 (NIV)

^[1] So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther.

Esther 7:3 (NIV)

^[3]Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, O king, and if it pleases your majesty, grant me my life--this is my petition. And spare my people--this is my request."

Esther 7:5-8 (NIV)

^[5] King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

^[6] Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this vile Haman." Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

^[7] The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

^[8] Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining.

The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?" As soon as the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.

THE JEWS ARE DELIVERED