



The Exit of the Enemy

Esther 7:1-10

Act 1: Esther's Second Feast (vs. 1-6)

3 Mindsets

- Haman had a humiliating day.
- Xerxes had a sleepless night (and desired an answer)
- Esther had a critical feast.

Post-Feast

- Xerxes posed his question to Esther for the third time. (v. 2b)
- Esther's answer:
 - ◆ Esther's answer was respectful (vs. 3-4)
 - ◆ Esther's answer was honest (v. 3)
 - ◆ Esther's answer was detailed (v. 4)
 - ◆ Esther's answer was thoughtful (v. 4)
 - ◆ Esther's answer was direct. (v. 6)
- Xerxes was angry.
- Haman was terrified!

Act 2: Haman's Destruction (vs. 7-10)

Scene 1:

Xerxes thinking in the palace garden.

Esther 7:7a

- Xerxes stormed out of the room and when to the palace garden.
- Why?
 - ◆ He was drunk.
 - ◆ He was angry.
 - ◆ He had a choice to make.



Scene 2:

Haman begging in the banquet room

Esther 7:7b

- The bragger is now a beggar.
 - ◆ Haman knew that Esther had the true power.
 - ◆ Haman hysterically begged for his life.
 - ◆ The words of Haman's wife was coming true (Esther 6:13b).
 - ◆ Irony: An Agagite bowing before a Jewish woman.
- Xerxes returned, and Haman was on the couch.
 - ◆ Xerxes uttered words of judgment.
 - ◆ Harbona provided the solution.
- Irony: Haman was killed on his own gallows.

Haman's Life Verse:

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Proverbs 16:18

God's Sovereignty in the Shadows

- The thoughts and emotions of each character
- Esther's wisdom (words, planning, awareness)
- Continued kingly favor
- The misunderstanding of Haman's actions
- Harbona's knowledge of the gallows
- Continued Irony (gallows, an Agagite bowing to a Jew)

Practical Applications

- God's timing is perfect.
- God even uses misunderstandings for His glory!
- Sinful men don't manipulate God's plans. (Haman's pride, Xerxes' drunkenness, etc.)
- Pride has consequences.