

THE HUMILIATION OF HAMAN

(Esther 6)

I. ESTHER'S FIRST BANQUET FOR THE KING (5:1-14)

II. HAMAN IS FORCED TO HONOR MORDECAI THE JEW (6:1-14)

A. Ahasuerus' Night of INSOMNIA (6:1-3)

1. There are a minimum of five examples of the providential hand of God in the first five verses of chapter 6...
 - a. The king's inability to fall asleep was _____ by coincidence. (v. 1a)
 - b. Ahasuerus choice of "_____" would have put anyone else to sleep under _____ conditions. (v. 1b)
 - c. The selection of this particular book of chronicles "_____" to highlight Mordecai's exposure of the assignation attempt. (v. 2)
 - d. The fortunate _____ of honoring Mordecai five years later came at a very critical moment. (v. 3)
 - e. The impeccable _____ of Haman's arrival right on the heels of the king being informed of Mordecai's heroism is astonishing. (vv. 4-5)

B. Haman's Day of HUMILIATION (6:4-14)

1. In the morning Haman had entered the outer court of the palace with full _____ of asking the king if Mordecai could be _____ on his newly constructed gallows. (vv. 4-5)

2. “Ironically” the king’s first order of business also involved Mordecai, but it was to determine the best possible way of _____ the man for saving his life.

Principle to remember:

3. Because of Haman’s enormous ego, he naturally _____ the king was inquiring about honoring _____. (v. 6)
4. Haman openly, expressed all of the things that he would desire for himself, to wear the king’s royal _____, to ride the king’s royal _____, and be lead through the city _____ in honor. (vv. 7-9)
5. Haman was not _____ with his lot in life, but he earnestly craved _____ that was usually reserved for a king.

* Are you often discontented in life?

6. Haman’s worst nightmare came true, he was _____ to lead his number one hated _____ through the city streets calling on citizens to acknowledge how Mordecai found favor in the eyes of the king. (vv. 10-11)
7. The wicked plot that Haman had originally planned to tell the king had been turned upside down; he “*hurried to his house, _____ and with his head covered.*” (v. 12)

* What can you apply from this study today?