

## HAMAN COMES TO THE END OF HIS ROPE

(Esther 7)

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

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

### III. ESTHER'S SECOND BANQUET FOR THE KING (7:1-10)

#### A. Haman is EXPOSED for who he is (7:1-6)

1. This banquet that was most likely held later on in the afternoon placed Esther in a very precarious position...
  - a. She was about to identify herself with a minority group that had earlier been described by Haman as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the king's laws. (Esther 3:8)
  - b. She was about to \_\_\_\_\_ one of the king's \_\_\_\_\_ advisors and highest ranking officials in the land of diabolical treachery.
  - c. For the king to \_\_\_\_\_ that the decree that had been made into law was a \_\_\_\_\_ idea would put Ahasuerus in a bad light.
2. Esther pleaded before the king for her own life, and was an \_\_\_\_\_ for the very lives of her Jewish people. (v. 3)
3. She further elaborated with three verbs that painted the dramatic picture, "*For we have been sold, my people and I, to be \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_, and to be \_\_\_\_\_.*" (v. 4a)
  - a. Esther went on to explain that if this decree went through, it would most certainly \_\_\_\_\_ the king of his \_\_\_\_\_ and even some of his wealth. (v. 4b)

- b. It seems that Ahasuerus had already \_\_\_\_\_ to punish the culprit as seen by his response, “*who would \_\_\_\_\_ presume in his heart to do such a thing?*” (v. 5)
- c. Esther’s wise choice of words to describe the guilty party before the king helped seal his fate, “*the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is this \_\_\_\_\_ Haman.*” (v. 6)

**B. Haman is EXECUTED for what he has done (7:7-10)**

1. The fact that his enemy sat in his very presence at that very moment apparently caused the king to want to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ for a moment before he passed a verdict. (v. 7a)
  
2. It is truly ironic that the man who called for the complete extermination of the \_\_\_\_\_ would plead for his own life from a woman who was a \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 7b)
  
3. Ahasuerus returned from the garden and with the sight before his eyes, he \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ as Haman was sprawled on the couch so close to his queen. (v. 8)
  
4. The servant Harbonah's suggestion that they hang Haman on the gallows he had already built for Mordecai drove the providential \_\_\_\_\_ into Haman's \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 9)

\* What can you personally apply from this chapter?