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## Esther 7

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## Esther 7.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

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### Topics.

- The king and Haman go to Esther's Feast.
- The king asks Esther, what, is her wish and her request?
- Haman has decreed that Esther and her people be annihilated.
- Haman is terrified and begs his life before the King and Queen Esther.
- The king is told that Haman has built a gallow to hang Mordecai on.
- The king has Haman hanged on the gallows he built for Mordecai.

**INTRODUCTION:** this is a brilliant story of the great faith of a young humble Jewish woman who became Queen of the Persian Empire that has a beautiful twist at the end and that clearly shows that God's sovereign hand is not only upon the Jewish nation, but also upon the secular nations to bring about his eternal plans and purposes. The primary focus of this study is upon the core beauty of the story and not upon the detail of the places or the history of it (see also the introduction to chapter one).

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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### ESTHER 7

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- **Esther 7:1-10:** So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. <sup>2</sup> And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, "What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." <sup>3</sup> Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request. <sup>4</sup> For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king." <sup>5</sup> Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?" <sup>6</sup> And Esther said, "A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. <sup>7</sup> And the king arose in his wrath from the wine-drinking and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm was determined against him by the king. <sup>8</sup> And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, "Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?" As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face. <sup>9</sup> Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." <sup>10</sup> And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

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### THE STORY CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

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The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther and on the second day (i.e., the day after the first feast of the previous day), as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, "What is your wish and your request, Queen Esther? Then Queen Esther answered, "If it, please the king:

- Let my life be granted me for my wish, and for my request, let my people live for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated.

Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?" And Esther said, "A foe and enemy! This, wicked Haman!" and the king was furious. Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen and begged Queen Esther for his life. Then Harbona, one of the king's eunuchs told the king that Haman has built a gallows outside his house to hang Mordecai on whose word saved the king. The king said, "Hang Haman on that." So, they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

**Ponder for a moment:** the tremendous evil, pride and ego of Haman's heart, just because a Jewish man wanted to be true to his faith and only bow to his God Haman was so enraged with fury he not only plotted to kill every Jewish man, but also plotted to kill every Jewish woman and child in all the one-hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the king. Imagine his horror and fear when he began to see that his entire plan was backfiring on him. Truly he came to a just end. No wonder the Jews even today still keep the feast of Purim which celebrates the story of Queen Ester and the great Jewish victory.

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