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Esther 5

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Bible House of Grace contains an easy to read New and Old Testament commentary full of spiritual treasures and pearls, complete with an insightful resource guide illuminating God's love and grace.



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Esther 5.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- Esther finds favour with the king.
- Esther prepares a feast for the king and Haman.
- The king and Haman go to the feast that day.
- Esther prepares a second feast for the king and Haman for next day.
- Haman tells his friends and family of his riches and his promotions.
- Haman tells his friends only he is invited to Queen Esther's feast.
- Haman's greatest ambition is to kill Mordecai.
- Haman has a gallows fifty cubits high built to hang Mordecai on.

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 5

- **Esther 5:1-14:** On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, in front of the king's quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. ² And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. ³ And the king said to her, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom." ⁴ And Esther said, "If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king." ⁵ Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther has asked." So the king and Haman came to the feast that Esther had prepared. ⁶ And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther, "What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." ⁷ Then Esther answered, "My wish and my request is: ⁸ If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my wish and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said." ⁹ And Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart. But when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. ¹⁰ Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and brought his friends and his wife Zeresh. ¹¹ And Haman recounted to them the splendor of his riches, the number of his sons, all the promotions with which the king had honored him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and the servants of the king. ¹² Then Haman said, "Even Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the feast she prepared. And tomorrow also I am invited by her together with the king." ¹³ Yet all this is worth nothing to me, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate." ¹⁴ Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it. Then go joyfully with the king to the feast." This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.

On the third day of the Jewish fast Esther stood in the king's palace and when the king saw Queen Esther, she won favour and he held out to Esther the golden sceptre and Esther touched the tip of the sceptre. The king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? Esther said, "Let the king and Haman come today to a feast today." So the king and Haman came to the feast. After the feast, the king said to Esther, "What is, your wish and your request?" Esther answered, "If it please the king to grant my wish and fulfil my request, let the king and Haman come to the feast that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will tell the king my wish and my request.

Haman went out that day joyful of heart, but when he saw that Mordecai neither rose nor trembled before him, he was filled with wrath against him. Haman no-doubt with great excitement told his wife Zeresh and his friends how Queen Esther made a feast for him and the king and Queen only and the Queen has also invited him to another feast with the king and Queen tomorrow. Then Haman told them, "All this is worth nothing to him, so long as he sees Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate," so Zeresh his wife and all his friends said, "Let a gallows be made, and in the morning tell the king to have Mordecai hanged upon it." This idea pleased Haman, and he had the gallows made.

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