



Esther: Queen For Such A Time As This.

Wednesday April 27, 2016

Lesson Four:

Haman's Wicked Plan (Esther 3:1-15)

1. What culture was Haman? _____
2. What level did Haman get promoted to? _____
3. Why did the servants at the gate bow down and pay homage to Haman?

4. "Mordecai did not _____ down or pay _____."
5. Mordecai had revealed he was a _____.
6. Haman's severe reaction:
 - a. He was filled with _____.
 - b. He did not lay hands on Mordecai _____.
 - c. He sought to destroy all the _____ throughout the whole _____ of Ahaseurus.
7. Notice the casting of lots in verse 7. Why? _____
8. What is Haman's reasoning to destroy the Jews? _____

9. The King gives Haman the money and personnel needed to do as seemed _____ to Haman to do to the Jews.
10. The order was to _____, to _____, and to _____ all the Jews, _____ and _____, including _____ and children.
11. The word was spread to be _____ for that day.
12. What was the reaction in Susa? _____

Esther Is Challenged (Esther 4:1-17)

1. Mordecai had a _____ and _____ cry.
2. No one was allowed to enter the King's gate in _____.
3. The word spread throughout the provinces and there was great _____ among the Jews.
4. Mordecai refuses to lay aside his sackcloth.
5. Esther and Mordecai communicate through _____.
6. What is Mordecai's command to Esther? _____
7. Why does Esther have reservations about going to see the King? _____

8. Mordecai's reasoning with Esther:
 - a. You will not _____ more than all other Jews.
 - b. If you remain Silent, _____ will rise from another place.
 - c. Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a _____ as this?
9. Esther, after a three day _____, determines to go to the King without regard for her life.

Discussion Questions:

1. Haman loved the praise of men and was offended when Mordecai refused to give it. What lessons can be learned about pride and popularity?
2. Once again we see the actions of a man who loses his temper. How can we impact those around us when we lose our temper?
3. What can be learned from the King's easy approval of the plot of Haman?
4. Mordecai was very mournful. What can you do when it seems disaster is approaching?
5. Esther at first refuses Mordecai's orders and then agrees to go. Sometimes we may need to encourage (or be encouraged) to do the right thing.
6. Mordecai seems to suggest that this may be a God given opportunity. Do we consider opportunities may be God given?
7. What application can you make of the statement, "... and if I perish, I perish"?