



## *Esther: Queen For Such A Time As This.*

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Lesson Five:

### **Esther Approaches The King (Esther 5:1-8)**

1. Esther put on her \_\_\_\_\_ robe and went to the \_\_\_\_\_ court of the palace.
2. What is the king's response when he sees the uninvited queen? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The king offers to grant Esther's request, up to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The First Banquet:
  - a. Esther asked for the king and Haman to come \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. The king called Haman and they attended the banquet.
  - c. The king again offers to grant the request of Esther, up to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. They are invited to another banquet to occur \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Haman's Plans For Mordecai (Esther 5:9-14)**

1. How did Haman feel as he departed the banquet? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What changed his disposition? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What all did Haman tell when he got home? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What ruined it all for Haman? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What advice does Haman receive from his wife and friends? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Mordecai Is Honored (Esther 6:1-14)

1. When the king could not sleep, what history does he remember? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What had been done for Mordecai for saving the king's life? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Haman arrives and is invited in.
4. The king asks what should be done for one "whom the king delights to \_\_\_\_\_?"
5. What goes through Haman's mind? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What does Haman suggest be done for the one the king wants to honor. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Who gets honored? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What part does Haman play in the honor being given? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What was Haman's demeanor as he returned home again? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Haman's wife and friends now evaluate and say that if Mordecai is of \_\_\_\_\_ descent that Haman would not \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Haman is rushed off to Esther's second \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Esther follows through with her commitment from chapter 4.
  - a. What is the difference between intention and doing?
  - b. How important is it to follow through?
2. Esther considered every bad thing that could have happened to her, but chose to trust God. How can our fears prevent the good we should do?
3. Esther is very gracious in all her actions. How can this behavior help in life?
4. Haman could not enjoy success because of pride. What lesson can we learn today about the dangers of pride, envy, and jealousy?
5. Consider (again) the danger of bad advisors.
6. What is the danger of assuming you will be honored?