



Esther: Queen For Such A Time As This.

Wednesday May 11, 2016

Lesson Six:

The Second Feast Of Esther (Esther 7:1-6)

1. Last class we ended with Haman being rushed off to this feast, even though he was distraught over the honor given to Mordecai, and his part in it.
2. Who was at the feast? _____
3. Does Haman know that Esther is Jewish? _____
4. Again the King Ahasuerus offers Esther up to _____ the kingdom.
5. Esther's request:
 - a. Esther asks for her own _____.
 - b. She also asks for the _____ of her _____.
 - c. Notice that Esther says that she and her people have been _____.
 - d. She quotes the decree that they would be destroyed, _____, and _____.
 - e. If they were just sold as slaves, Esther would have _____.
6. The king's outrage:
 - a. "_____ is he, and _____ is he, who would _____ presume in his heart to do such a thing?"
 - b. Esther uses three words to describe Haman:
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - c. How does Haman respond? _____

Haman's Gallows (Esther 7:7-10)

1. The king arose and went to the palace _____. Why would he do this? _____
2. From whom did Haman plead for his life? _____
3. Haman makes another assumption as to what the king is thinking. This time he is correct. He saw that the king determined _____ for him.
4. What does the king think when he sees Haman laying across the couch where Esther was sitting? _____ What was the truth? _____
5. As the king speaks they _____ Haman's face.
6. What does Harbonah reveal? _____
7. Haman is hanged on the _____ he had made for _____.
8. The king's wrath _____.

Discussion Questions:

1. What would you ask for if someone agreed to give you whatever you wanted?
2. What does Esther mean in 7:4 when she says, "the enemy could never compensate for the king's loss"?
3. The king had given Haman his total authority, his signet ring. He could act in behalf of the king to make decrees. Is there a danger in letting others act in your name without knowing what they might do?
4. Haman had a very bad day:
 - a. He had been disappointed when the king did not honor him.
 - b. He had to participate in honoring someone he despised.
 - c. He was called out for his plan by Queen Esther.
 - d. The king now assumes the worst of Haman in every way.
 - e. He is ordered to be executed.
 - f. Who brought all this on Haman?
5. What danger is there in making enemies?
6. Can there be benefit in doing good for others?
7. Can you see God's hand (though not mentioned) in these events?