

## Day 24

- Yesterday, I left off with Esther requesting the king and Haman come to a second banquet, and she promised, at that time, she would tell the king her petition in hopes that he would fulfill her request.
- Okay, so some of the stage setting I have done over these few days is about to show itself. Stay with me as I set up a little more on that stage — Because, as I keep saying, God NEVER leaves even one detail undone!
  - Haman left the banquet of Queen Esther feeling puffed up and awesome in his own eyes, and he was overjoyed to go home and tell his wife all about the favor both the king and queen had bestowed upon him.
  - Then, riding through the king's gate, he spotted Mordecai, the Jew. And again, Mordecai did not stand and tremble before him, and it filled Haman with indignation, but he restrained himself and went home.
  - At home, Haman sent for his friends and his wife. "Then Haman told them of his great riches, the multitude of his children, everything in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and servants of the king." Esther 5:11.
  - I mean, don't we all love being invited to a brag fest —
  - Then he tells them that he was the only other guest beside the king who was invited to Queen Esther's banquet that day, and she had also invited him to another banquet the next day. "Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate." Esther 5:13.
  - So then his friends and his wife tell him, "Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and in the morning suggest to the king that Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the banquet." Esther 5:14. I find it interesting that, after condemning a man to death, they are then going to go merrily to a banquet...but anyway.
  - This idea greatly pleased Haman, so he had the gallows made.
- Side note: I want you to notice the number 50 in that scripture. Why would they suggest gallows fifty cubits high? Well, it very well could have been the height of gallows in that time in history, but I see something else, another clue from God Most High. 50 is Jubilee. "Jubilee is when what was taken from you is returned to you." (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer). Jubilee represents complete freedom!! God is definitely speaking to us when we see this 50 in Esther 5:14.
- Remember when I told you about Mordecai seeing and hearing a murder plot planned by two of the king's eunuchs against the king? Well, hold that in mind.
  - The king couldn't sleep the night before the second banquet of Queen Esther, "So one was commanded to bring the book of the records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the doorkeepers who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. Then the king said, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" Esther 6:1-3.
  - His servants told him nothing had been done to honor Mordecai; in that moment, he hears someone stirring inside his outer court. It was Haman, coming to insist of the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows he had set up.
  - So the king sends for Haman to help him with his quandary. The king asked Haman, "What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?" Esther 6:6.

- Okay, I can't help myself — do you see the 6:6 there? 6 is the flesh of man, “This number also has to do with man's opposition to God and man's pitiful stance against God.” (Numbers that Preach, Troy A. Brewer).
  - So, God is showing us, who are reading the book of Esther right now, open your eyes; I am just about to deal with this man's flesh in a big way — for he is not standing in opposition to Mordecai the Jew, he is standing in opposition to Me, God Most High!
- Of course, when Haman hears the king ask this question, he believes the man the king wants to honor has to be himself, for in Haman's eyes, he is the most amazing person in the king's kingdom.
    - So, Haman tells the king, “For the man whom the king delights to honor, let a royal robe be brought which the king has worn, and a horse on which the king has ridden, which has a royal crest placed on its head. Then let this robe and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble prince's, that he may array the man whom the king delights to honor. Then parade him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him: ‘Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!’” Esther 6:7-9.
    - Ummm — do any of you feel that Haman answered the king's question rather quickly? Like, maybe he had been laying awake nights imagining that very thing happening to himself. Like Haman's way of counting sheep before falling asleep, thinking about his own awesomeness — as he flippantly plans to have the entire nation of God's chosen people slaughtered. I don't know, just a thought.
    - “Then the king said to Haman, “Hurry, take the robe and the horse, as you have suggested, and do so for Mordecai the Jew who sits within the king's gate! Leave nothing undone of all that you have spoken.” Esther 6:10.
    - And the big gut punch hits Haman hard — not able to deny his king, he does as he was commanded.
    - Now, can you imagine the incredible humiliation Haman had to have experienced honoring the man he hated so much, that he had designed a plan to have everyone of the man's people exterminated from the face of the earth? A people who, in that time, had not seeded for a harvest leading to death; a people who had actually accepted their service to the foreign king, even though they had once been completely free themselves. (Oh, that is a post for another day).
  - The plot takes a very big shift at this point. Humiliated after having to honor the man he hated, Haman returns to his wife, his friends, and his wisemen, telling them everything that transpired that morning.
    - And Haman's wisemen and his wife say, “If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him but will surely fall before him.” Esther 6:13.
    - Even though the Jewish people had been in captivity since King Nebuchadnezzar had taken them, all the nations still knew that their God had protected them, many, many, many times — Including leading them out of Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, the partial taking of the Promised Land, King David, King Solomon — every nation, tribe, and tongue knew of the Jewish people and their God. And in that moment in Haman's house, the wisemen and the wife of Haman spoke words, most likely given to them, by this very same God — for they prophesied over Haman that day.
    - “While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hastened to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.” Esther 6:14.

- Again, leaving us in a place of suspense, I will pick up tomorrow with the banquet and what follows. I hope you are seeing how intricate and detail oriented our God truly is; Seeing that no matter what satan plans against us, God always has woven into the tapestry of time, a perfect way back to Him. All we have to do is call on the name of the LORD Jesus, and like Peter sinking below the waves, He WILL reach out His mighty hand and rescue us!
- Be blessed and encouraged, knowing there truly is no weapon formed against us that can prosper - Because our Great and Mighty God has spoken into the future of His people, Blessing. As the prophet Balaam said in Numbers 23:20, "Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it."