

September 24/Day 267

Esther 6

Verses 1-9

- Yesterday, we left off with Haman building a gallows on which to hang Mordecai.
- What happened during the night, the night of Esther's first banquet?
- What did he ask for?
- What did he read about Mordecai?
- Who showed up at the palace bright and early?
- When the king realized they had failed to honor Mordecai for thwarting his assassination (he was assassinated at a later date), what did he ask Haman?
- Who did Haman think the king was talking about?

Verses 10-11

- Who did the king tell Haman he intended to honor?
- If the men paraded themselves through the city square, who would have seen it or known about it?
- Do you think this caused Haman embarrassment?

Verses 12-13

- Where did Mordecai return?
- Where did Haman go? What are we told about this?
- What did the wife and the friends tell him now?
- How would they have known this? Just think.

Verse 14

- Who arrived to retrieve Haman? For what?
- Do you think he felt like partying now?

Esther 7

Verses 1-6

- What did the two men do at the banquet?
- What did Esther say when pressed by the king to make her request?
- Who did Esther say was behind the plot?

Verses 7-10

- Why did the king go into the garden?
- Why did Haman stay inside with Esther?
- Why was Haman falling on Esther's couch?
- Why did the king presume he was falling on Esther's couch?
- What did Harbonah tell the king? How would he have known it was intended for Mordecai?
Just think.
- What was done to Haman? On what?

Esther 8

Verses 1-2

- What did the king do with Haman's property? When did he do this?
- To whom did the king give his signet ring? Had he earned it?

Verses 3-7

- What did the king extend to Esther a second time?
- What was her request?

Verse 8

- Since the decree against the Jews could not be revoked, what did the king say could be done?

Verses 9-14

- What is the timing here? How much longer until the first decree was to take effect?
- What did the new decree say?

Verses 15-17

- How was Mordecai honored?
- What did this mean for the Jews?
- What did the Jews do in their joy?
- What did many people of the land decide to do and why?

Esther 9

Verses 1-10

- Why could no one stand before the Jews?
- What happened to their enemies?

Verses 11-15

- What was Esther's request this time?
- Notice who was killed in Susa.
- Why did Esther want Haman's sons hanged?

Verses 16-17

- Why do you think we are told the Jews killed their enemies but did not take the plunder?

Verses 18-19

- This is the Feast of Purim.

Verses 20-22

- Why would Mordecai record these events?
- What would be done now annually?

Verses 23-28

- This is a summary of the reason for the Feast of Purim.
- Every year, when the name of Haman is read, all the Jewish people boo and hiss.

Verses 29-32

- How did Esther now write? Would this have been done ordinarily in those days?

Esther 10

Verses 1-3

- Where is historical information written about Mordecai?
- What was his position after all this? Does this remind you of Joseph?
- What is said about the Jewish hero Mordecai in this last verse?

See you tomorrow.