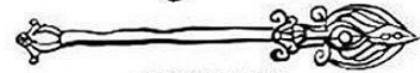




perhaps
you were
Born for
such a time
as this.



ESTHER 4:14

Esther 5-7

TWO BANQUETS

Where's God in all this?



Romans 8v28...

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

The story so far...

- 2 Queens
- 2 Plots

4v16: When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.'

The story so far...

- 2 Queens
- 2 Plots
- **2 Banquets**

5v1: On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall.



5v2: When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold sceptre that was in his hand.



5v3: Then the king asked, 'What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you.'

Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

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5v9: Haman went out that day happy and in high spirits...

But when he saw Mordecai at the king's gate and observed that he neither rose nor showed fear in his presence, he was filled with rage against Mordecai.

Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

5v13: ...all this gives me no satisfaction as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate.'

Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

5v14: His wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, 'Have a pole set up, reaching to a height of fifty cubits, and ask the king in the morning to have Mordecai impaled on it. Then go with the king to the banquet and enjoy yourself.' This suggestion delighted Haman, and he had the pole set up.

Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

6v1-2: That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. ² It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.

Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

6v6: When Haman entered, the king asked him, 'What should be done for the man the king delights to honour?'

Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

6v10: 'Go at once,' the king commanded Haman. 'Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended.'

Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

6v12: Afterwards Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief...

Banquet 2 – Haman's Downfall

6v14: While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.

Banquet 2 – Haman’s Downfall

7v2: and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, ‘Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted.’

Banquet 2 – Haman's Downfall

7v3: ...'If I have found favour with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life – this is my petition. And spare my people – this is my request.

7v4: For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated.

Banquet 2 – Haman's Downfall

7v6: 'An adversary and enemy! This vile
Haman!'

Banquet 2 – Haman's Downfall

7v7: The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realising that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

Banquet 2 – Haman’s Downfall

7v8: Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banqueting hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining.

The king exclaimed, ‘Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?’

As soon as the word left the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face.

Banquet 2 – Haman’s Downfall

7v9: Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, ‘A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman’s house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king.’

The king said, ‘Impale him on it!’

7v10: So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king’s fury subsided.

***“What a difference a day
makes”***

The Great Reversal...

Col 2v13-15: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross

In whose hands will you place your life?

Yours or His

