

ESTHER CHAPTER 7

¹ So the king and Haman went in to drink with the queen. ² And the king said to Esther at the banquet on the second day, "What is it, Queen Esther? And what *is* your request, and what *is* your petition? And it shall be *done* for you, up to half of my kingdom." ³ And she answered and said, "If I have found favor in the sight of the king, let *my* life be granted to my petition, and my people to my request. ⁴ For both I and my people have been sold for destruction, and pillage, and slavery; *both* we and our children as bondmen and bondwomen. And I did not consent to it, for the slanderer *is* not worthy of the king's palace."

⁵ And the king said, "Who *is* this that has dared to do this thing?" ⁶ And Esther said, "The adversary *is* Haman, this wicked man." Then Haman was troubled before the king and the queen.

⁷ And the king rose up from the banquet to go into the garden. And Haman began to plead with the queen; for he saw that harm was determined against him. ⁸ And the king returned from the garden; and Haman had fallen upon the bed, begging the queen. And the king said, "Will you even force *my* wife in my house?" And when Haman heard it, his countenance changed. ⁹ And Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, "Behold, Haman has also prepared a gallows for Mordecai, who spoke concerning the king, and a gallows of fifty cubits high has been set up on Haman's premises." And the king said, "Let him be hanged on it!" ¹⁰ So Haman was hanged on the gallows that had been prepared for Mordecai; and then the king's wrath was appeased.