

SURPRISE! SURPRISE! SURPRISE!
(Esther 7)

*Does God want any to perish or delight in the death of the wicked?

- I. THE PERSONAL SELECTION OF ESTHER (1:1- 2:23)**
- II. THE DIABOLICAL INTENTION OF HAMAN (3:1-4:3)**
- III. THE COURAGEOUS INTERCESSION OF ESTHER (4:4-5:14)**
- IV. THE DIVINE PRESERVATION OF ISRAEL (6:1-9:19)**
 - A. The MAGNIFYING of MORDECAI. (6:1-14)**
 - B. The HANGING of HAMAN. (7:1-10)**

* How did chapter 6 end and where is the setting for this chapter? (7:1)

* What did the king ask of Esther and was his offer to be taken literally? (7:2; Esther 5:3; Daniel 5:16; Mark 6:23)

* How did Esther approach the King? (7:3a)

* What request did Esther make of the king? Was this risky? (7:3b)

* What did Esther explain after her startling petitions? (7:4; 3:13)

* How does Ahasuerus react to this news? (7:5)

* What does Esther then reveal? (7:6a)

* How does Haman react to being exposed? (7:6b)

* How do you respond when God exposes your flesh and you see that you are wrong?

* What then occurs to fuel the king's wrath even more? (7:7-8)

* What is ironic about all this?

* What end is determined and carried out regarding evil Haman? (7:9-10)

* How did Harbonah know of Haman's intention for the gallows?

* What can we learn from this?

1) When God wants to deal with an issue in your life, He will do it in _____ and not yours. Will you wait patiently for Him to do what pleases Him in His time as He is never late, nor negligent?

2) When God wants you to speak to someone, He can give you the _____, _____, and _____ to do His will. Will you rely on Him for all this?

3) We have learned again in this chapter that as a believer, you must learn to daily _____, while _____. Are you?

4) While there is a definite place to show another _____, there is also a time to _____ them directly and let them _____ what they have _____.(Job 4:8; Proverbs 22:8; 29:16; 26:27) Are you reaping what you have sown as a believer?

5) This chapter should remind you that you are not really in _____ of the many events of your life, though you do decide how you will _____ or _____ to them? Are you responding to the Lord or reacting after your flesh?

6) While God is not willing that any should perish, and though Haman was forewarned of his death, he _____ this pending reality being blinded by his own pride and bitterness. Are you doing the same?

7) God's _____ led Haman to believe that he was safe, but he was not, nor could all his wealth _____ him or be _____ with him in his death. Have you misread the patience and love of God to you and put off trusting in Christ as your Savior?

* Matthew 7:21-23