

- 4:10...and Esther responds to Mordecai telling him...
- 4:11...that she has not been called to the king's presence for thirty days and that no one can approach the king who is not called on the penalty of death unless the king extends the golden sceptre to make their presence acceptable. She does not know if she dare do this....
- 4:12...and this is communicated to Mordecai
- 4:13...who reminds her that if the decree is carried out, she and her house will also be in jeopardy,
- 4:14...for, he reasons, there will help come from some place and when it does come she will be outside the bounds....the fact is, he says, that who can be sure if this is not the very reason why Esther has come to the kingdom at this time?
- 4:15...So she returns an answer
- 4:16...and asks that all the Jews in Shushan will join her and her maidens in a 3-day fast and then she will go into the king which not normally is acceptable behavior but...if she perishes, she perishes. Her resolution is not a hopeless one but simply a stated fact.
- 4:17...So Mordecai does what she suggests (or instructed) and they will all have to wait to see what will fall out.

III. Conclusion:

And thanks again for joining us today. You will need to understand that God is the last resort...and the first one as well. If you wonder why they did not pray or are not recorded as praying, I will elaborate on that as I remind you to continue in your study of these books and the enjoyment of God's Word. May you be blessed in His testimony and witness today.

MESSAGE # 9: The Banquet of Wine: Esther 5:1-8

I. Introduction:

Today is a great day for studying the Bible and we thank you for being with us as