

him the book of records of the chronicles of his rule. No doubt he thought that reading about his own great deeds would make him sleep better.

6:2....Whether he read himself or others read to him...and this seems more likely... he heard of the time that Mordecai had saved his life by reporting the treachery of two of his door keepers...he probably had known it before but these people forget easily.

6:3....His immediate question is to the effect of what had been done to honor Mordecai for this action and he learns that nothing special had been done.

6:4....By now it is almost day and the king hears someone enter the outer court. It is Haman and he has come early in the day to secure the hanging of Mordecai after the plot in chapter 5...he probably has not slept much as well and has feasted on the idea of vengeance on this disrespectful Jew.

6:6...But before he can make his request known, the king has something to say. He wonders how one should be honored, one in whom the king delights. Haman, with his intense ego, cannot imagine that the king delights in anyone but himself....cannot conceive that anyone deserves more honor.

6:7....So he outlines a bold plan that is outrageous in its pretensions.

6:8....an elegant parade is planned. The one to be honored will wear the royal apparel of the king, will ride on the king's horse, 'and wear a royal crown on his head

6:9....and one of the king's servants will see that these things are delivered and the honored person appropriately clad and then he will lead him through the streets of the city declaring this is the person in whom the king delights. Haman can hardly wait for this honor.

6:10...But it must have been a terrible shock to his system when the king informed him this would be done and that he, Haman, should see that all these things he had suggested would be done for Mordecai the Jew, the one who sat in his gate, and nothing of the prescribed plan was to be omitted.

6:11...Haman does it....he had no choice...and to think that he was planning to ask that Mordecai be hung! Good thing the king spoke first.

b (5) 12...And when the parade is over, Mordecai returns to work but Haman goes in mourning clothes to his house....