

6:13...and tells his wife and his friends how things have gone....and he is not much comforted when they assure him that if he is falling under the spell of Modercai, of the seed of the Jews, that he cannot prevail.

6:14...but before they can resolve these matters, the chamberlain arrives from the palace to take Haman to the banquet that Esther has prepared. He had tell uplifted by it the day before...how he feels now you might easily guess....but remember, he does not know Esther is a Jewess and a relative of Mordecai.

III. Conclusion:

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When I was majoring in English literature in college---many years ago---a fellow student noted that Esther was in the form of a perfect short story. I was never certain about that but it has the elements of great literature...surprise, intrigue, and even denouement. Since the inspiration comes from the Holy Spirit, we should not be surprised at its excellence and since real life is more interesting than fiction we should not be amazed at how things are working out. But it is surprising and satisfactory and we are reminded in the words of Ecclesiastes that it will be well with them that fear the Lord. And although the Lord is not mentioned by name in this book, the acts of devotion are there and surely the presence of God is witnessed in all. Thanks for listening today and we will hope you can join us again in this continuing series.

MESSAGE # 12..Adventures of the Second Banquet: Esther 7:1-10

I. Introduction:

Once again it is my pleasure to invite you to our continuing series in the Book of Esther. When we come to this scene we see how Esther bought a little time for herself in the matter of the two banquets and between the two the events concerning Mordecai have come to light as well as further emphasis on the evil plans of Haman. Now in Esther 7:1-10 we come to a pinnacle in the action and see what a difference one day has made in the program of God. Haman is proud to be at the banquet, in spite, I think of his humiliation with promotion of Mordecai, but he is soon to be rudely disappointed in the way the things of life will go.

II. Discussion

7:1....The banquet is in place, the king, Haman and the queen are all present.