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- 7:2....The king again asks Esther what her particular request is (See 5:6, 5:3) and he assures her it will be given even to half of the kingdom.
- 7:3....The queen modestly states is....“If I have found favor” (and she certainly had) “let my lie be given me and my people.....”
- 7:4....the reason for the request is stated simply---they are all to be slain and destroyed. Esther notes that if the threat simply reduced them to bonded people or slaves, she would have said nothing
- 7:5...The king appears to be shocked and asks quickly “Who and Where” is the one who would do such a thing.
- 7:6....and the queen replies without hesitation....“The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman” Is that sufficiently specific or not? Suddenly Haman is fearful in the presence of the king and queen.
- 7:7....the king stalks out into the garden in a rage of anger...Haman, now fearful falls before the queen to plea (you will need to remember that the seats for these affairs were like low lounging couches).
- 7:8....and the king returning accuses Haman of trying to rape the queen in the very circumstances in which they are found. The king’s servants are there and they cover his face. (Haman’s face)
- 7:9....Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, knows of the gallows prepared for Mordecai (how did he know?) whom he calls the king’s friend...
- 7:10...And the king says...hang Haman there...and they do this and the text tells us the king’s wrath is pacified.

III. Conclusion:

You will find this account is singular in the Scripture but in the course of life it is often typical. God takes what is planned for evil and works for good. And He uses people as He desires, often without their having any knowledge of what He does. We need to remember that He who is the Creator is supreme in the universe and we should never doubt the rightness or direction of His will and purpose. Thanks for being with us today, we will count on having you in our audience for tomorrow.