

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# ESTHER 6

## Esther 6

Esther six is a living illustration of the Proverbs 26:27 passage that was quoted in the previous day's **Prayer and Action Steps** section. God troubled the King during the night to the point to where he could not sleep. God, the God of Jews, and our God, neither slumbers nor sleeps. He is able to get someone's attention in many ways. The King was troubled and obviously was searching his heart about recent decisions he had been influenced to make. He had the records of his decisions about those who had sought his good or his demise. Many who were in power in ancient times became paranoid, as so many were constantly seeking to overthrow a powerful ruler. After a search was made, it was noted by his trusted servants that a notable good deed had been done for the King by Mordecai, the Jew, in exposing a plot for evil against the king and saved his life. Nothing had been done to reward Mordecai so the King immediately wanted to remedy this fault.

In the providence of God, Haman was in the palace court at the time when the King made this decision. After calling Haman in, he asked Haman; if the King wanted to honor someone, in a really big way, how would Haman

advise the King. Esther 6:6 says, **"So Haman came in, and the king asked him, 'What shall be done for the man whom the king delights to honor?' Now Haman thought in his heart, 'Whom would the king delight to honor more than me?'"** This ego-maniac Haman obviously thought of himself first and could not imagine anyone who was more deserving than himself. This led to an elaborate recitation of honoring a truly noble person. After laying out the plan in great pomp and circumstance, the King said, in effect, "Great!" Go find Mordecai and do everything you said to Mordecai as a reward from the King. Haman was destroyed! This was the unthinkable in his perverted, twisted, and demonic mind. The King said he wanted it done "in haste" that meant immediately. After following through with the King's request, He went home. He, his wife, and trusted advisors knew this was the beginning of the end.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*When God is for you, who can be against you. God takes what is meant for evil and turns it all around for your Good. God help me to truly trust you.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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