



Sunday Morning Sermon (by Ray Reynolds)

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"THE PUNISHMENT OF HAMAN"

TEXT: Esther 7



Introduction: People cry out for justice. We see rapists, fornicators, murderers, and child abusers slapped on the wrist and released to commit their crimes again. We face racism, prejudice, bigotry, persecution, and discrimination. When will God intervene? When will God provide Divine justice? This chapter shows that God is always right on time! Haman will get what is coming to him. The Jews just had to be patient. Hollywood couldn't script it better! Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. The Revelation of Esther (Esther 7:1-4)

- ◆ The king is ready for Esther's request.
- ◆ Haman is NOT ready for Esther's revelation.

II. The Desperation of Haman (Esther 7:5-6)

- ◆ Things are progressing according to God's plan.
- ◆ Things are NOT progressing according to Haman's plan.

III. The Contemplation of King (Esther 7:7-8)

- ◆ The king is surprised when he hears the news.
- ◆ Haman is scared when he hears the news.

IV. The Recommendation of Harbonah (Esther 7:9)

- ◆ Haman built the gallows for Mordecai.
- ◆ Haman hung on the gallows for what he did to Esther.

V. The Condemnation of Haman (Esther 7:10)

- ◆ The fate of Haman was sealed as he hung from the gallows.
- ◆ The fate of the Jews still hangs in the balance.

Conclusion: Justice may have temporarily alluded Esther and Mordecai, but they eventually enjoyed this moment. No matter how much the wicked appear to be prospering and the righteous appear to be suffering in this life, the scales of justice will be balanced one day (**Ecclesiastes 8:11-13**). Justice will prevail. Rather than becoming discouraged about the injustice that we see around us, we should realize that not all accounts are paid in this life. God is in control! God is our Judge. God is our Redeemer. God is our Savior. We must trust in Him!