

*Haman's Gallows*  
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**Introduction:** Our God will abundantly provide for those that trust Him.

- A. When we choose to place our souls in the care of our God, He will take care of His people.
  - 1. The book of Esther is an account of how Satan attempted to destroy the Jews, the chosen people of God.
  - 2. God had a plan to bring salvation to all mankind through the Jewish nation.  
**(Gen 12:1-3)**
- B. Satan has always failed when he tried to defeat the plan of God.
  - 1. There is an unseen spiritual realm where another battle is raging. **(Eph 6:11-12)**
  - 2. We are only given a glimpse of this battle in the scriptures. Elisha let his servant and us briefly see this unseen realm. **(2 Kgs 6:14-17)**
  - 3. The book of Esther shows us that both in the protection of Israel and in the care of faithful individuals, God will take care of His people.

***I. Those who walk by faith will be despised by the worldly***

- A. We learn of two people who served God in difficult circumstances.
  - 1. Esther, who was also called Hadassah, is a Jewish maiden, who becomes queen of Persia in part due to her great beauty. We can see God's hand in this.
  - 2. Mordecai is Esther's elder cousin, who raised her from childhood after her parents had died. He becomes noticed by the king when he discovered and foiled a plot to kill the king. **(Esther 2:21-23)**
  - 3. Integrity is a characteristic of God and thus of all who follow Him. We will see how God uses the expected character in the hearts of those who serve Him for their blessing!
- B. Haman is a man that Satan uses to attempt to destroy the Jews. It is no surprise that he does not have control of his heart.
  - 1. Haman was recently promoted to chief of all the king's governors. He naturally allowed pride to dominate his life.
  - 2. We will see how helpless a worldly man really is in being able to even control his heart. **(Prov 16:18-20)**
  - 3. When a proud man runs across a principled man of faith there often will be conflict. Proud men are often unstable and unsure seeking or even demanding the approval of others.
- C. The test of Haman. **(Esther 3:1-5)**
  - 1. He is an "Agagite" who likely hated the Jews. This hatred would not be rational concerning the generation he lived. **(Prov 22:24-25; 29:22-23)**
  - 2. When Mordecai acts on principle, he would not bow to Haman.
  - 3. Haman lets his bitterness towards one man make him miserable and irrational. This is the perfect man to accomplish Satan's work! **(Eph 4:26-27)**
  - 4. Haman now plots to destroy all Jews. **(Esther 3:8-10, 13)**

5. This is a very dangerous move by Haman. He does not know that the beloved queen is also a Jew! Bitterness cannot see anything but the desired revenge.

## ***II. God provides for those who walk by faith***

### **A. God allows both Mordecai and Esther to be tested. (Deut 8:2, 16)**

1. Mordecai tells Esther that she had to approach the king even if it meant her death. This was not easy counsel for him to give.
2. They both knew this was right. They did not know how this would work out for themselves as individuals. **(Esther 4:13-17)**
3. God's people will not hesitate to give themselves in service to others. They will stand alone if necessary when the time comes to stand.

### **B. Haman is now like a lamb for the slaughter.**

1. Esther asks for Haman to come to a dinner with the king. **(Esther 5:4)**
2. This only increases Haman's pride which in turn increases his anger at the faithful Mordecai. In anger he now makes foolish plans. **(Esther 5:9-14)**
3. Bitterness makes one miserable even when all may be going well. While going to the first dinner he unknowingly plans for his own destruction.
4. Bitterness makes one a crazy person. It is likened to drunkenness where reason and wisdom are not found. **(Deut 29:18-19)**
5. Who can fight God and win? The proud bitter man thinks he can! "Bitterness is like drinking poison and thinking that it will hurt someone else!"

### **C. The awful fall of Haman.**

1. The night before the 2<sup>nd</sup> dinner the king has the records read to him and discovers the faithful past acts of Mordecai. **(Esther 6:2-3)**
2. Haman who happens to be in the court at this time is asked by the king what should be done for this man who helped the king. In pride Haman thinks the king is asking about Haman! **(Esther 6:6-9)**
3. The honor Haman wanted for himself was given to Mordecai! Haman had to implement this action. **(Esther 6:11)**
4. Haman now is told by wise men about certain failure concerning his actions towards the Jews. Too bad he did not consult with them first! **(Esther 6:12-14)**
5. At the second dinner the queen reveals to whole truth about herself and Haman's plot. It is a terrible time of terror for Haman. **(Esther 7:3-6)**
  - a. The king is so angry, he storms out into the palace gardens.
  - b. Haman stayed behind to plead with Esther. He stumbles and falls on Esther just as the king returns.
  - c. Haman is hanged on his own gallows. **(Esther 7:8-10)**

### **D. How many have followed the example of Haman?**

1. Your family will pay the highest price for your pride and bitterness.
2. In humility we can have the protection and care of God and an abundant life! **(Lk 1:51-52; 1 Pt 5:5-7; Rom 12:17-21)**