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**Esther 4-7**

Haman has succeeded in obtaining the king's permission to destroy the Jews in a subtle way, and has even secured a date, on the 13th of March, 473 B.C.

**4:1-17** **Bother, the positioned intercessor.**

**4:1-2**

Mordecai responds to the persecution in lamentations and dress of affliction.

-Prayer is implied in such lamentations.

**4:3**

Jews in Persian also.

**4:4-6**

0 Esther attempts to comfort Mordecai.

**4:7-9**

Mordecai pleads for her intercession.

**4:10-12**

Esther sees only the obstacles in view of her own safety.

**4:13-14**

Mordecai reproofs and warns Esther regarding her position leading to responsibility. \*VS-14

- Key verse to the book, God's providence through people.

**4:15-17**

Esther's convicting obedience.

-Acts 21:13-14, Paul.

**5:1-8** **Esther finds favor before the King**

**5:1** The need demanded the cost.

**5:2**

Beautiful picture of our own gift of grace by Jesus.

-Rom. 5-1; Eph. 2-8; Titus 3-.5

-Prov. 21:1, The King's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

**6:3-8**

Esther's request.

**5:9-14** **Haman's plot to kill Mordecai**

**5:9**

Job 20:5

**5:11**

Prov. 16:18 , Pride goes before...

### **5:13**

*If we are not diligent to deal with situations and relationships, this can happen to believers being filled with bitterness, resentment and regret. Heb. 12:1-4*

### **5:14**

Gallows--word is used for tree, wood material.

### **6:1-14 Mordecai IS honored by the king,**

**6:1-3** Providence of God who is in control.

- Pharaoh's daughter drew Moses out.
- Joseph was sent to Egypt to preserve Israel.
- Ruth came to the fields of Boaz,
- Caesar Augustus decreed for all to be taxed.

**6:4-6** Haman's plan upset.

-Ja. 4:6, God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 1Pet. 5-.5; Prov. 3:34

### **6:7-11**

Haman honors Mordecai.

### **6:13**

Wife and friends could read the writing on the wall.

### **7:1-10 Haman is exposed and executed**

### **7:1-4**

Esther makes her request.

**7:5-6** King's outrage.

-Terrified - dumbfounded, taken by surprise.

### **7:7-10**

Haman's plead for his life and condensation.