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Post-Exile Literature—23 Esther 6

HAMAN'S CONCEIT THE DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL, PART 2 (Esther 5:1-14)

- I. Esther's BANQUET (Esther 5:1-8)
 - A. Esther's first INVITATION (5:1-5)
 - 1. Her THREE-DAY FAST had ended
 - 2. She donned her ROYAL ROBES
 - 3. She entered the COURT and STOOD before the king
 - 4. The king WELCOMED her
 - 5. He offered to give her WHATEVER she WANTED
 - 6. She invites the king and Haman to COME NOW to a BANQUET she'd prepared for them
 - 7. The king and Haman JOINED Esther for her BANQUET
 - B. Esther's second INVITATION (5:6-8)
 - 1. Xerxes promised to GRANT whatever she ASKED
 - 2. Esther invited them to a second banquet TOMORROW

II. Haman's BOASTING (Esther 5:9-14)

A. Haman left dinner "GLAD and PLEASED of heart" (5:9*a*)

- B. Seeing Mordecai, Haman "was FILLED with ANGER" (5:9*b*)
- C. He went home and sent for his WIFE and FRIENDS (5:10)
- D. He BOASTED of his own GLORY (5:11-12)
 - 1. His WEALTH
 - 2. The number of his SONS
 - 3. The FAVOR showed him by the KING
 - 4. Esther invited only HIM to join HER with the KING
- E. He WHINED that seeing Mordecai left him UNSATISFIED (5:13)
- F. He erected a 75' POLE on which to IMPALE Mordecai (5:14)

III. Lessons

- A. Happiness based on CIRCUMSTANCES is fleeting
- B. God can use ONE PERSON'S willingness to risk his life for God's glory to TRANSFORM SOCIETY