

## The Hand of God Esther 5:9-7:10

### I. Haman: Filled with Himself – 5:9-12

1. Leaves feast feeling good – 9  
“Joyful and glad of heart”
2. His joy soon turns to anger – 9  
Mordecai did not show him honor
3. Restrained his wrath to go home – 10  
Share his good fortune with wife & friends
4. Gloried in his all that was his – 11-12  
Riches, sons, king’s honor, promotions  
Queen Esther invited him to dinner  
Invited again tomorrow with the king

### II. “Fly in the Ointment” – 5:13-14

1. All his greatness loses value - 13  
One irritation – Mordecai won’t bow down
2. Wife & friends offer a solution – 14  
Build a gallows 50 cubits high to hang him  
In the morning get king’s permission to do it  
Then go joyfully with the king to the feast  
Idea pleased Haman & he made the gallows  
Why wait for the last month of the year  
Do it now

### III. The Forgotten Hero – 6:1-11

1. That night, the king could not sleep – 1  
Perhaps wandering what Esther wanted
2. Requested book to be read for him – 1  
Book of Memorable Deeds, the chronicles
3. Attempt to assassinate the king – 2  
How Mordecai saved king, reporting attempt
4. King asked, how was he rewarded – 3  
Report, nothing was done for him
5. King asked, “Who is in the court?” – 4  
Haman came early to get permission
6. King told “It is Haman” – 5  
He said “Let him come in”
7. Haman is asked how to show honor – 6  
In his pride he thinks it is for him
8. He suggests a full royal parade – 7-9  
Dress him in king’s royal robes  
Sit him on the king’s horse  
Let him wear the royal crown  
Led by one of king’s highest nobles
9. Do everything you said to Mordecai – 10
10. So Haman honored Mordecai - 11

### IV. Haman is Crushed – 6:12-14

1. Mordecai returned to King’ gate – 12
2. Haman went home in shame – 12  
Mourning and with his head covered
3. Told his wife & friends what happened – 13  
They told him this signifies your fall

4. Still has an appointment with the Queen - 14

### V. Queen Esther’s Request – 7:1-10

1. After dinner & wine King asks – 7:1-2  
What is Esther’s request – It will be granted  
Even to ½ of the kingdom
2. Wants her life & her people spared – 3-4  
They are to be killed, destroyed, annihilated  
If sold to be slaves she would not bother the king
3. King asked, “Who has done this?” - 5
4. Esther identifies Haman as enemy – 6  
Haman now is terrified before the Queen
5. King in wrath, needed time to think - 7  
He went out into palace garden
6. Haman stayed to beg for his life – 7  
He knew that the king turned against him
7. King returned as Haman was pleading - 8  
He had fallen on couch where Esther was
8. King accused him of an assault – 9  
Servants covered Haman’s face
9. Told king of Haman’s gallows – 10  
Hanged him on gallows made for Mordecai  
Then the wrath of the king abated