

# “Through the Bible: Esther 4-6”

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## I. Mordecai Encourages Esther to Save the Jewish People (Esther 4)

- A. “When Mordecai \_\_\_\_\_ all that was done, Mordecai \_\_\_\_\_ his clothes, and put on sackcloth with \_\_\_\_\_, and went out into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city, and cried with a loud and a \_\_\_\_\_ cry” (Est. 4:1).
- B. What does Est. 4:3 report about the Jews generally? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. When Esther was told about Mordecai’s condition, what did she first attempt? Later, she sent a messenger to ask what question (Est. 4:4-6)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. What return message to Esther did Mordecai dispatch (Est. 4:7-8)?  
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- E. “All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not \_\_\_\_\_, there is one law of his to put him to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been \_\_\_\_\_ to come in unto the king these thirty days” (Est. 4:11).
- F. Summarize Mordecai’s amazing statement in Est. 4:13-14. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- G. “Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and \_\_\_\_\_ ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_” (Est. 4:16).

## II. Esther Goes Before the King; Haman Grows Upset (Esther 5)

- A. How did Esther gain the attention of the king (Est. 5:1-2)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. At his invitation, what request did Esther make of the king (Est. 5:3-5)?  
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- C. At the banquet, the king said, “What is thy \_\_\_\_\_? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy \_\_\_\_\_? even to the half of the \_\_\_\_\_ it shall be performed” (Est. 5:6).
- D. How did Esther respond to this request (Est. 5:7-8)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- E. “Then went Haman forth that day \_\_\_\_\_ and with a \_\_\_\_\_ heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of \_\_\_\_\_ against Mordecai” (Est. 5:9).
- F. Haman went home. For whom did he call as company? What did he have to say to this gathering (Est. 5:10-13)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- G. Their chilling response was, “Let a \_\_\_\_\_ be made of \_\_\_\_\_ cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king that \_\_\_\_\_ may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing \_\_\_\_\_ Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made” (Est. 5:14).

**III. The King Plans to Honor Mordecai; Haman’s Downfall Begins (Esther 6)**

- A. Since he could not sleep, what did the king have done (Est. 6:1)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. What piece of forgotten information was discovered at this time (Est. 6:2-3)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. Haman was beckoned and was asked, “What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to \_\_\_\_\_? Now Haman thought in his heart, To \_\_\_\_\_ would the king delight to do honour more than to \_\_\_\_\_” (Est. 6:6). What response did Haman offer (Est. 6:7-9)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. To Haman’s surprise, the king wanted to honor \_\_\_\_\_ (Est. 6:10-11)! Haman did as the king commanded, but hurried home to his house “\_\_\_\_\_ , and having his head \_\_\_\_\_” (Est. 6:12).
- E. It was at this time, Haman began to receive the bad news, “If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to \_\_\_\_\_, thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ against him, but shalt \_\_\_\_\_ fall before him” (Est. 6:13).