

# Esther Chapters 6 & 7

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## I. Background

### A. Setup

1. Chapter 1 — Vashti Deposed
2. Chapter 2
  - i. Esther Becomes New Queen
  - ii. Mordecai Saves the King

### B. Conflict

1. Chapter 3 — Haman, Offended by Modecai, Plans To Annihilate the Jews
2. Chapter 4
  - i. Danger to Esther's Life
  - ii. Key Verse (4:14)
    - a. "...deliverance will arise for the Jews..."
    - b. "...for such a time as this."

### C. Build-Up

1. Chapter 5
  - i. Esther Risks Her Life
  - ii. Haman Builds a Gallows for Mordecai

## II. Chapters 6 & 7 — The Story Continues

### A. Chapter 6 — Climax

1. Seeming Coincidences (6:1-5)
  - i. The King Awakening (Perhaps he was awakened by the building of the gallows?)
  - ii. Haman, of All People, Coming In
  - iii. 5 years had passed.
2. Irony (6:6-11)
  - i. Haman kept the name of the people he wanted to kill secret.
  - ii. Xerxes kept the name of the man he wanted to honor secret.
  - iii. Haman had to honor the man he hated; to wear the royal robe was a sign of very special favor.
3. What does Haman's wife mean in 6:13?

## **B. Chapter 7 — Resolution**

1. Why did Esther wait to be asked her wish 3 times? (7:2)
2. What does Esther mean in 7:4?
3. A Second Accusation Against Haman (7:9)
4. More Irony — Haman Killed Instead of Mordecai (7:10)