

*For such  
a time as this.*



Esther 5-7

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**4v16:** When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.'

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**5v1: On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall.**





**5v2:** When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold sceptre that was in his hand.





**5v3:** Then the king asked, 'What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you.'



# Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

**5v6:** As they were drinking wine, the king again asked Esther, "Now what is your petition? It will be given you. And what is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

# Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

**5v9:** Haman went out that day happy and in high spirits...

**But** when he saw Mordecai at the king's gate and observed that he neither rose nor showed fear in his presence, he was filled with rage against Mordecai.

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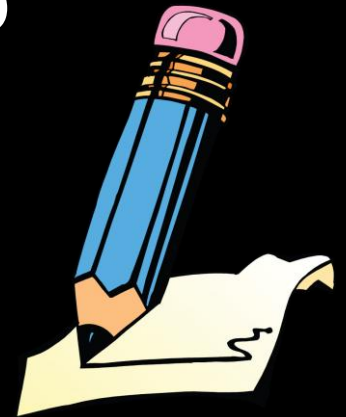
**5v13:** ...all this gives me no satisfaction as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king's gate.'

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**5v14:** His wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, 'Have a pole set up, reaching to a height of fifty cubits, and ask the king in the morning to have Mordecai impaled on it. Then go with the king to the banquet and enjoy yourself.' This suggestion delighted Haman, and he had the pole set up.

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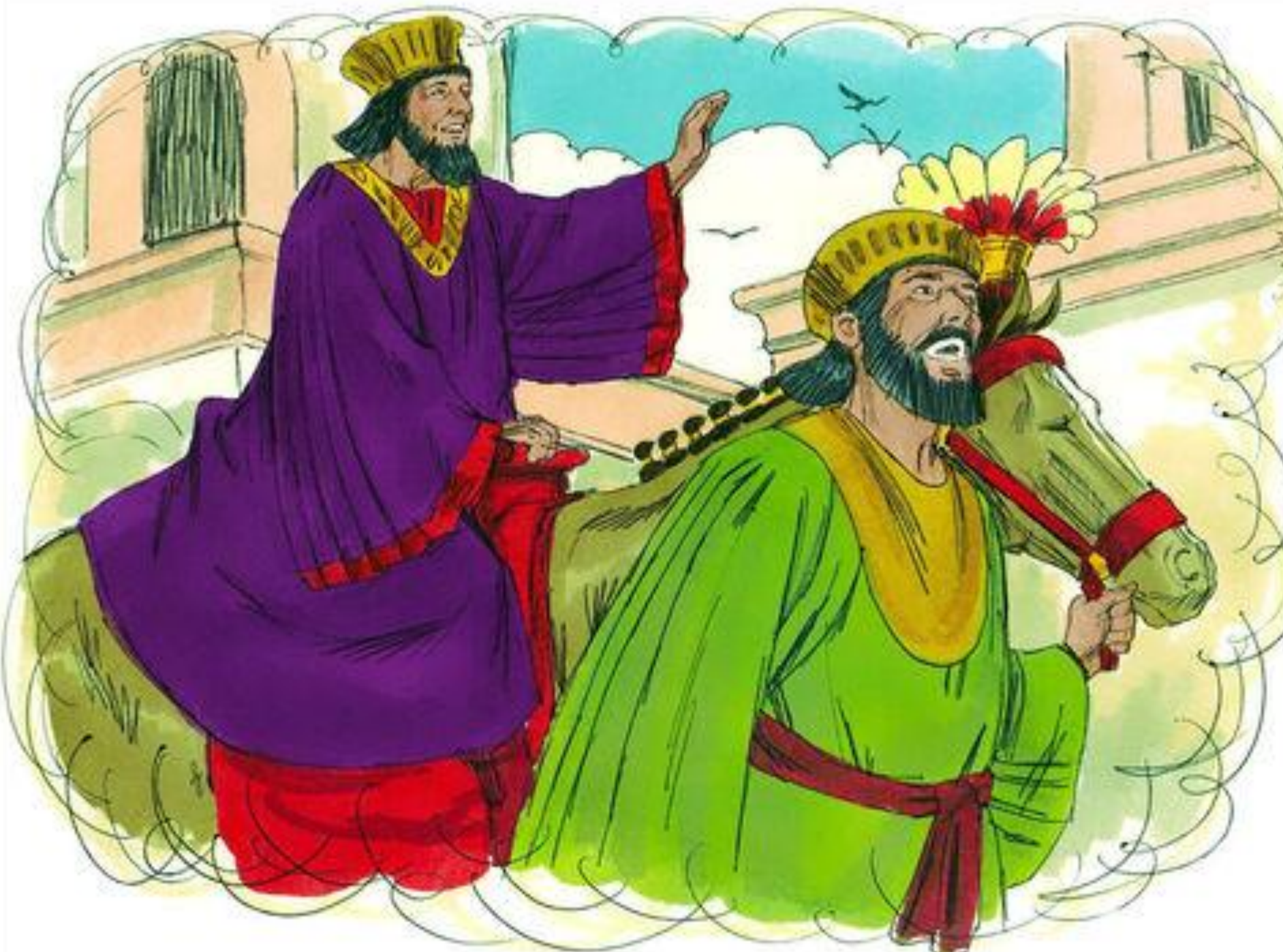
**6v1-2:** That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. <sup>2</sup> It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.





# Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

**6v6:** When Haman entered, the king asked him, 'What should be done for the man the king delights to honour?'



# Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

**6v10:** 'Go at once,' the king commanded Haman. 'Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended.'

# Banquet 1 – Haman's Pride

**6v12:** Afterwards Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief...

## **Banquet 2 – Haman's Downfall**

**6v14:** While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.



## Banquet 2 – Haman’s Downfall

**7v2:** and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, ‘Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted.’

## Banquet 2 – Haman's Downfall

**7v3:** ...'If I have found favour with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life – this is my petition. And spare my people – this is my request.

**7v4:** For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated.

# Banquet 2 – Haman's Downfall

**7v6:** 'An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!'



## Banquet 2 – Haman's Downfall

**7v7:** The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realising that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.





## **Banquet 2 – Haman’s Downfall**

**7v9:** Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, ‘A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman’s house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king.’

The king said, ‘Impale him on it!’

**7v10:** So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai.

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**V28:** They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

**Will you tell that story to the world?**

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*I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ Who died for me;  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.*

*Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ Who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.*

