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A1595 ~ The Queen's Invitation.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Queen Esther and all the Jewish people in the Persian capital of Shushan had been praying fervently for three days and nights to move God to save His people from the death decree organised by Haman, the second-in-charge of the kingdom.

Haman's hatred of the Jews had led him to offer a lot of money to the king to get rid of all the Jews in the entire kingdom. After much prayer and fasting by the Jewish people, it was now time to see if God would deliver them. Esther prepared herself to enter the inner court of the king's palace.

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Esther was delivered by God from a quick death for entering the king's throne room uninvited. The king extended his sceptre to her and in response she invited him and Haman to come to a lavish banquet dinner. The banquet was a success but under God's leading, Esther didn't tell the king her request when he asked what she wanted. Instead, she invited him and Haman to come back again the next night. She would then reveal her request. The king agreed yet was now mystified with Esther's banquets and the real reason why she came to him uninvited.

Haman left that dinner very happy that he alone, had been chosen to be with the king and queen in her living quarters.

But as he travelled home, he saw Mordecai at the king's gate and became upset again. What in life makes us happy and what sets our mood on edge?

Haman arrived home to complain to his wife and friends about Mordecai. Wives don't always give good advice. Haman's wife seemed to have no sense of justice. What had Mordecai done worthy of death? Haman had the gallows built 75-feet high. If Mordecai had been hanged on that, he certainly would have been a public spectacle.

That night, King Xerxes couldn't sleep. So he ordered the records of the kingdom to be read to him. He found that Mordecai had not been rewarded from saving the king's life from the assassins' plot, so immediately he wanted to repay him. At the same time, Haman was hurrying into the outer court to ask the king permission to hang Mordecai on the new gallows he'd built overnight. What a shock and deep surprise to hear that the king wanted to honour Mordecai and not him!

After Haman accompanied Mordecai on the king's horse through the city square, Haman hurried home to pour out the great embarrassment and humiliation to his wife and friends. They told him that if Mordecai was a Jew and was now in the king's favour, Haman could never expect to win against him. As they were discussing the situation, the king's servants arrived to rush Haman off to his second dinner with the king and queen at Esther's private quarters.

At the end of the meal, the king again enquired of Esther what her request was. It was then that Esther pleaded for her own life and the lives of all the Jewish people throughout the kingdom. King Xerxes didn't understand at first. He never knew Esther was a Jew and didn't want her harmed. Angrily, he stepped out into the palace garden to think about this difficult situation. When he returned, however, Haman was begging the queen to spare his life in a most improper manner. Haman had fallen onto the queen and her reclining couch as he pleaded with her for his life. The king was furious and when hearing that Haman was about to hang Mordecai on new gallows, he ordered that Haman be hung on them instead.

Esther told the king that Mordecai was related to her. Before long, the king had promoted Mordecai into Haman's position. But Esther again, went uninvited to the king to beg for the lives of her people. She asked that Haman's decree might not be carried out. The king again spared her life but he could not alter the original decree. Instead, he could make another. Mordecai wrote letters in the king's name to all the officials of the provinces to allow the Jews to defend and protect themselves on that appointed execution day. This second decree gave the Jews nine months to get ready and the people of the land got the message the king didn't want the Jews to be harmed.

Mordecai and Queen Esther then established an annual two-day feast to be held in the 12th month of each year to celebrate the deliverance of the Jewish people. This Feast of Purim is still celebrated each year and sets the seal upon the accuracy of this story.

The book of Esther teaches us that we should be careful if we are digging a pit for an enemy, as we might fall into it ourselves. An enemy is a costly thing, a luxury that is too expensive to maintain. In Luke's Gospel, the Lord Jesus taught: "I say to you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you."

In Matthew's Gospel the Lord Jesus said: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. ... Why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you? Even the tax collectors do that! And if you speak only to your friends, have you done anything out of the ordinary? Even the pagans do that! You must be perfect – just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

God used Esther to save the Jewish nation so that in time, the Saviour of the world could come as predicted. His offer of salvation to all who would believe and trust in Him still holds true. And He's working in people's lives every day.

Have you asked the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour from sin and live in your life always? If you come to Him, humbly admitting that He died for your sin when He hung on the Cross of Calvary, He will become your precious close friend. His power will help you to overcome those things that are displeasing to Him and make you gladly share what you have found with others.

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