

## THE PLAN APPROVED

### Esther 5:9 - 8:2

As the story of Esther progresses, great changes take place in the personal lives of many people. Notice particularly the changes in the lives of Haman and of Mordecai as today's lesson progresses:

**A. Haman's Problem and the Proposed Solution:** Read Esther 5:9-14

1. How did Haman feel after attending the queen's banquet? Esther 5:9a

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2. What happened right after that to completely reverse his feelings? Esther 5:9b

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3. Whom did Haman tell about his problem? Esther 5:10-12

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4. What did they suggest that he do? Esther 5:14

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**B. The King's Problems and Their Solution:** Read Esther 6:1-14

1. What problem did the king have that night? Esther 6:1a

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2. What did he do to help solve that problem? Esther 6:1b

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3. Of what deed was he reminded in this way? Esther 6:2

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4. What second problem did this bring to his attention? Esther 6:3, 6a

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5. Who came in while he was considering what should be done about this problem? Esther 6:4-5

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6. Whom did he think the king desired to honor? Esther 6:6b

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7. What did he say should be brought for the man the king wanted to honor?

a. Esther 6:8a \_\_\_\_\_

b. Esther 6:8b \_\_\_\_\_

c. Esther 6:8c \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who should take charge of bestowing the honor on this man? Esther 6:9a

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9. Where should he be taken? Esther 6:9b

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10. What should be proclaimed before him? Esther 6:9c

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11. What was Haman told to do? Esther 6:10

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12. How did Haman feel after this? Esther 6:12

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13. Of what did this friends say this event was a sign? Esther 6:13

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**C. Esther's Problem and Its Solution:** Read Esther 7:1 - 8:2

1. At Esther's second feast, for what two things did she make request? Esther 7:3

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2. Why did she say this was necessary? Esther 7:4a

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3. Who did she say was the cause of this? Esther 7:5-6

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4. What did the king say should be done with this person? Esther 7:7-9

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5. Who was given the position that had belong to him? Esther 8:1-2

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. Why could Haman never have prospered in his attitude toward God's chosen people?  
See Genesis 12:3, Job 42:2

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2. What is my attitude toward God's chosen people today?

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