

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Divine Reversal: Easter in Esther”

Esther 7:10

I. THE TIME OF ESTHER

A. What was happening in the time of Esther?

1. The request (1:10-11)
2. The refusal (1:12)
3. The replacement (2:1)

II. THE TRAGEDY OF ESTHER

A. What is the tragedy of Esther?

1. The assassination tragedy (2:21)
 - a. Esther 2:21, “In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king’s gate, two of the chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those who kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus”
2. The annihilation tragedy (3:5-6)
 - a. Esther 3:5-6, “And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai”
3. The adjoining tragedy (5:14)
 - a. Esther 5:14, “Let the gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak thou to the king that Mordecai be hanged thereon”

III. THE TRIUMPH OF ESTHER

A. There is a familiar verse found in Esther

1. Esther 4:14, “For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

B. What is the triumph of Esther?

1. Mordecai was exonerated
 - a. Esther 6:8, “Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head”

- b. Esther 6:10, "Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew"
2. Haman is executed
- a. Esther 7:2, "What is thy petition, queen Esther?"
 - b. Esther 7:4, "I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish"
 - c. Esther 7:5, "Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?"
 - d. Esther 7:6, "The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman"
 - e. Esther 7:10, "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai"
3. The Jews were expanded
- a. Esther 8:17, "And many of the people of the land became Jews"