Esther’s Petition

Esther 6:1-7:10

Key Verse: 7:3

1. Read verses 6:1-3. What did the king find in the book of the chronicles? How did this change the destiny of Mordecai? Look at v.4-9. What was Haman’s answer for the king’s question and how did it change his destiny?
2. Read v.10-11. How did the king honor Mordecai? What is a paradoxical dilemma in Haman’s plan? (Pr 16:4, 19:21) Look at v. 12-14. How did Haman’s wife and friends predict his future?
3. Look at 7:1-4. What were Esther’s petition and request? (3-4) In which way was her petition equivalent to her determination in 4:16? How did her request reveal Haman’s evil scheme? Look at v. 5-7. What was the king’s response to Esther’s petition?
4. Look at v. 8-10. How did Haman react to the king’s fury? What was the result? (Pr 26:27, Ps 37:1-5, 20) What can you learn about the God of Esther? How can we live as the people of God in this unjust generation? (Pr 24:1-2)