

Chapters 6 – 8

On the night between the two banquets,
the king could not sleep.
To induce sleep
he started reading the history of his kingdom.

He read how some years ago two of his eunuchs planned
to assassinate him, but the plot was foiled by Mordecai.

The king asked Haman how to honor a man
whom the king wished to honor.

Haman thought the king was talking about himself, Haman,
so he suggested royal clothes, a royal horse
and a royal parade.

The king agreed and told Haman to honor Mordecai
in this way. This was a great humiliation for Haman.

And it got even worse for Haman.
At the second banquet,
Esther told the king that she was Jewish
and that Haman planned to kill all Jews.

The result: Haman was hanged on the gallows
which he had prepared for Mordecai,
and the Jews were not only spared annihilation
- they were given places of honor in the kingdom.

The Jews praised God for all his help through Mordecai.

Dear God, please stop people like Haman
from committing injustice