

The King's New Law

Esther 6:1-8:17

Hurry, Haman, it's time to go to Queen Esther's banquet," said the king's servants.

Haman did not know that Queen Esther knew about his plan to kill the people who loved God. Haman was just excited to have been invited to the queen's banquet because Haman thought he was a very important man.

At the banquet, King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther what he could do for her.

"A man is planning to kill all the people who love God," Esther bravely told the king. "These are my people, I will be killed too."

The king was very angry when he heard this news. "Who is the person?" demanded the king. "Who would dare to do such a thing?"

"It is wicked Haman," Queen Esther answered.

The king was so angry he had to leave the banquet. When he came back, he told his servants to take Haman away and kill him.

Esther told the king that Mordecai was her cousin. The king knew that Mordecai was the man who had saved his life when the guards planned to kill him.

"Mordecai will be the second most important man in the country," said the king.

"O King," said Esther, "Haman's plan will still be carried out unless you make a new law."

King Ahasuerus gave his official ring to Mordecai. "Write a new law in my name," said the king. "Seal it with my ring so everyone will know this law cannot be changed. Send the word throughout the kingdom so everyone will know."

Mordecai wrote a new law that said the people who loved God would not be killed. He sealed the law with the king's ring, just as the king had told him to do. Then the king's messengers rode their horses throughout the country and read the new law to the people.

When the people who loved God heard the new law, they had a great celebration. "Happy is that people, whose God is the LORD." Esther and Mordecai were glad God had helped them.

Bible Verse to Learn

"Happy is that people, that is such as case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD." (Psalm 144:15).