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Esther 5:1-14



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Esther receives grace



After three days of fasting, Esther prepares a banquet for Ahasueros and Haman.

But will it at all be possible for her to go before the king to communicate the invitation?

Now or never! Esther gets up. There she is, already at the entrance to the king's house. Her nerves are all on edge. Seconds only will decide over life or death. And? – The king reaches out to her with the sceptre! She may live, and is even invited to express her greatest wish. But Esther waits. First of all, she wants to find out at the banquet what the relationship between Ahasueros and Haman is. She may even be able to just mention Mordecai's name in passing.

But today, the situation doesn't seem right. Therefore, she postpones her great request until the next day.



12. It was very difficult to approach the throne of Ahasueros. But Christians always have access to the throne of God. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Do you know where to find this in the letter to the Hebrews?

13. What does Haman do when he arrives back home from Queen Esther's banquet?



Haman hoped that the Jew Mordecai wouldn't have much longer to live – the same as all Jews. But he wasn't prepared to wait for that day. He wanted to kill Mordecai as soon as possible. Why didn't he do this there and then? According to Persian law, those who were in the king's gate stood under his special protection. Haman therefore needed permission from Ahasueros.



Take advantage of free access to the throne of God – daily!



12. Quite right, in Hebrews 4:16. 13. He invites his friends and boasts before them of all his riches. He brags especially about being the only person, apart from the king, who was invited to a banquet by the queen.