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Esther 5.

1 . Esther's Banquet. .

Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal clothing, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, next to the king's house. The king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, next to the entrance of the house.

- 2 When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther came near, and touched the top of the scepter.
- 3 Then the king asked her, "What would you like, queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you even to the half of the kingdom."
- 4 Esther said, "If it seems good to the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet that I have prepared for him."
- 5 Then the king said, "Bring Haman quickly, so that it may be done as Esther has said." So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.
- 6 The king said to Esther at the banquet of wine, "What is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed."
- 7 Then Esther answered and said, "My petition and my request is this.
- 8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I will prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has said."

9 . Haman's Plot Against Mordecai. .

Then Haman went out that day joyful and glad of heart, but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he didn't stand up nor move for him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.

- 10 Nevertheless Haman restrained himself, and went home. There, he sent and called for his friends and Zeresh his wife.
- 11 Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, the multitude of his children, all the things in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.
- 12 Haman also said, "Yes, Esther the queen let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow I am also invited by her together with the king.
- 13 Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate."
- 14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows be made fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on it. Then go in merrily with the king to the banquet." This pleased Haman, so he had the gallows made.

Esther 6.

1 . The King Honors Mordecai. .

On that night, the king couldn't sleep. He commanded the book of records of the chronicles to be brought, and they were read to the king.

2 It was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who were doorkeepers, who had tried to lay hands on the King Ahasuerus.

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- 3 The king said, "What honor and dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" Then the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."
- 4 The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had come into the outer court of the king's house, to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.
- 5 The king's servants said to him, "Behold, Haman stands in the court." The king said, "Let him come in."
- 6 So Haman came in. The king said to him, "What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor?" Now Haman said in his heart, "Who would the king delight to honor more than myself?"
- 7 Haman said to the king, "For the man whom the king delights to honor,
- 8 let royal clothing be brought which the king uses to wear, and the horse that the king rides on, and on the head of which a crown royal is set.
- 9 Let the clothing and the horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man whom the king delights to honor with them, and have him ride on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him, 'Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!'"
- 10 Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry and take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do this for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Let nothing fail of all that you have spoken."
- 11 Then Haman took the clothing and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and had him ride through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!"
- 12 Mordecai came back to the king's gate, but Haman hurried to his house, mourning and having his head covered.
- 13 Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not prevail against him, but you will surely fall before him."
- 14 While they were yet talking with him, the king's eunuchs came, and hurried to bring Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

Psalms 106:24-48.

- 24 Yes, they despised the pleasant land. They didn't believe his word,
- 25 but murmured in their tents, and didn't listen to YHWH's voice.
- 26 Therefore he swore to them that he would overthrow them in the wilderness,
- 27 that he would overthrow their seed among the nations, and scatter them in the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves also to Baal Peor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.
- 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their deeds. The plague broke in on them.
- 30 Then Phinehas stood up, and executed judgment, so the plague was stopped.
- 31 That was credited to him for righteousness, for all generations to come.
- 32 They angered him also at the waters of Meribah, so that Moses was troubled for their sakes;
- 33 because they were rebellious against his spirit, he spoke rashly with his lips.
- 34 They didn't destroy the peoples, as YHWH commanded them,
- 35 but mixed themselves with the nations, and learned their works.
- 36 They served their idols, which became a snare to them.
- 37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.
- 38 They shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan. The land was polluted with blood.

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- 39 Thus were they defiled with their works, and prostituted themselves in their deeds.
- 40 Therefore YHWH burned with anger against his people. He abhorred his inheritance.
- 41 He gave them into the hand of the nations. Those who hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies also oppressed them. They were brought into subjection under their hand.
- 43 Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their counsel, and were brought low in their iniquity.
- 44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress, when he heard their cry.
- 45 He remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses.
- 46 He made them also to be pitied by all those who carried them captive.
- 47 Save us, YHWH, our ELOHIM, gather us from among the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, to triumph in your praise!
- 48 Blessed be YHWH, the ELOHIM of Israel, from everlasting even to everlasting! Let all the people say, "Amen." Praise YAH! BOOK V

Proverbs 29.

- 1 He who is often rebuked and stiffens his neck will be destroyed suddenly, with no remedy.
- 2 When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan.
- 3 Whoever loves wisdom brings joy to his father; but a companion of prostitutes squanders his wealth.
- 4 The king by justice makes the land stable, but he who takes bribes tears it down.
- 5 A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.
- 6 An evil man is snared by his sin, but the righteous can sing and be glad.
- 7 The righteous care about justice for the poor. The wicked aren't concerned about knowledge.
- 8 Mockers stir up a city, but wise men turn away anger.
- 9 If a wise man goes to court with a foolish man, the fool rages or scoffs, and there is no peace.
- 10 The bloodthirsty hate a man of integrity; and they seek the life of the upright.
- 11 A fool vents all of his anger, but a wise man brings himself under control.
- 12 If a ruler listens to lies, all of his officials are wicked.
- 13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: YHWH gives sight to the eyes of both.
- 14 The king who fairly judges the poor, his throne shall be established forever.
- 15 The rod of correction gives wisdom, but a child left to himself causes shame to his mother.
- 16 When the wicked increase, sin increases; but the righteous will see their downfall.
- 17 Correct your son, and he will give you peace; yes, he will bring delight to your soul.
- 18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but one who keeps the Torah is blessed.
- 19 A servant can't be corrected by words. Though he understands, yet he will not respond.
- 20 Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- 21 He who pampers his servant from youth will have him become a son in the end.
- 22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a wrathful man abounds in sin.
- 23 A man's pride brings him low, but one of lowly spirit gains honor.

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- 24 Whoever is an accomplice of a thief is an enemy of his own soul. He takes an oath, but dares not testify.
- 25 The fear of man proves to be a snare, but whoever puts his trust in YHWH is kept safe.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's favor, but a man's justice comes from YHWH!
- 27 A dishonest man detests the righteous, and the upright in their ways detest the wicked.

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