

Esther 5:1-14 **The King accepted Esther and asked for her request – First Banquet  
Haman built gallows fifty cubits high to hang Mordecai**

**Esther's first Banquet**

1 Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.

2 So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter.

3 And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you — up to half the kingdom!"

4 So Esther answered, "If it pleases 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, that he may do as Esther has said." So the king and Haman went to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 At the banquet of wine the king said to Esther, "What is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

7 Then Esther answered and said, "My petition and request is this:

8 If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, then let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king has said."

**Haman's Plot to hang Mordecai**

9 So Haman went out that day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he did not stand or tremble before him, he was filled with indignation against Mordecai.

10 Nevertheless Haman restrained himself and went home, and he sent and called for his friends and his wife Zeresh.

11 Then Haman told them of his great riches, the multitude of his children, everything in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the officials and servants of the king.

12 Moreover Haman said, "Besides, Queen Esther invited no one but me to come in with the king to the banquet that she prepared; and tomorrow I am again invited by her, along 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 his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let a gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and in the morning suggest to the king that Mordecai be hanged on it; then go merrily with the king to the banquet."

And the thing pleased Haman; so he had the gallows made.

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## Facts Revealed:

### Esther's first Banquet

- ✧ Esther's life depended on the favor of the king in holding out to her the golden scepter. She found favor in his sight and he held out the golden scepter to her. She went near and touched the top of the scepter. [\[Esther 5:1-2\]](#)
- ☉ The king promised to give her anything she requested up to half of his kingdom. (In case of an insurrection he wanted to reserve for his own defense at least an equal part). [\[Esther 5:3\]](#)
- ✧ Esther invited the king and Haman to her first banquet, if it pleases the king. [\[Esther 5:4\]](#)
- ☉ The king and Haman came to the banquet and at the banquet of wine the king again asked her request promising to grant it again up to half of his kingdom. [\[Esther 5:5-6\]](#)
- ✧ Esther responded by inviting them to a second banquet she will prepare tomorrow, promising to reveal her request at that time. [\[Esther 5:7-8\]](#)

### Haman's Plot to hang Mordecai

- ☉ Haman went out of the banquet joyfully with a glad heart, until he saw Mordecai who did not bow before him, he was filled with indignation but restrained himself and went home. He called for his friends and wife, he told them of his great wealth and how the king had advanced him above all the officials and servants of the king. [\[Esther 5:9-11\]](#)
- ☉ He bragged that Queen Esther had invited no one but the king and Haman to her banquet and then for another banquet tomorrow. [\[Esther 5:12\]](#)
- ☉ Haman then expressed his indignation toward Mordecai the Jew. [\[Esther 5:13\]](#)
- ☉ His wife and friends suggested he make a gallows fifty cubits high and ask the king to hang Mordecai on it, then go merrily with the king to the banquet. Haman was pleased with the advise and had the gallows made. [\[Esther 5:14\]](#)