







On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance.

When he saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out to her the gold scepter that was in his hand. So Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.

"If the king regards me with favor and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare for them. Then I will answer the king's question."

Esther 6:2 NIV

It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.

Esther 6:6b NIV

Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?"

Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it please you, grant me my life – this is my petition. And spare my people – this is my request.

"For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king."

Esther 7:5-6 NIV

King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is he – the man who had dared to do such a thing?" Esther said, "An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!"

Esther 7:8 NIV

The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?"

