

8. **The King's Edict** (V13) *"To destroy, to \_\_\_\_\_, and to cause to perish, \_\_\_\_\_, both young and old, \_\_\_\_\_ children and \_\_\_\_\_, in one day."* When Mordecai learned of this proclamation (4:1) he *"rent his \_\_\_\_\_, and put on sackcloth \_\_\_\_\_, and went out into the midst of the city, and \_\_\_\_\_ with a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ cry."* Esther learned of Mordecai's despair and the mourning of her people. She sent (V5) \_\_\_\_\_ to Mordecai. Hatach returned (V8-9) with Mordecai's instructions to Esther that she should intercede to the king. A penalty of death awaited anyone invading the king's privacy without being duly summoned.
9. **For Such A Time As This** Esther was afraid but Mordecai's answer was (V13) to *"think not with \_\_\_\_\_."* He emphasized that she alone stood a chance of delivering the Jews from slaughter and concluded (V14), *"who knoweth whether thou art \_\_\_\_\_ to the kingdom for \_\_\_\_\_ as this?"* This meant that she, and she alone, had the door of opportunity opened. There's a lesson here for all of us. (Gal 6:10) *"As we have therefore \_\_\_\_\_, let us \_\_\_\_\_ unto all men, especially unto them who are of the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith."*
10. **Esther's Courage** Brief preparations were made as the date for carrying out the murderous decree approached. Esther (5:1) *"put on her \_\_\_\_\_ apparel"* and dared to enter the king's inner sanctum. The king spied her *"and she obtained \_\_\_\_\_ in his sight."* When *"the king \_\_\_\_\_ to Esther the \_\_\_\_\_ sceptre"* she *"drew near, and \_\_\_\_\_ the top of the sceptre."* What a relief. This meant she would be spared death for her intrusion.
11. **Esther's Request** She asked the king (V4) to come to her banquet accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_. They attended but when Haman saw Mordecai present (V9) *"he was full of \_\_\_\_\_."*
12. **Haman's Plot** He proceeded to boast to family and friends about his high connections with Esther and the king. (V14) *"Zeresh \_\_\_\_\_ and all his friends"* suggested *"a \_\_\_\_\_ be made of fifty \_\_\_\_\_ high"* and that he petition the king that Mordecai be hanged. The gallows were built.
13. **The King Reminisces** Unable to sleep (6:1), the king recounted how Mordecai had foiled the plot against his life by Bigthan and Teresh. He asked, *"What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this?"* Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ The reply: *"There is \_\_\_\_\_ done for him."*
14. **Haman's Arrogant Assumption** The king asked Haman (V6), *"What shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto the man whom the king \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_?"* Haman arrogantly assumed the king wanted to honor him. Haman had a ready answer. (V8-9) It involved *"\_\_\_\_\_ apparel,"* the king's \_\_\_\_\_, and *"the \_\_\_\_\_ royal which is set upon his head."* He suggested that *"one of the king's most noble \_\_\_\_\_"* would thus *"array the man---and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and \_\_\_\_\_, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king \_\_\_\_\_ to honour."* The king said to Haman, *"Do even so to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."* Haman complied.
15. **Happenings On Day 2 Of Esther's Banquet** (7:2) The king asked, *"What is thy petition, \_\_\_\_\_ Esther?"* Esther bravely asked that her people, the Jews, be spared and referred to the hideous plot. The king (V5) wanted to know, *"\_\_\_\_\_ is he, and \_\_\_\_\_ is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?"* Esther pointedly said, *"The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is this \_\_\_\_\_ Haman."*
16. **Haman Shows His True Colors** The king was incensed and walked out in the gardens to think. Haman followed Esther into her bedroom to beg for his life because he feared the king's intentions toward him. The king (V8) returned and accused Haman of trying to \_\_\_\_\_ himself upon the queen in her own bedroom. This was the straw that broke the camel's back.
17. **Haman: His Own Victim** Harbonah (V9) reminded the king of the monstrous gallows Haman had built for purpose of killing Mordecai. The king ordered, *"\_\_\_\_\_ thereon."* It was done.
18. **Summation** Esther continued in favor with the king. Mordecai was elevated to a powerful position. The Jews slew many of their enemies with impunity. Haman's \_\_\_\_\_ were (9:14) also \_\_\_\_\_ on their father's gallows. Haman had originally (V23) *"cast Pur"* against the Jews and now the observance of *"Purim"* (V26-32) would remind them of Esther and God's deliverance.