

Read Esther 6:10-14

Haman Humiliated

10 “Excellent!” the king said to Haman. “Quick! Take the robes and my horse, and do just as you have said for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the gate of the palace. Leave out nothing you have suggested!”

11 So Haman took the robes and put them on Mordecai, placed him on the king’s own horse, and led him through the city square, shouting, “This is what the king does for someone he wishes to honor!”

12 Afterward Mordecai returned to the palace gate, but Haman hurried home dejected and completely humiliated.

13 When Haman told his wife, Zeresh, and all his friends what had happened, his wise advisers and his wife said, “Since Mordecai—this man who has humiliated you—is of Jewish birth, you will never succeed in your plans against him. You will die if you continue to go up against him.”

14 While they were still talking, the king’s eunuchs arrived and quickly took Haman to the banquet Esther had prepared.

What did the King think about Haman’s plan to honor a man who truly pleased him (v. 10)? He loved it.

What did the King tell Haman to do (v. 10)? Take my robes and horse and recognize **Mordecai** exactly as you described with a big parade. **Do you think Haman was surprised?** I’m sure he was shocked.

Who did Haman think was going to be honored? He thought he was the one who was going to be honored.

What did Haman do (v. 11)? He did exactly what he had recommended to the King. He had to. He couldn’t disobey the King.

How do you think Haman felt about doing that (v. 12)? He was depressed and very embarrassed and humiliated.

What did Haman’s wife and his wise advisers tell him (v. 13)? Since Mordecai is Jewish and worships the one true God, you will never be able to do anything against him. His God will protect him. If you keep on attacking him, you will die.

Were they wise? Yes Why did they think that? They had probably heard about the God of the Jews. How strong and powerful He was. And how He took care of His people.

What happened next (v. 14)? The King’s servants arrived to escort Haman to the banquet Esther had planned. So, Haman’s plans to kill Mordecai on the way to the banquet were turned upside down!

I wonder what Haman was thinking when he was on his way to the banquet. He was so happy before. I wonder if he was nervous now.