

Read Esther 7:6-10

6 Esther replied, "This wicked Haman is our adversary and our enemy." Haman grew pale with fright before the king and queen.

7 Then the king jumped to his feet in a rage and went out into the palace garden. Haman, however, stayed behind to plead for his life with Queen Esther for he knew that the king intended to kill him.

8 In despair he fell on the couch where Queen Esther was reclining, just as the king was returning from the palace garden. The king exclaimed, "Will he even assault the queen right here in the palace, before my very eyes?" And as soon as the king spoke, his attendants covered Haman's face, signaling his doom.

9 Then Harbona, one of the king's eunuchs, said, "Haman has set up a sharpened pole that stands seventy-five feet tall in his own courtyard. He intended to use it to hang Mordecai, the man who saved the king from being killed." "Then hang Haman on it!" the king ordered.

10 So they hanged Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai, and the king's anger subsided.

How did Esther answer the King's question when he asked her who would be crazy enough to kill all the Jews (v. 6)? She told him it was Haman who was an enemy of the Jews.

How did Haman react? He was scared to death. He knew he was in trouble. He could sense that his plan was coming apart. He had been exposed as the evil man that he was.....before the most powerful man on the face of the earth.

What did the King do next (v. 7)? He was very mad. He jumped up and went out to the garden. Probably to think about what he wanted to do next.

What did Haman do next (vv. 7-8)? He stayed behind when the King left and fell face down on the Queen's couch probably begging for mercy. He knew the King was probably going to kill him.

What did the King think when he returned and saw Haman on the Queen's couch (v. 8)? He thought Haman was attacking the Queen.

What did the King's attendants do? They covered Haman's face -- maybe with a towel. That meant he was going to die.

What did one of the King's eunuchs tell him (v. 9)? That Haman had set up a sharp pole to hang Mordecai on.

What did the King order to be done? Hang Haman on the sharp pole instead of Mordecai.

So Haman died on the very pole he had set up for Mordecai to die on. Haman had his life all planned out but it didn't work out for him because God had a different plan, didn't He? **What does that mean for us? Should we not make plans?**