

ESTHER 7

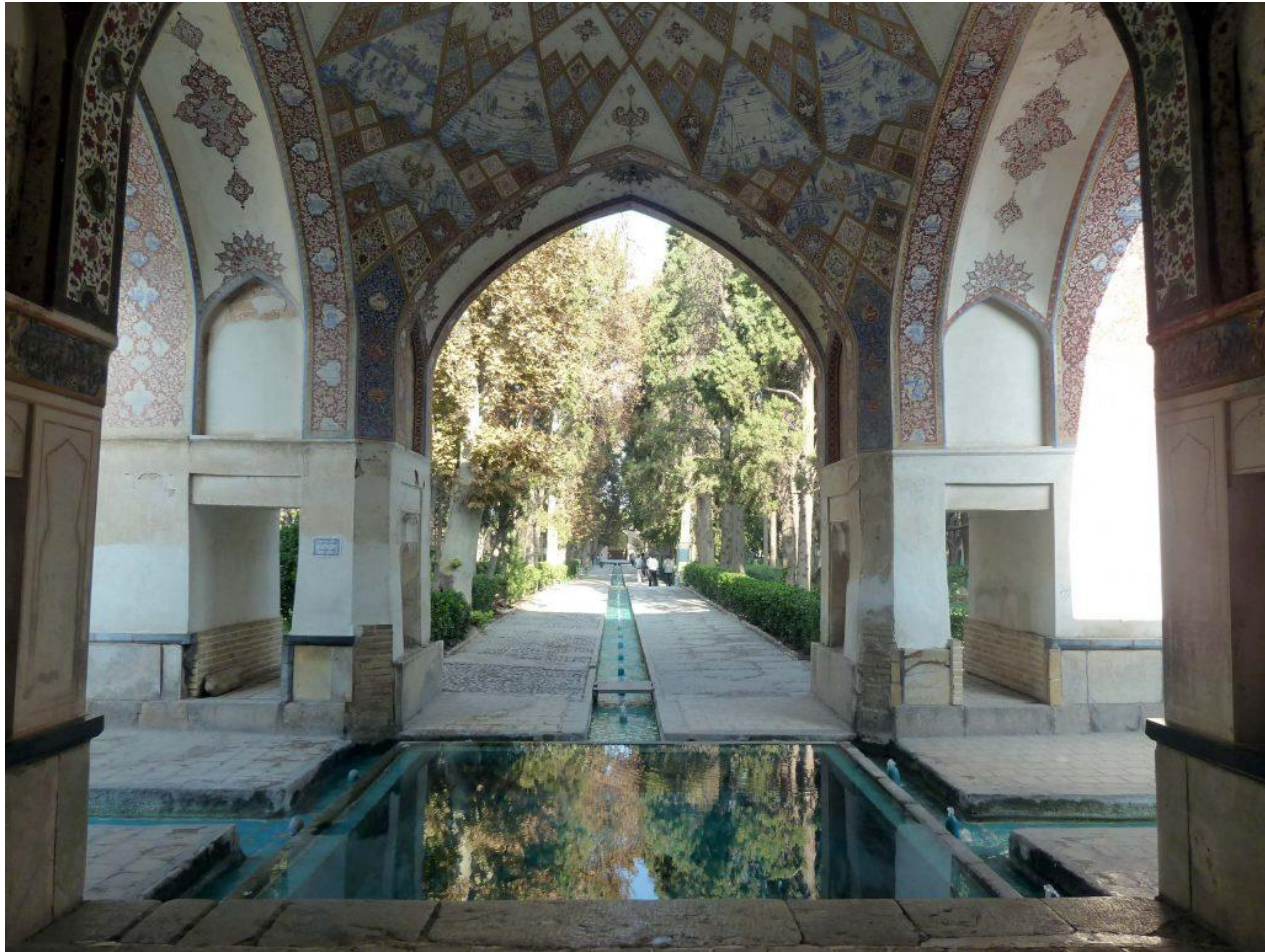


Esther 7:1-2

1 So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.

2 And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, “What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.”

Fin Garden in Iran



Esther 7:1-2

- ✓ The king is a little over dramatic about answering his wife's request, yet it does reveal his heart for her
- ✓ Esther could ask anything of her king

Esther 7:3-4

3 Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request.

4 For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king.”

Esther 7:3-4

- ✓ Esther uses the same vague description of her danger as Haman did when he proposed his plan to rid the empire of the Jewish infiltration

Esther 7:5-7

5 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?”

6 And Esther said, “A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

7 And the king arose in his wrath from the wine-drinking and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm was determined against him by the king.

Esther accuses Haman



Esther 7:5-7

- ✓ Haman's plan backfires – how could he have known he had sentenced the queen to death
- ✓ The king's emotions overcome him again (partly because of the part he played in these events)

Esther 7:8

8 And the king returned from the palace garden to the place where they were drinking wine, as Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. And the king said, “Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?” As the word left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face.

Haman pleads with Esther



Esther 7:8

- ✓ Haman's distress is misinterpreted as an assault on the queen as the king returns
- ✓ Haman covered his own head in shame, now it is covered in death

Esther 7:9-10

9 Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.”

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated.

Esther 7:9-10

- ✓ Information seems to always find the right person at the right time in Esther's story
- ✓ God's people are nearing the end of a time of captivity (judgement for forsaking the Lord's commandments), yet God, in His Sovereignty, has placed key people at specific places to prevent their complete destruction
- ✓ In His judgment, we see grace