

“Esther Becomes Queen”

Esther 2:12-20

I. FORCE: "go in to King Ahasuerus" (vv.12-14)

A. Conclusion: "the turn of each young lady" (v.12)

B. Conscriptio: "would go in...in this way" (vv.13-14)

1. Aids: "take...anything that she desired" (v.13)

2. Approval: "In the evening/go in...in the morning/return" (v.14)
 - a. Process: "evening...morning...second harem" (v.14a)

 - b. Permission: "not again go in...unless...delighted/summoned" (v.14b)
 - (1) Captivated: "unless the king delighted in her"

 - (2) Called: "unless...she was summoned by name"

II. FAVOR: "the king loved Esther" (vv.15-17)

A. Compliance: "advised...Esther found favor" (v.15)

B. Confrontation: "Esther taken to King Ahasuerus" (v.16)

C. Coronation: "royal crown...made her queen" (v.17)

1. Preference: "found favor and kindness...more than all" (v.17a)

2. Position: "set the royal crown and made queen" (v.17b)

III. FEAST: "the king gave a great banquet" (vv.18-20)

A. Celebrated: "Esther's banquet...holiday...gifts" (v.18)

1. Party: "gave a great banquet for all his princes/servants" (v.18a)

2. Pause: "made a holiday for the provinces" (v.18b)

3. Presents: "gave gifts according to the king's bounty" (v.18c)

B. Concerned: "Mordecai...at the king's gate" (v.19)

C. Concealed: "not yet made known her people" (v.20)

*Next week: Read **Esther 2:21-3:6***