

Esther 7

(Reference Handout)

PATTERN OF FEASTS IN ESTHER:

- A¹ – Xerxes' banquet for the nobles of the empire (1:2-4)
- B¹ – Xerxes' banquet for all men in Shushan (Susa) (1:5-8)
- C¹ – Esther's coronation banquet (2:18)
- D¹ – Esther's 1st banquet for the king and Haman (5:1-8)
- D² – Esther's 2nd banquet for the king and Haman (7:1-9)
- C² – Feasting in celebration of Mordecai's promotion (8:17)
- B² – The 1st day of Purim feasting throughout the empire (9:17,19)
- A² – The 2nd day of Purim feasting in Susa (9:18)

DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

- 1) Sin is deceptive, that's why we need to exhort one another (Heb 3:13).
- 2) The spiritual to restore the fallen brother/sister (Gal 6:1-3).

WICKEDNESS IS JUDGED

- 1) God is angry with the wicked (Psa 7:11).
- 2) No excuses, God will not be mocked (Gal 6:7-8).

GOD KEEPS HIS COVENANTS

- 1) Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12:1-3) *bless/curse those who bless/curse*.
- 2) New Covenant (Mat 26:28).
 - a) Faithful to His promises: 1Jo 1:9; 1Co 10:13; Heb 10:23; 1Th 5:24; Deu 7:9.
- 3) If God were unfaithful, He wouldn't be God (2Ti 2:13).
- 4) His is still keeping His covenant with Israel (1Ch 16:15-18).
 - a) Because of this we see His promises as 'Yes' (2Co 1:20).

EXALTATION COMES FROM THE LORD

- 1) Haman seeking his own glory is fallen (Est 6:13; 7:8).
 - a) Parallel with Satan's fall (Isa 14:13-15).
- 2) God exalts one and puts down another (Psa 75:6-7).
- 3) Jesus teaches us contrary to the world's example (Mat 16:25-26).

GOD DESTROYS THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL

- 1) Jesus came to destroy the devil's works (1Jo 3:8).