

Sermon Passages & Outline

Esther 6-8 (p.436)

Psalms 65 (p.505); Romans 8:28-31 (p.1003)

1. Where we are at
2. It just so happens, or.....
3. Where does the writer point us
4. Esther plays her hand
5. Action, purposes and plans
6. Another apparent defeat

Banquets and Feasting in Esther

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| 1. Ahasuerus' banquet for the nobles of the empire (1:2-4) | A ¹ |
| 2. Ahasuerus' banquet for all the men in Susa (1:5-8) | B ¹ |
| 3. Esther's coronation banquet (2:18) | C ¹ |
| 4. Esther's first banquet for the king and Haman (5:1-8) | D ¹ |
| 5. Esther's second banquet for the king and Haman (7:1-9) | D ² |
| 6. Feasting in celebration of Mordecai's promotion (8:17) | C ² |
| 7. The first day of Purim feasting throughout the empire (9:17,19) | B ² |
| 8. The second day of Purim feasting in Susa (9:18) | A ² |

Chiastic Structure of Reversals in Esther

3:10 - the king gives Haman his ring	8:2 - the king gives Mordecai the same ring
3:12 - Haman summons the king's scribes	8:9 - Mordecai summons the king's scribes
3:12 - letters written, sealed with ring	8:10 - letters written, sealed with the same ring
3:13 - the Jews, even women and children to be killed on one day	8:11 - the enemies, even women and children, to be killed on the one day
3:14 - Haman's decree publicly displayed as law	8:13 - Mordecai's decree publicly displayed as law
3:15 - couriers go out in haste	8:14 - couriers go out in haste
3:15 - the city of Susa is bewildered	8:15 - the city of Susa rejoices
4:1 - Mordecai wears sackcloth and ashes	8:15 - Mordecai wears the royal robes
4:1 - Mordecai goes through the city crying	6:11 - Mordecai led through the city in honour
5:14 - Zeresh advises Mordecai's death	6:13 - Zeresh predicts Haman's ruin