

Esther

1 – Esther 1—Xerxes And Vashti

Why was queen Vashti deposed? (God's larger plan) How "wise" were the wise men? How can we see God's plan working in the politics of today as well?

2 – Esther 2—Esther And Mordecai

How was Esther chosen to be the next queen? What was God's plan through Mordecai? (for King Xerxes as well as for Esther and God's people) Was it right for Esther and Mordecai to hide their nationality and beliefs? Are there times today that we should "hide" ours?

3 – Esther 3—Haman's Plot

What do we know about Haman? Why did Haman have such a hatred for the Jews? How does God show that He is always in control even when it doesn't look that way? How can we remember this?

4 – Esther 4—"For Such A Time As This"

How had God prepared Mordecai and Esther for "this time"? What interesting alternative does Mordecai remind Esther (v.14) For what "time" / special work - is God working through you?

5 – Esther 5-6—Esther's Request / Haman's Plan

What was the wisdom that God gave to Esther? What "coincidence" happened to carry out God's plan? (Ch. 6) Are there "coincidences" with God? How did God humble Haman? What warning does this give? What promise does this also give?

6 – Esther 7—Esther's Accusation / Haman's Death

Again, what further wisdom did God give to Esther? How quickly God can turn man's plans around! Again, what is the warning / promise given here also for us today?

7 – Esther 8—Xerxes Edict For The Jews

How did God bless Haman and Esther? How did God protect His people, the Jews? What effect did this have for the non-Jews?

8 – Esther 9-10—Purim And Mordecai's Promotion

With the king's new edict, why would so many still want to kill the Jews? Why didn't the Jews take the plunder? What is the purpose of the feast of Purim? Although we don't celebrate it - how do we remember God's rescue?