

The Book of Esther #1

Chapter 1

- 1) Now it took place in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned from _____ to _____ over 127 provinces.
- 2) What did Ahasuerus do in the third year of his reign?
- 3) How long did the feast last?
- 4) After his 180 day feast for the generals and rulers what did Ahasuerus do?
- 5) There were hangings of fine white and violet linen held by cords of fine _____ linen on _____ rings and marble columns, and couches of _____ and _____ on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and precious stones. Drinks were served in golden vessels of various kinds, and the royal wine was _____ according to the king's bounty.
- 6) Was it legal in Persia to force people to drink at parties?
- 7) Who do you think might have gotten that law passed who had lived in Persia earlier? (hint- Daniel 1:8)
- 8) What was the Queen's name?
- 9) What condition was the king in when he ordered his wife to appear at the party to display her beauty?
- 10) Did she obey him?
- 11) Do you think she did the right thing or the wrong thing?
- 12) What did the legal experts think would happen if Vashti was allowed to disrespect the king?
- 13) Could you change laws once they were passed in Persia?
- 14) What happened to Vashti? (choose one)
 - 1) She was thrown to the lions
 - 2) She was never allowed into the king's presence again
 - 3) She was boiled in oil
- 15) Was the king to remain without a companion?
- 16) And when the king's edict which he shall make is heard throughout all his kingdom, great as it is, then _____ women will give _____ to their husbands, great and small."
- 17) Do you think all husbands received the honor they deserved from that point on?

Chapter 2

- 1) Does verse one sound like the king was sorry later that he had banished the queen?
- 2) Could he change his decision?
- 3) Do you think this worried those who had advised him?
- 4) What did they propose to take his mind off his banished wife?
- 5) Then let the young lady who _____ the king be _____ in place of _____." And the matter pleased the king, and he did accordingly.
- 6) How did Mordecai get to Susa?
- 7) What was Esther's Persian name?
- 8) Why was Esther chosen to appear before the king?---"the young lady was beautiful of _____ and _____"
- 9) Did Esther tell anyone that she was Jewish? Why not?
- 10) How long did it take to get prepared to go into see the king?
- 11) A concubine is a legal mistress and would not be recognized as queen. After a girl spent the night with the king where would she go if she wasn't chosen to be the queen?
- 12) And the king _____ Esther more than all the women, and she found _____ and _____ with him more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her _____ instead of Vashti.
- 13) What was the banquet the king gave at this time called?
- 14) How did Mordecai save the king's life?
- 15) How was this act documented?

The Book of Esther #2

Chapter 3

- 1) Who was promoted to be over all of the king's officials?
- 2) What was different about the way Mordecai greeted Haman?
- 3) Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why are you transgressing the _____ command? Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a _____.
- 4) The word translated, "pay homage" is also translated "worship" in other passages (e.g.-Exodus 20:5). Why do you think Mordecai felt that he couldn't comply with this rule because he was a Jew? (hint-read Exodus 20:1-5)
- 5) When you take a stand for God, will you generally be supported by others (co-workers, family members, etc.)?
- 6) When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid _____ to him, Haman was filled with _____.
- 7) What did he plan to do about it?
- 8) How much was Haman willing to pay to get rid of the Jews?
- 9) Did Haman ever tell the King who the people were whom he was going to destroy?
- 10) What was the sign of authority that the King gave to Haman to carry out his desires?
- 11) Is it usually a good idea to give people your authority?
- 12) And letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces to _____, to _____, and to _____ all the Jews, both young and old, women and children, in _____.
- 13) What does this plan remind you of from the 1940s?
- 14) Who does Satan always want to destroy? 1) all good people 2) the people of God 3) the USA

Chapter 4

- 1) What things did Mordecai and the Jews do that showed how upset they were when they heard of Haman's plans for genocide?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
- 2) According to verses 4 & 5, did Esther know what was going on?
- 3) What did Mordecai order Esther to do?
- 4) What did Esther say would happen to her if she went in to the king without being summoned?
- 5) How long had it been since she had been summoned before the king?
- 6) And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for _____ a _____ as this?"
- 7) Does God put us at certain places for a reason?
- 8) Do you think it was an accident that Esther had been chosen as Queen?
- 9) Did Mordecai think Haman would be successful in destroying all the Jews?
- 10) What did Esther ask Mordecai to do?
- 11) I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I _____, I _____."
- 12) Are we always guaranteed of being rewarded by people when we do the right thing?
- 13) Does prayer make a difference?
- 14) Are we to do the right thing regardless of the consequences?
- 15) Is that an easy decision to make?

The Book of Esther #3

Chapter 5

- 1) Why is the third day significant to Christians?
- 2) Was it dangerous for Esther to be standing in the King's inner court? (Hint-see Es.4: 11)
- 3) And it happened when the _____ saw Esther the queen standing in the court; she _____ in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter.
- 4) Will we be allowed in God's presence without His special favor?
- 5) Did Esther tell the king what was wrong?
- 6) Who did she invite to her special banquet besides the King?
- 7) Did Esther tell the king what she wanted at this banquet?
- 8) What did Haman think about being invited to the second banquet?
- 9) What spoiled it for him?
- 10) Then Haman recounted to them the glory of _____ riches, and the number of _____ sons, and every instance where the king had magnified _____, and how he had promoted _____ above the princes and servants of the king. Haman also said, "Even Esther the queen let no one but _____ come with the king to the banquet which she had prepared; and tomorrow also _____ am invited by her with the king.
- 11) Who was Haman always thinking about?
- 12) Did all of these things satisfy Haman? Why not?
- 13) Then Zeresh his _____ and all his friends said to him, "Have a _____ fifty cubits high made and in the morning ask the king to have Mordecai _____ on it, then go joyfully with the king to the banquet." And the advice _____ Haman, so he had the gallows made.
- 14) Do we always get good advice from those close to us?
- 15) Is getting bad advice an excuse for sinning or disobeying God?

Chapter 6

- 1) During that night the king could not _____ so he gave an order to bring the book of _____, the chronicles, and they were read before the king.
- 2) Were the kings of Israel the only rulers to keep Chronicles?
- 3) What did the king find out Mordecai had done?
- 4) Was it an accident that the king could not sleep on this night?
- 5) What honor or dignity had been bestowed on Mordecai for this?
- 6) Why was Haman in the court?
- 7) What did Haman think when the king asked him how to honor someone really special?
- 8) Who really wanted all the things that Haman suggested?
- 9) What did the king tell Haman to do?
- 10) Do you think these things were very important to Mordecai?
- 11) So Haman took the robe and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and _____ him on horseback through the city square, and _____, "Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to _____."
- 12) Does it sound like Haman was having a good day?
- 13) Did Haman's wife and advisors think he was going to be able to survive the new attitudes of the king?
- 14) Why didn't Haman have time to figure out a plan?
- 15) Can God change your circumstances in a hurry?
- 16) Do you think God uses the circumstances in our lives or do you think whatever happens happens and God just wants us to respond correctly to whatever might happen accidentally in our lives?

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Chapter 7

- 1) How much did the king say he was willing to give Esther if she asked for it?
- 2) Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found _____ in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my _____ be given me as my petition, and my _____ as my request; for we have been _____, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as _____, men and women, I would have remained _____, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king."
- 3) Did the king seem shocked when he heard what Esther was saying?
- 4) Who had actually SOLD her people? Who did he sell them to and for how much? (hint Es. 3:9)
- 5) Do government officials always know what they agree to? Are they still responsible?
- 6) Then King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther, " _____, and where is he, who would _____ to do thus?"
- 7) Did the king react immediately?
- 8) What was Haman doing on Esther's couch?
- 9) What did the king think?
- 10) How did Harbonah, the Eunuch, put the final nail in Haman's coffin?
- 11) What happened to Haman?
- 12) Haman wanted to be the highest official in the kingdom. How high did he get?
 - 1) He became king
 - 2) 50 cubits
 - 3) Chief magistrate

Chapter 8

- 1) What happened to Haman's possessions?
- 2) Who received the king's signet ring?
- 3) Then Esther spoke again to the king, fell at his feet, wept, and implored him to _____ the evil scheme of Haman the Agagite and his _____ which he had devised against the _____.
- 4) Why didn't the king just countermand Haman's orders? (hint- The answer is found in verse 8 and chapter 1 verse 19)
- 5) Who was given the authority to come up with a plan to protect the Jews?
- 6) he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, and _____ it with the king's signet _____, and sent letters by couriers on horses, riding on _____ sired by the royal stud.
- 7) What were the Jews given permission to do?
- 8) Then _____ went out from the presence of the king in _____ of blue and white, with a large _____ and a garment of fine linen and _____; and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced.
- 9) Who do you think would have wanted these things to happen to himself?
- 10) How do you think the following verse applies here?:
1 Pet 5:6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time"
- 11) Do you think you could apply this principle in your own life?
- 12) How likely do you think God would be to keep His promise to exalt you at the proper time? (choose one)
 - 1) Not as likely as He would for someone like Mordecai
 - 2) Almost as likely as He would for Mordecai
 - 3) Just as likely because God doesn't change
- 13) What do you think verse 16 means?
- 14) What did the dread of the Jews cause?
- 15) Can God change our situation dramatically overnight?

The Book of Esther #5

Chapter 9

- 1) Now in the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar), on the thirteenth day when the king's command and edict were about to be executed, on the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the _____ over them, it was _____ to the _____ so that the Jews themselves gained the mastery over those who _____ them.
- 2) Does this remind you of the crucifixion, when Satan thought he had defeated and destroyed Jesus?
- 3) Why did all the officials help the Jews?
- 4) Who became the most important man in the kingdom next to the king?
- 5) How many sons did Haman have? What happened to them?
- 6) Haman ruled in what is present day Iraq. Who does this family remind you?
- 7) When the king heard what had happened in verse 12, what did he do?
- 8) Why do you think the Jews did not take the plunder from the men they killed?
- 9) How many enemies of the Jews were destroyed in the whole kingdom?
- 10) How did the Jews commemorate this great deliverance?
- 11) on those days the Jews _____ themselves of their enemies, and it was a month which was turned for them from _____ into _____ and from _____ into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and rejoicing and sending portions of food to one another and gifts to the _____.
- 12) What does it mean to "cast Pur"?
- 13) What was the holiday called? (Jews still celebrate this holiday today)
- 14) Were only the Jews in Susa supposed to celebrate this holiday?
- 15) And he sent letters to all the Jews, to the _____ provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, namely, words of _____ and _____.
- 16) Where can we find "words of peace and truth" today?
- 17) What are two of the hardest things to find today?

Chapter 10

- 1) What is interesting about the wording of the following sentence: "all the accomplishments of his authority and strength, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him"? Is there more than one king who could be referred to here?
- 2) Who are they?
- 3) What are the two things that it says Mordecai did?
 - 1)
 - 2)
- 4) Do you know any leaders today who follow these two priorities?
- 5) If you manage people in your job write two rules for you to follow which would follow the same ideas.
 - 1)
 - 2)
- 6) If you have an Awana group, a Sunday school class, or have kids, write two rules for you to follow with the same ideas.
 - 1)
 - 2)
- 7) Did Mordecai and Esther know how things would turn out ?
- 8) Do you think God will be faithful to you today if you trust Him?