

Bible Study on Esther

Chapter # 1

1. Why do you think that the King had all those Nobles stay at his palace for 180 days?
2. Why would Vashti have refused the King's command?
3. What happened to the Queen as a result?
4. What reasoning did the wise men have as they gave the king their legal opinion?
5. What is meant when someone says, "it's the law of the Medes and the Persians"?

Chapter # 2

1. How did Mordecai, a Jew, get into the higher realms of the Persian government?
2. How did Esther come to be a part of Mordecai's household?
3. What was the Harem and how did it work?
4. Why was there 12 months of preparation before they went in to the King?
5. What kind of information do you think was kept in the "Annals of the King" referred to here?

Chapter # 3

1. What do you think was the role of the Nobles in the court of the King?
2. What was Haman's problem with Mordecai and with all Jews?
3. The Jews had business in banking and finance why would that make them hated?
4. What was the importance of giving Haman the signet ring of the King?
5. How did this law affect the relationship that the Jews had with government even at Jesus time?

Chapter # 4

1. What was the purpose of wearing “sackcloth and sitting in ashes”?
2. What did Mordecai mean when he said that perhaps Esther was put into her position “for such a time as this”?
3. How was the King emphasizing his deity before the people?
4. How many times is God mentioned in this book of Esther?
5. What moved Esther to approach the King even though she had not been summoned?

Chapter # 5

1. Notice that it says, “On the third day.”
2. Why do you think that Esther invited them to dinner two days in a row?
3. Would you say that all this attention went to Haman’s head?
4. Why did Mordecai Haman so much?
5. What do you think was the point of impaling someone over against just killing them with the sword?

Chapter # 6

1. What was the King reminded of in the first part of this chapter?
2. What was Haman in the king’s courtyard for that morning?
3. What does this chapter say about Pride?
4. Why would Haman’s friends say that this incident showed that Haman was going down?
5. What does this book of Esther demonstrate about how the Jews were living while they were in exile in Babylon?

Chapter # 7

1. What was the Queen's request of the King?
2. How did the King react?
3. How did Haman react?
4. What happened to Haman?

Chapter # 8

1. How did the King Esther and her Uncle Mordecai?
2. What new favor did Esther ask of the King?
3. Why did they have to construct this new decree from the King?

Chapter # 9

1. What else did the King grant Esther?
2. What was the reaction of the Jewish people?
3. What has become the name of this festival every year?

Chapter # 10

1. When you read this last chapter about Mordecai, which other Old Testament person are you reminded of?
2. At this time what does this book tell us about the status of the Jews in Babylon?