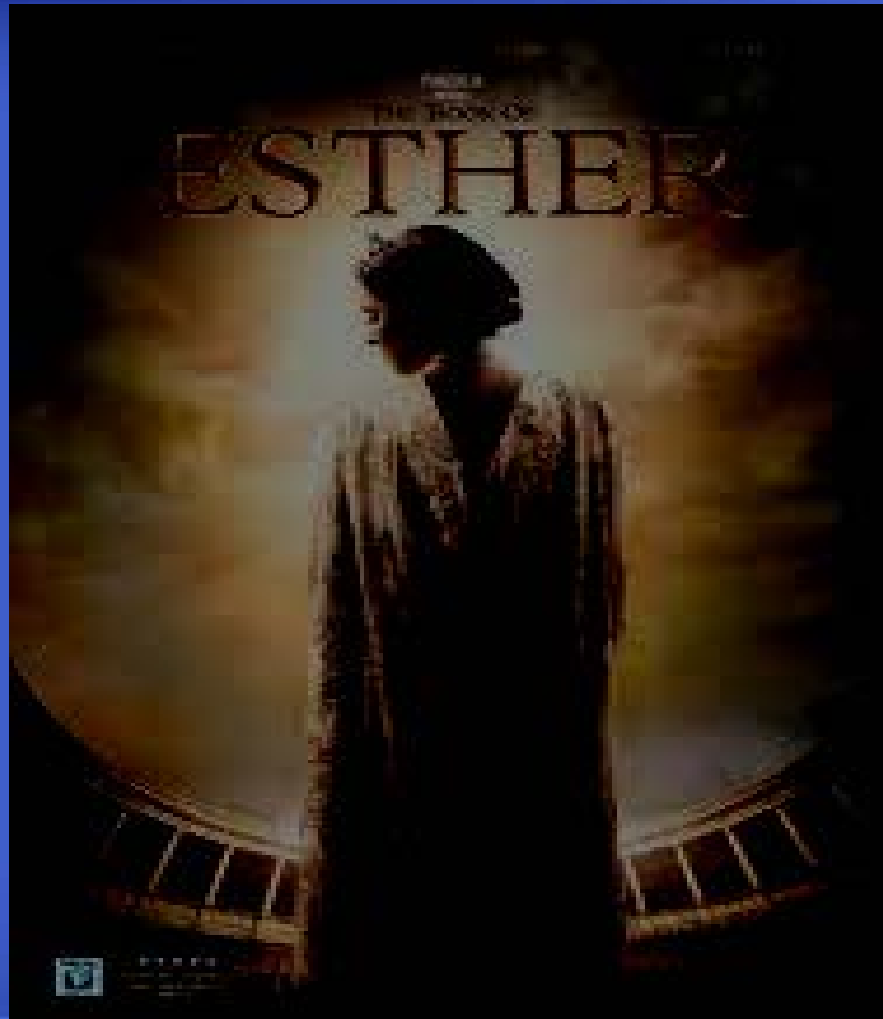


The Old Testament Story of Esther!



Let's Begin Our Journey!

The Text:

Esther 5:1-14!

The Title:

Esther's Audience & Haman's Arrogance!

The Theme:

***The Providence and Sovereignty of Israel's
God, Yahweh!***

Our Journey Through the Book of Esther is Threefold:

I. (1:1-3:15) The **DANGER** to God's People!

A. (1:1-22) The **Divorce** of Queen Vashti.

B. (2:1-20) The **Discovery** of Queen Esther.

C. (2:21-23) The **Devotion** of Mordecai.

D. (3:1-15) The **Decree** of Haman.

II. (4:1-5:14) The **DECISION** of God's People!

III. (6:1-10:3) The **DELIVERANCE** of God's People!

An Overview of the Second Section!

*This morning our goal is to complete the second major section
in the Book of Esther!*

Last Week:

I. (4:1-17) Our Focus: Cousin Mordecai & Queen Esther!

A. (4:1-14) Mordecai's Urgent APPEAL to Queen Esther!

B. (4:15-17) Queen Esther's ANSWER to Mordecai!

This Week:

II. (5:1-14) Our Focus: Queen Esther & P.M. Haman!

A. (5:1-8) Queen Esther's AUDIENCE with King Ahasuerus!

B. (5:9-14) Haman's ARROGANCE over Mordecai!

Queen Esther's Audience with King Xerxes!



Queen Esther's Interview with the King!

This Morning's Outline!

Esther's Audience and Haman's Arrogance!

A. (5:1-8) Queen Esther's AUDIENCE with King Ahasuerus!

1. (vs.1-3) Queen Esther's Interview before the King.

2. (vs.4-8) King Ahasuerus's Invitation to the Queen.

B. (5:9-14) Haman's ARROGANCE over Mordecai's Actions!

Haman's Arrogance over Mordecai's Actions!



Haman's Illegitimate Self Pride & Irritation over Mordecai!

This Morning's Outline!

Esther's Audience and Haman's Arrogance!

- A. (5:1-8) Queen Esther's AUDIENCE with King Ahasuerus!
- B. (5:9-14) Haman's ARROGANCE over Mordecai's Actions!
 - 1. (v.9a) Haman's Illegitimate Self Pride.
 - 2. (vs.9b-14) Haman's Irritation over Mordecai's Actions.
 - 3. Three Practical Insights from the Story.

Three Practical Insights From Today's Lesson!

The First Insight:

The more critical the problem
the more crucial the preparation.

Esther refused to appear before the king until
first presenting herself before God – she (along
with all the Jews) fasted and prayed.

Spiritual preparation is never a waste of time!

Three Practical Insights From Today's Lesson!

The Second Insight:

It is important to remember that while we're waiting, God is working!

Next week we will discover that Esther's time of fasting and praying was used by God to bring Mordecai back into the king's attention.

Waiting upon God is never a waste of time!

Three Practical Insights From Today's Lesson!

The Third Insight:

When our course is righteousness
our courage will be reinforced.

Because Esther's cause was righteous, she was
able to defeat her fear and face the king.

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is persevering in spite of fear.

Those who wait for courage before acting will never act.

Those who step out in faith are given greater courage.

Stepping out in faith is never a waste of time!

Psalm 32:6-7!

Let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You can be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not reach You. But You are my hiding place; You preserve me in the midst of trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalm 32:8!

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

Now is the Time to Apply What We Have Learned!

