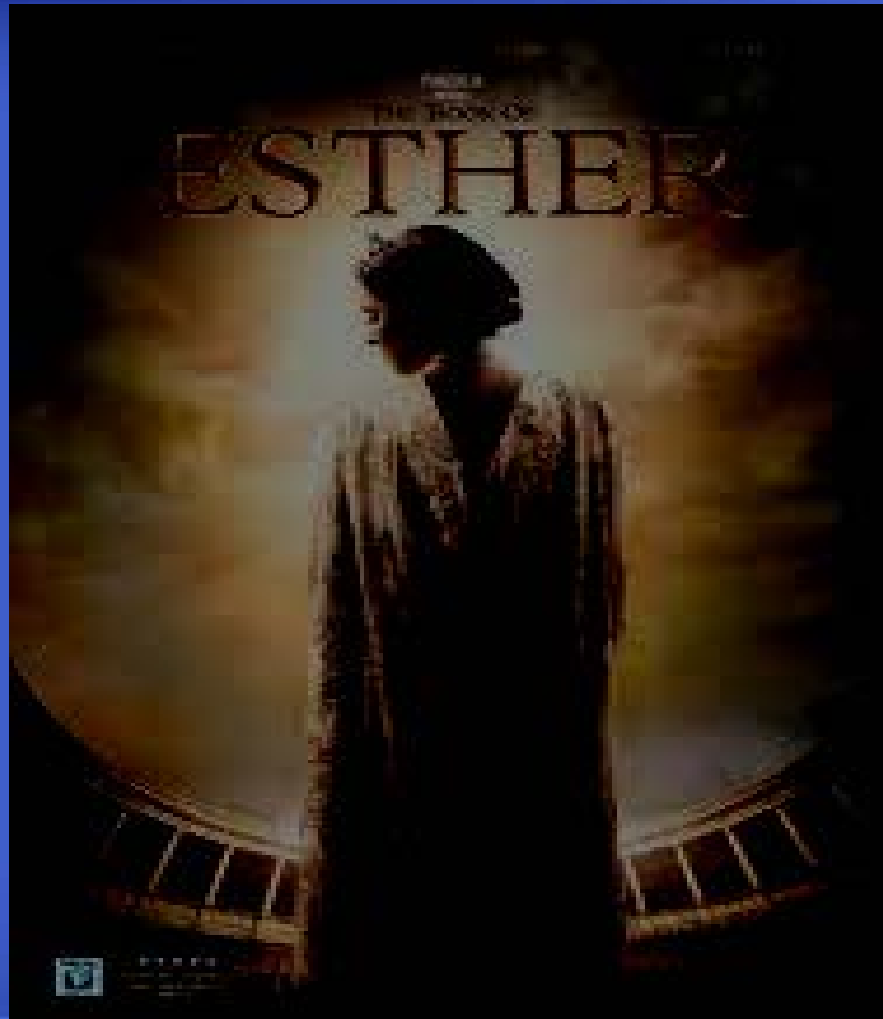


# *The Old Testament Story of Esther!*



# **Let's Begin Our Journey!**

**The Text:**

***Esther 6:1-14!***

**The Title:**

***Humility is a Hard Pill to Swallow!***

**The Theme:**

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

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

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B. (4:15-17) Esther's **Answer** to Cousin Mordecai.

C. (5:1-8) Queen Esther's **Appearance** before the King.

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- 2. (Chap.7) God's Powerful Enemy is Hanged!

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# Chapter Five: Esther Requests an Audience with the King! To Plead for the Lives of God's People!





# Chapter Six: The Deliverance of God's People (Israel) Begins! Humility is a Hard Pill to Swallow



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B. (v.13b) Haman's Counsel.

C. (v.14) The Servants Come.

# Three Insights Soon to be Discovered!

## The First Insight:

***When all seems lost, it isn't!***

*Mordecai could have given up as a result of his situation. After all the king is a Gentile who has no interest in the Jews. And the king's closest confidant was Haman, a man who hated the Jews. **Yet we will soon discover that God often promotes those who least expect it!** So hang in there!*

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## The Second Insight:

***When no one seems to notice, they do!***

*Earlier in the story Mordecai discovered a plot to assassinate the*

*king. And when he reported the plot and it was found to be true,*

*nothing happened. In fact Mordecai was quickly forgotten about*

*while an evil man named Haman was promoted to the highest position in the land, under the king. **Yet we will soon discover that***

***God often uses those who least expect it. So hang in there!***

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## The Third Insight:

***When everything seems great, its not!***

*In the story Haman enters the king's palace early and is immediately summoned by the king. When the king asks for his*

*advice, he is swallowed up with pride and self confidence.*

*Haman thinks that the king must be thinking about him.*

***As we continue our journey through the book we will soon discover that God often judges those who least expect it!***

*So hang in there! (Solomon's words of wisdom in Ecclesiastes)*



Next Week's Focus  
*Pride Goes Before a Fall!*

